

Introduction:

The Asia Pacific Tree Climbing Championship and Tree Carnival Singapore 2015, is by design and intent combining the competition event with workshops & trade show as well as activities for young aspiring arborists and the interests of the public at large in a carnival like atmosphere, in a celebration of trees, the people who work with trees and in celebration of Singapore's 50th anniversary and achievements in progressing its vision of becoming a true City in a Garden.

The **Asia Pacific Tree Climbing Championships (APTCC)** element provides a competitive yet educational opportunity for working arborists in the Asia Pacific region to demonstrate and exchange new climbing techniques and equipment, as well as safe work practices. The APTCC also increases the interaction between various firms, ISA chapters and Associate Organizations and members, and provides positive public exposure for the profession in the region.

The **APTCC 2015 participating countries** are Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, Australia and New Zealand.

The **Asia Pacific Tree Climbing Championship and Tree Carnival Singapore 2015** will be held at Cathay Green, in the heart of Singapore's Art and Cultural precinct of Dhoby Ghaut, in the green spaces at Bras Basah Road.

The APTCC 2015 Champions male and female gain entry into the World Championships, to be held in Dallas, Texas in March 2016.

Event features include:

- Two Workshops (A) Applying Correct Pruning Practices and (B) Tree Climbing Championships Master Class Workshop
- Speaker series – topics on the greening of Singapore
- Asia Pacific Tree Climbing Championships
- Head to Head foot lock
- Receptions and networking sessions
- Awards ceremonies
- Trade show, displays of machinery and equipment
- Opportunities and careers in Arboriculture
- Young Arborists Corner
- A 24 stall Bazaar
- Heritage Tree Tour (Fort Canning Park)

Asia Pacific Tree Climbing Championships and Carnival, Singapore 2015

APTCC EVENT PROGRAM

Day/ Date	Time	Action/ Description	Location	Activities Occurring concurrently	
Thur 23rd July	8:30am – 4pm	Workshops <u>Workshop A:</u> Applying Correct Pruning Practices (Trainer: Andy Neverman) <u>Workshop B:</u> Tree Climbing Championships Master Class (Trainer: Gerard Reynolds)	Fort Canning Park	N/A	
Fri 24th July	12:30pm to 3:30pm	APTCC Compulsory Equipment Inspection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitors are to attend Official Equipment Inspection at Staging Area. An event walk through and the Judges briefing will follow. • Following the gear inspection, all equipment approved for use is to be bagged, labelled with climbers name and locked in a secure storage that will be provided on-site. • Security will be in place overnight to ensure the safety of equipment. 	Cathay Green (Event site)		
	3:30pm to 5:30pm	APTCC Judges & Climbers Briefing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Competitors are deemed to have referred to and understood the ITCC Rules via the Official ISA ITCC website. 1x hard copy of the ITCC Rule book (Revised date 13th Feb 2015) will be issued to each Judge and registered competitor</i> 	Cathay Green (Event site)		
	6:00pm to 7:30pm	APTCC Opening Reception <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A casual gathering of competitors, Judges, officials and guests. 	Rendezvous Hotel (Opposite event site)		
Sat 25th July	7:30am to 6:00pm	APTCC Championship Events (Preliminary rounds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aerial Rescue, Foot-lock, Throw-line, Work Climb, Speed Climb events for both Male and Female competitors. • Competitors are to meet at Staging Area by 7.00am sharp for allocation of event groups and to reclaim climbing equipment from secure-container. 	Cathay Green (Event site)		Trade Show, Industry Booths, Bazaar, Arbor-Career Centre, Young Arborists Corner and more....
	7:00pm to 8:00pm	APTCC Preliminary Round Awards Ceremony and Announcement of competitors into the Masters Challenge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light refreshments for competitors, judges, sponsors and tradeshow exhibitors provided 	Cathay Green (Inside main tent at event site)		

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Sun 26 th July	8:30am to 2:30pm	APTCC Masters Challenge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors and judges are to meet at Masters Challenge tree (TBA) at 8:30am sharp for climbers and judges briefing 	TBA	Trade Show, Industry Booths, Bazaar, Arbor-Career Centre, Young Arborists Corner and more....
	3:30pm to 4:15pm	Head to Head Foot Lock (H2HFL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The top 8 fastest times of the competitors from preliminary round are eligible to go head to head in fast action secured foot locking. Additional competitors may also be selected by the head judge. The event will be facilitated in accordance with ISA rules and regulations that will allow times to be recorded, world records may be broken here in Singapore (again) Foot-lock H2HFL final will be held at 4:10pm 	Main site/ trade show area	
	4:10pm to 5:00pm	GOH Guest of Honour Minister of State, Minister of National Development Mr Desmond Lee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministers site tour of event activities and tradeshow 	Cathay Green (Event site)	
	5:00pm to 5:30pm	APTCC 2015 - Awards Presentation (Masters Challenge) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awards presented by GOH to the winners and place getters of the Masters Challenge and Head to Head Foot lock Final. 	Cathay Green (Inside main tent at event site)	
	5:30pm to 9:30pm	APTCC and Carnival Singapore 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing reception. (Buffet dinner and refreshments provided) 		