

10th World Bonsai Convention 2026

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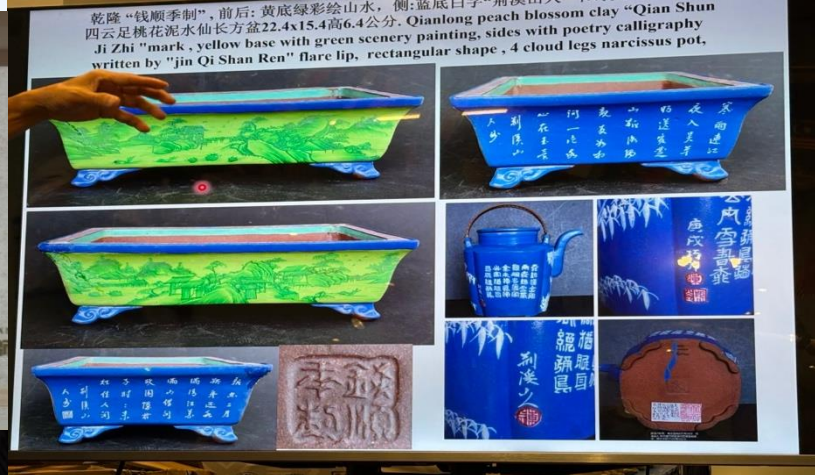




**The trip for plants, pots,
people, pictures,
plates of food...did not
disappoint...**

Itinerary:

- DC to Istanbul to Singapore—then by car yes by car to Kuala Lumpur for bonsai conference. Then to Borneo for jungle experience by small plane from Pangkalan Bun, then cruise on boat on Sekoyner river. Back to KL through PB, Istanbul then DC! Turkish Air was magnificent!



**Singapore
Changi
Airport! First
Stop!!!**





Pan Pacific Hotel--
our landing place--excellent food and views despite smokey skies

“Secret” Singapore Bonsai garden: Second Stop

JURONG LAKE GARDENS

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CHINESE GARDEN

- 1 Grand Arch
- 2 Edible Garden
- 3 Twin Pagoda
- 4 Water Wall Court
- 5 Stoneboat
- 6 Tea Pavilion
- 7 Bamboo Grove and Waterfall
- 8 Bonsai Garden
- 9 Pagoda Plaza
- 10 Cloud Pagoda
- 11 Harvest Moon Terrace
- 12 Cascading Creek
- 13 Cascade Pavilion

JAPANESE GARDEN

- 1 Floral Garden
- 2 Teahouse
- 3 Silver Moon Terrace
- 4 Guesthouse
- 5 Guest Pavilion
- 6 Sunken Garden
- 7 Resthouse
- 8 Floral Ridge
- 9 Water Lily Garden
- 10 Water Lily Pavilion
- 11 Breathing Gallery

LAKESIDE GARDEN

- 1 SkatePark @ Lakeside Garden
- 2 Rainforest Pavilion
- 3 Lakeside House
- 4 Ecopond
- 5 North Carpark
- 6 Clusia Cove Pavilion
- 7 Water Play at Clusia Cove
- 8 Cleansing Biotope
- 9 The Canyon
- 10 Entrance Pavilion
- 11 Passion WaVe @ Jurong Lake Gardens
- 12 Forest Ramble (Children's Playground)
- 13 Play Pavilion
- 14 Butterfly Maze
- 15 Therapeutic Garden
- 16 The Logs Trail
- 17 Freshwater Swamp
- 18 Allotment Gardens
- 19 Gardenhouse
- 20 Alstonia Island



Jurong Lake Garden is not the same as the Chinese Garden, but the Chinese Garden is a major section inside Jurong Lake Garden.









The bonsai garden is not regularly tended...(taken over by government) but “hanging in there.” It was closed for five years then re-opened 2025. An elderly man on a bike appeared to be the caretaker. (The most famous gardens in Singapore are the **Gardens by the Bay** and **Singapore Botanic Gardens**.)



A Youtube about the Garden

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2rhbxLoc90>



This is what we expected (off Internet). It was not so lively and green, we still would have gone but did not know about closure --.







- Much statuary in the garden surrounding the bonsai honoring dynasties of China..

YUE FEI

(AD 1103 — 1142)

Yue Fei was an eminent general during the Southern Song Dynasty. Born into a poor family, he was studious, brave and intelligent. He was especially devoted to his mother. Before his departure to defend his country,





- We wished there was anyone around to talk to about the bonsai garden—but due to the time of visit-- the heat and midday time—not only were there no visitors (they come mostly at night)—but there was no staff to turn to ask and use Google translate with— But by looking—there was a need for caretaking more than by the elderly man...



This is the museum associated with the garden – very informative and thoughtful. There was A/C also which saved us.

An introduction to Penjing (Chinese style)...

Introduced in China: 794 - 1192

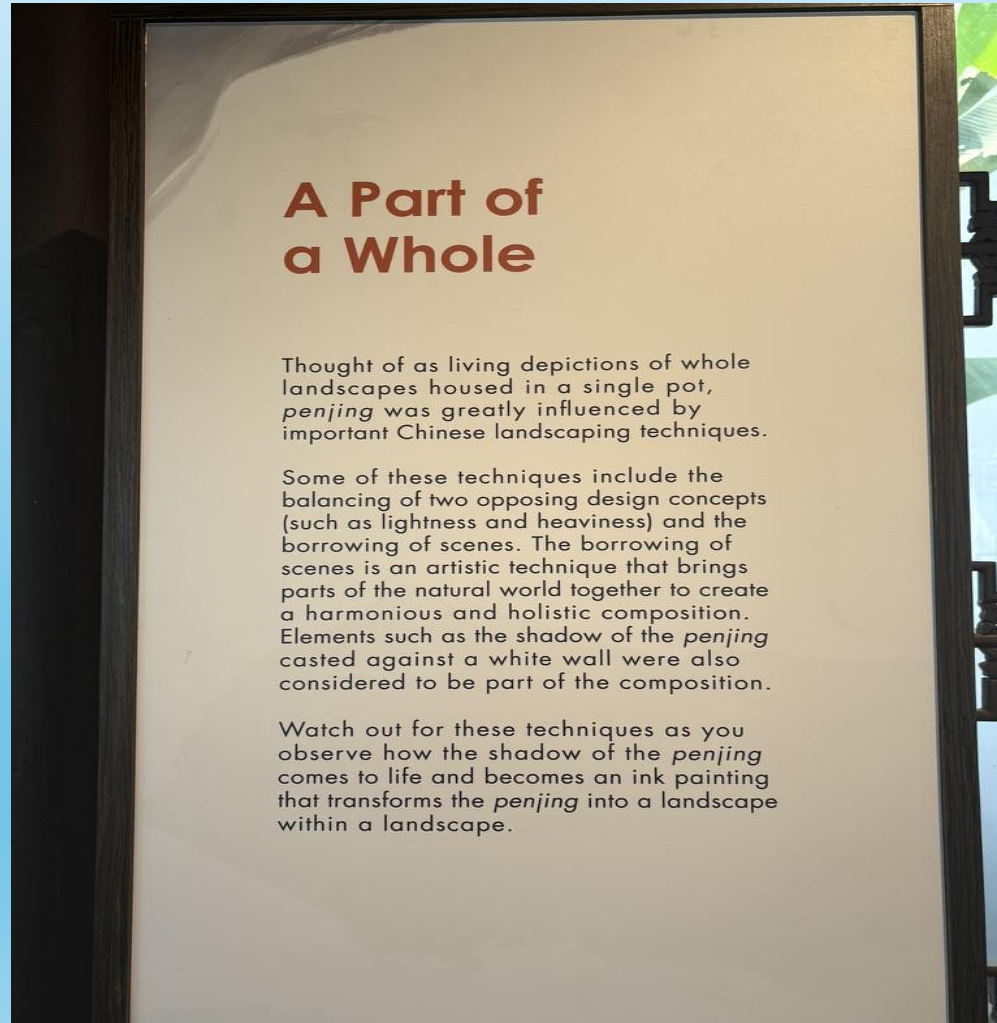
History in a Pot

Penjing (盆景) or bonsai, also known as *penzai* (盆栽), originates from China, and is a living artistic representation of the natural world. Literally meaning 'tray/pot scenery', *penjings* are miniature renditions of natural landscapes, created using carefully pruned plant, different types of rocks, soil and other materials.

More than a potted plant, the cultivation of *penjing* is a meditative process that conveys the context as well as the artistic and philosophical influences of the time. Constantly evolving, *penjing* remains an enduring and timeless art form that embodies a profound appreciation for the beauty of nature.

The Chinese introduced this art form to Japan during the late Heian Period (794 – 1192) and since then, *penjing* has reached a worldwide audience, including Singapore.

Penjing described as influenced by landscaping techniques...



Depiction of the *story* “capacity” of penjing



Tools of the trade...



Of Styles and Characters

Penjing (盆景) is a living artform. Its design is endowed with the grandeur of Chinese culture and tradition. More than simply miniature representations of real-life landscapes, *penjing* embodies the concept of *shiqing* (诗情), or poetic image, wherein individual *penjing* are imbued with the intentions and feelings of the gardener.

Comparatively, the Japanese counterpart, *bonsai* (盆栽; *penzai*), centers on the technical skill of emulating the physical perfection of a single tree. While *bonsais* are planted in elegantly minimalist pots, *penjings* are planted in all sorts of pots depending on the scene the gardener wishes to depict.

Each *penjing* style is unique, a product of the gardener's perspective, the influence of traditional Chinese art as well as the distinctive horticultural traits of the plant itself. In styling the curvature and form of the tree, the gardener tries to achieve a balance between nature and beauty, ultimately imbuing the *penjing* with a character of its own.



Tree penjing
樹木盆景 (Shumu penjing)

The elements in the tree *penjing* are meticulously wired, pruned, and chiseled to achieve harmony between the trees, foliage, and container.



Landscape penjing
山水盆景 (Shanshui penjing)

Landscape *penjing* depicts islands and mountains through the sculpture and orientation of rocks, with the empty spaces representing water, clouds or the sky.



Water and land penjing
水旱盆景 (Shuizhan penjing)

... other two types, the

This is a good one to read thoroughly and have your own reaction to. Chinese Penjing (realistic miniatures of landscapes) versus Japanese bonsai (perfection of a single tree).



There is a constant flow of water. Vertical hydroponics allows plants to grow larger and bulkier vegetables can also be cultivated. Tiered set-ups, on the other hand, impose a height limit and are used to grow smaller leafy produce.



'GREEN SPAN'
LETTUCE

08/04/16

'RED OAK'
LETTUCE

08/04/16

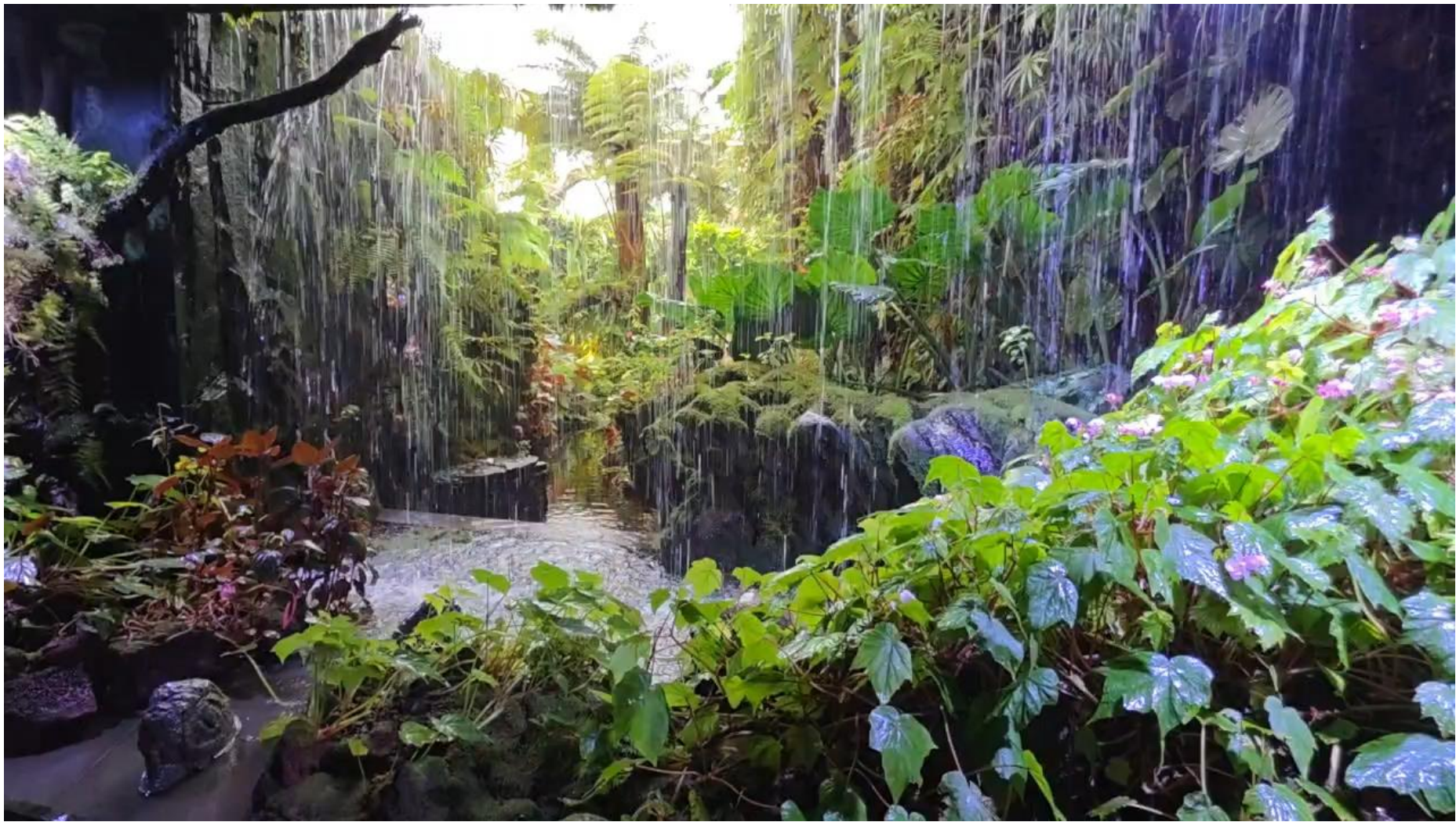


Gardens by the Bay
[https://www.nparks.gov.sg/s
bg](https://www.nparks.gov.sg/bg)

Beyond the flora and fauna
that you'll find here, admire
the Gardens' iconic
structures – architectural
marvels that reimagine
nature with artistic finesse.



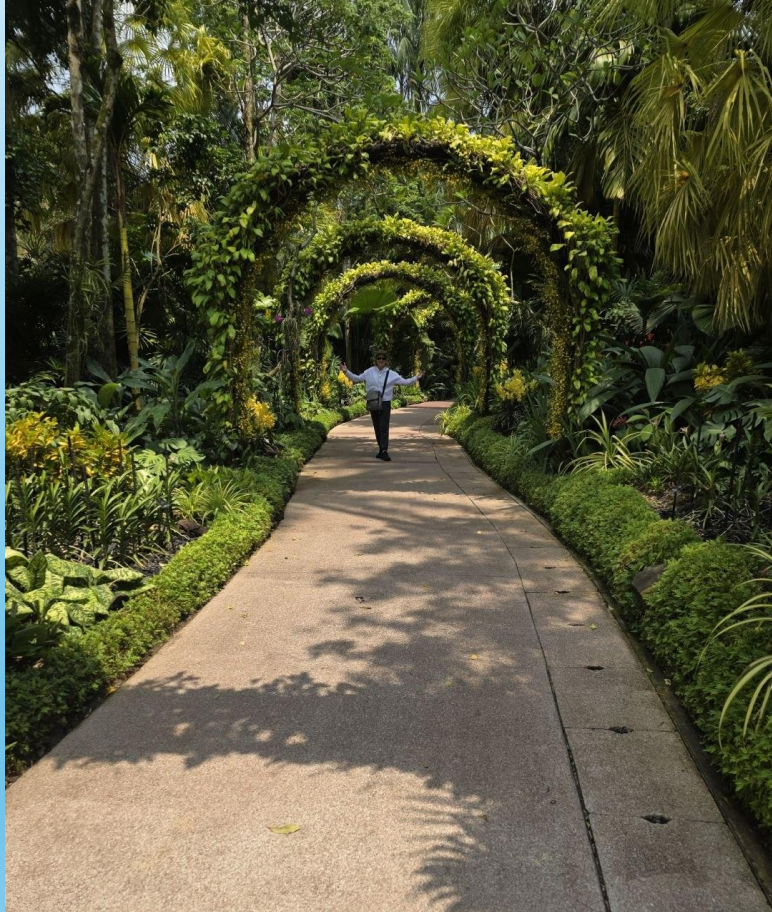




Singapore Botanic Gardens

<https://www.visitsingapore.com> › nature

This UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of the top parks to visit in Singapore. Wander through the National Orchid Garden and find the perfect spot for a picnic, or take a jog and lose yourself along the Rainforest Trail

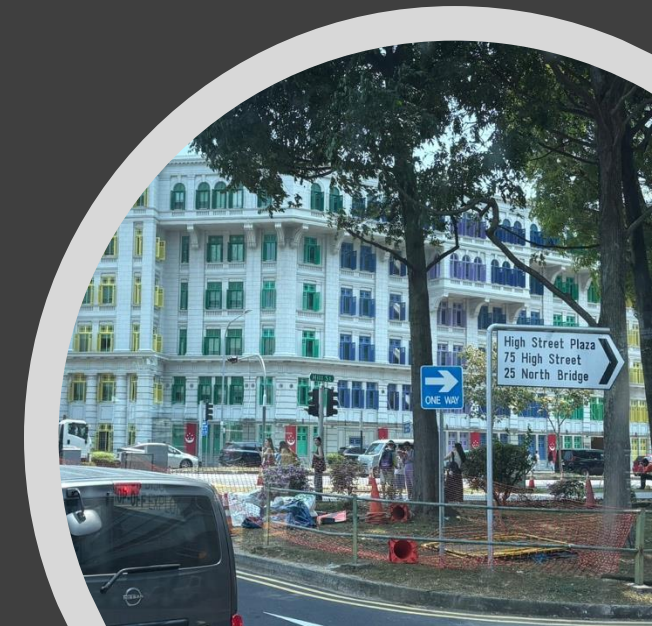


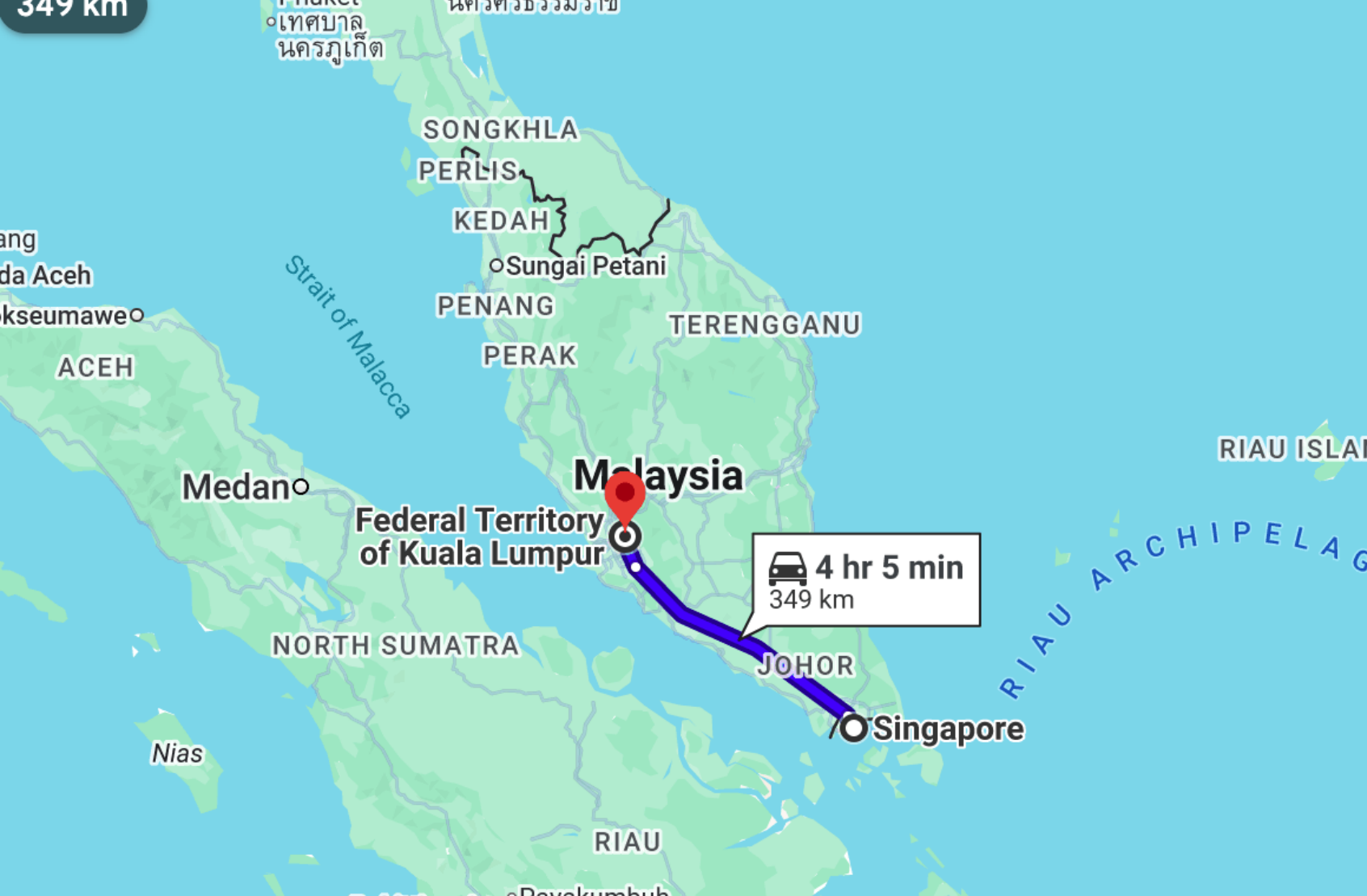


Scenes from Singapore

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore>

Island country – 6 million





Yes you CAN drive!!

Jack explaining bonsai to
our driver---

Third Stop: 10th World Bonsai Convention 2026

<https://www.worldbonsaiconvention.com/>

and the WBF(Federation)
<http://www.wbffbonsai.org/>



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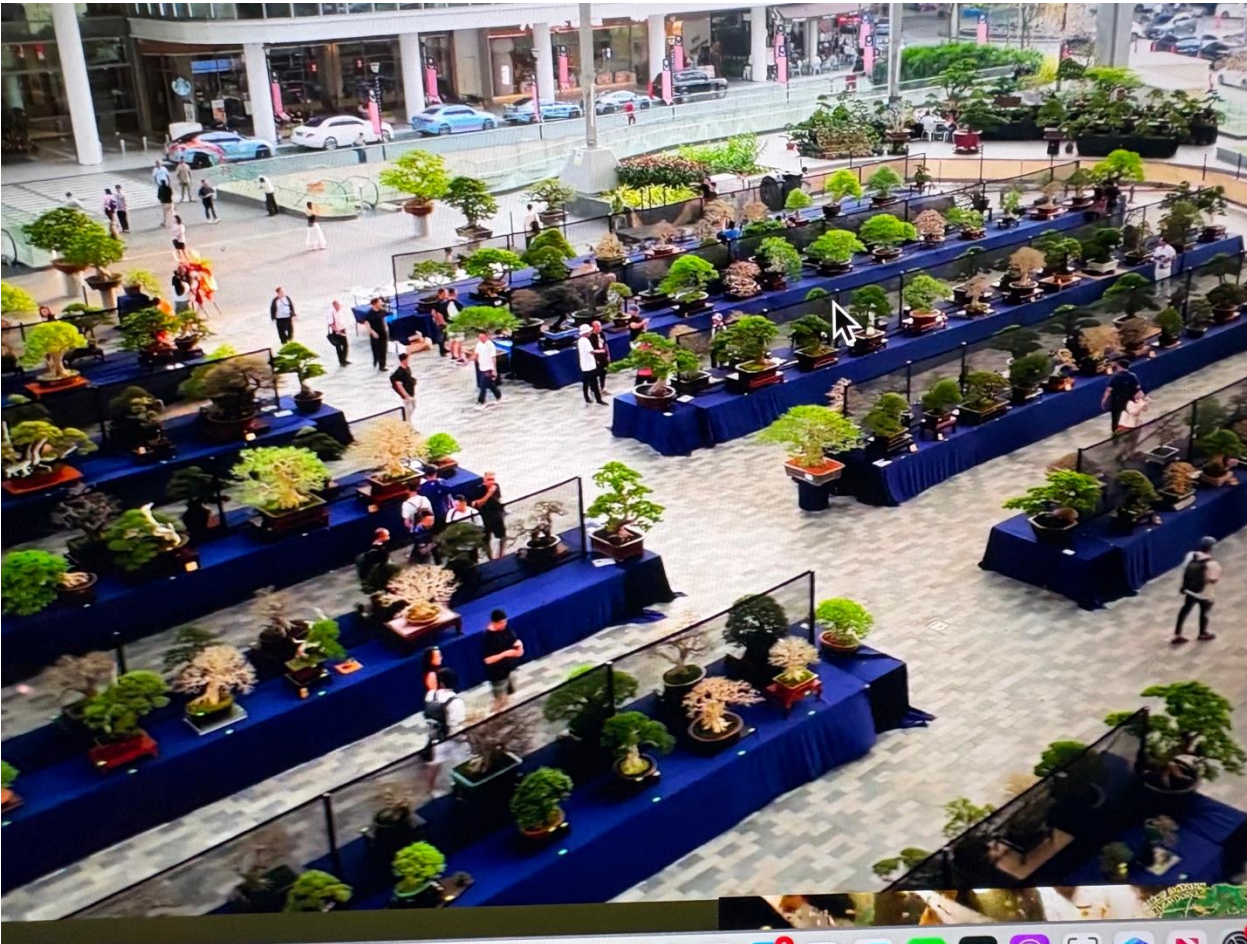




A close-up, profile shot of a man with a full, reddish-brown beard and black-rimmed glasses. He is looking towards the right, where a hand is holding a small, dried, yellowish plant. The man is wearing a black shirt and a blue patterned scarf. The background is dark and out of focus.

Judges—are
they using
the rule of
three?

Over 400 trees on display and judged: many categories



www.bonsaidirect.co.uk



WHAT IS THE RULE OF 3 IN BONSAI?

- 1 First branch emerges roughly one-third of the way up the trunk.
- 2 Second branch appears higher up on the opposite side
- 3 Third branch is placed toward the back, giving the tree depth and perspective







Shohin (under ten inches)



Many jaw dropping show-stoppers...







Fruit welcoming
party—coveted
dragon fruit in
the area





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Nama 名称	Garcinia
	mangosteen





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Demonstrations
around the
conference on
different stages



Each team had shirts that were bright and colorful



You were encouraged to go on stage and scrutinize





The stone portion of the conference was astounding—rows and rows—**suiseki (viewing stones)** and **ishizuke (root over rock)**









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送财老子
Wealth-Bearing
Laozi

一桶金

好运旺

天门



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Venue : Pavilion Bukit Jalil

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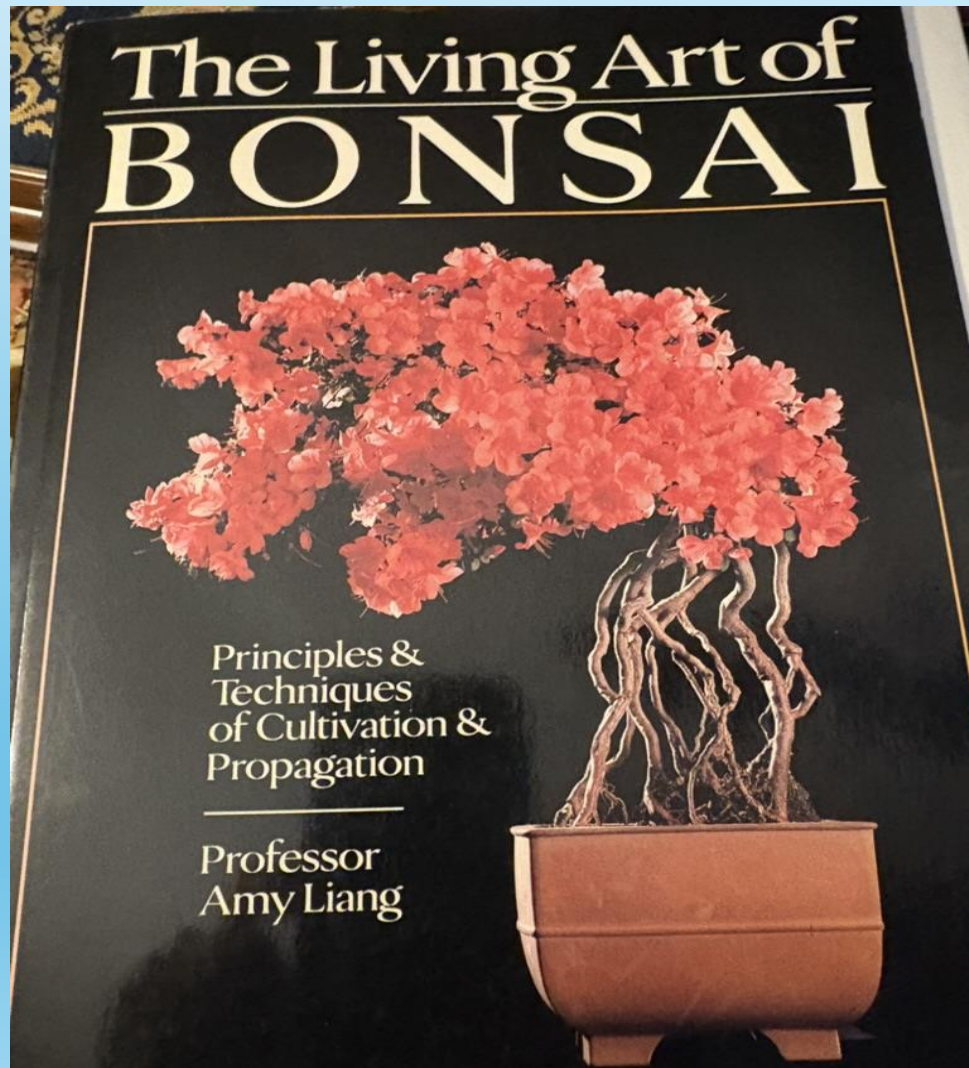




AMY LIANG, age 90

She was dressed so elegantly and definitely, the belle of the bonsai ball—I, like many, was giddy to meet her as this is one of the first books I ever received.

On a funny note—I let her select from our giveaways and she chose the iron on—lo and behold when I got home—it curled off! Perhaps she has an ancient Chinese solution...



New friends and contacts--



Lots of group photos-- country-based



And
hopefully
the young
take it on...



Country costumes everywhere...



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d Bonsai







Most revered Chinese master, Qingquan Zhao

<http://www.manlungpenjing.org/eng-guest-ZhaoQingquan.html>









World Bonsai Friendship Federation
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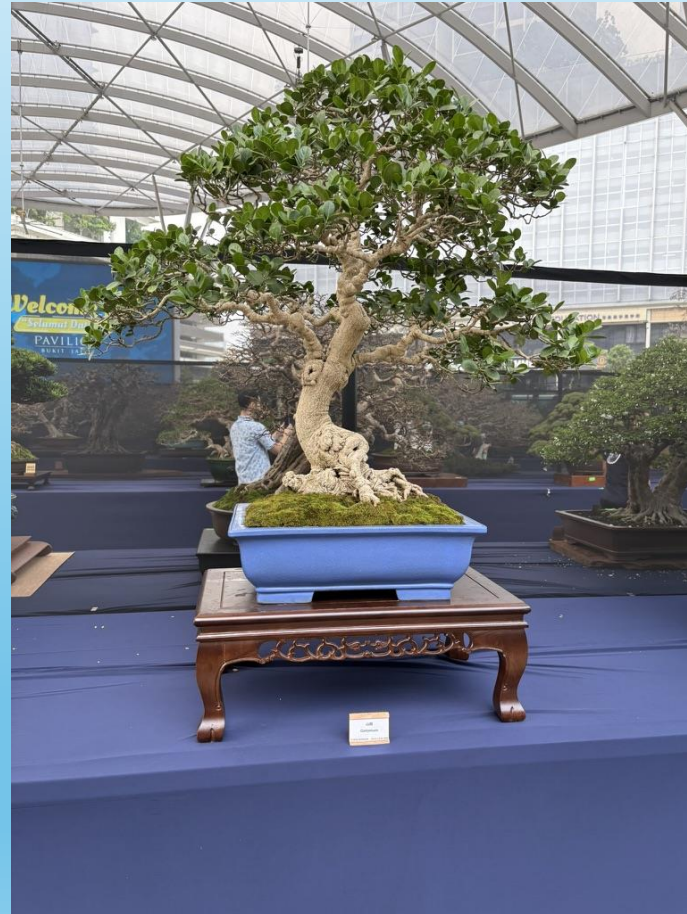
WBFF Cooperation Center
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World Peace Through Bonsai















A great Japanese master—doing a small workshop

Kunio Koybayashi

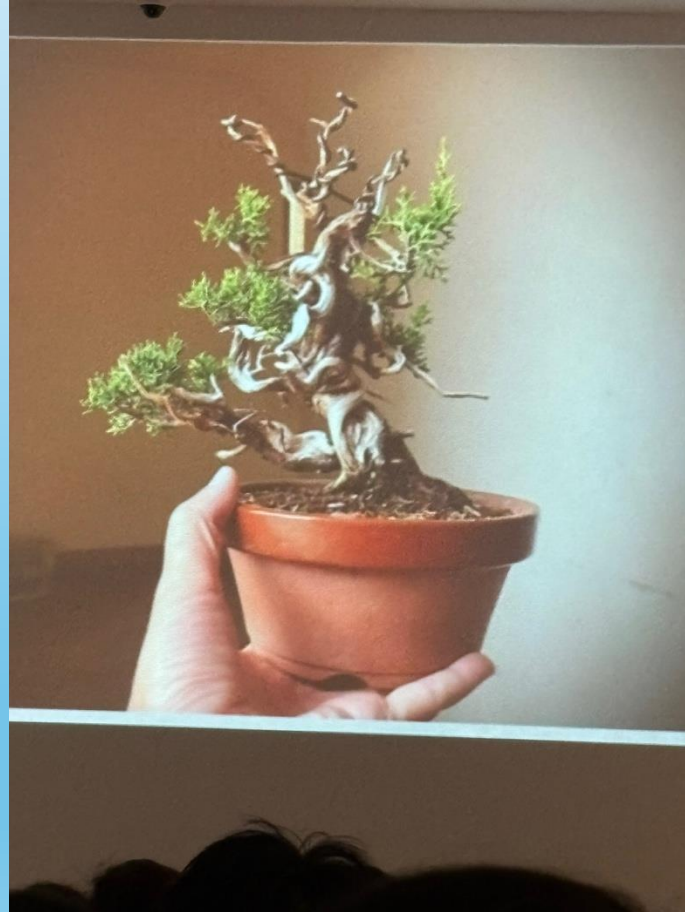
<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1687623462615582>



“Dany” the king of tiny trees

<https://www.facebook.com/Dany0913258139!!>











My shirt was so HOT!! (I mean temperature wise)



Great shirts for
everyone...





From Gardens by the Bay (flower)... black!









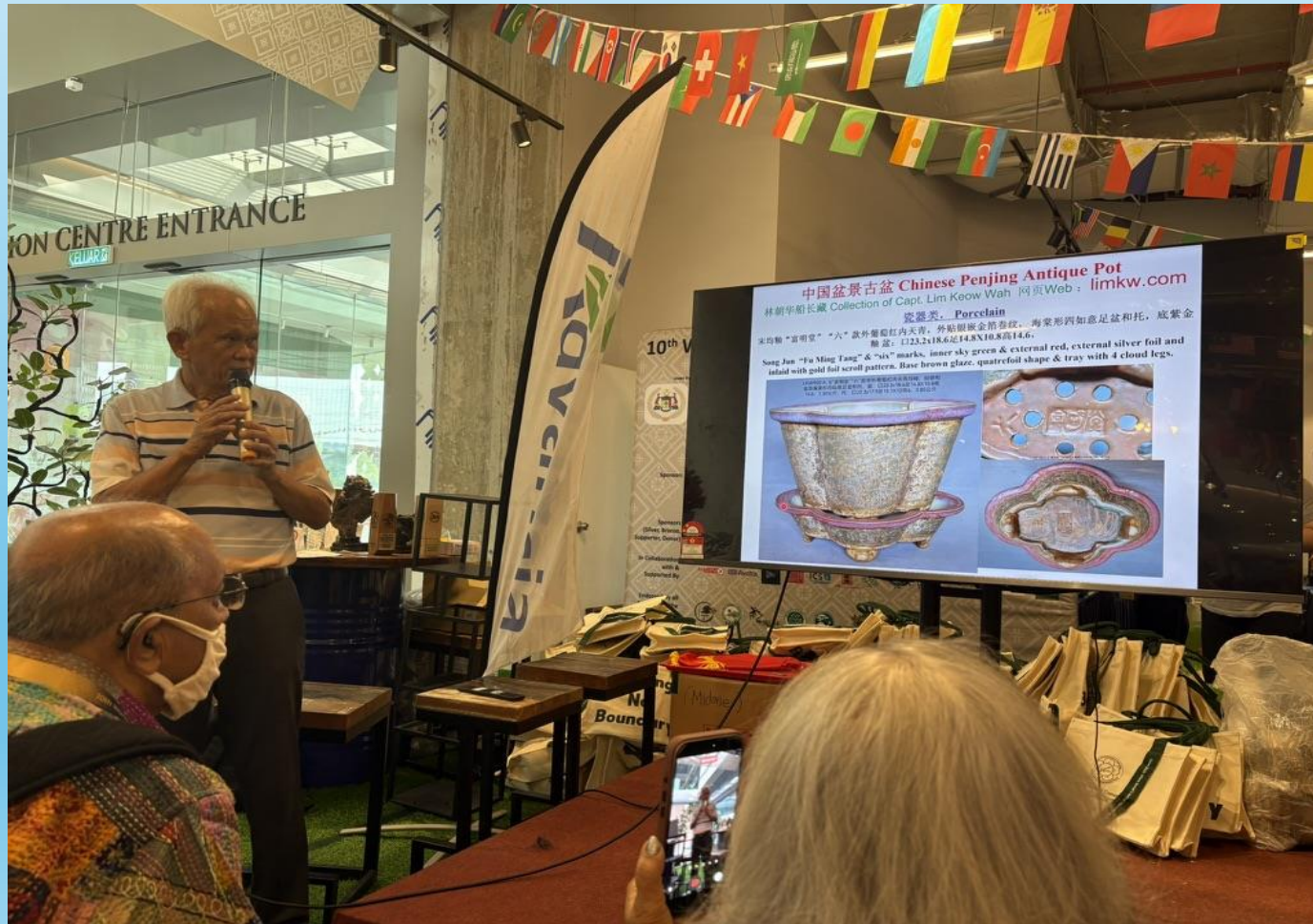


A master collector of ancient bonsai pots

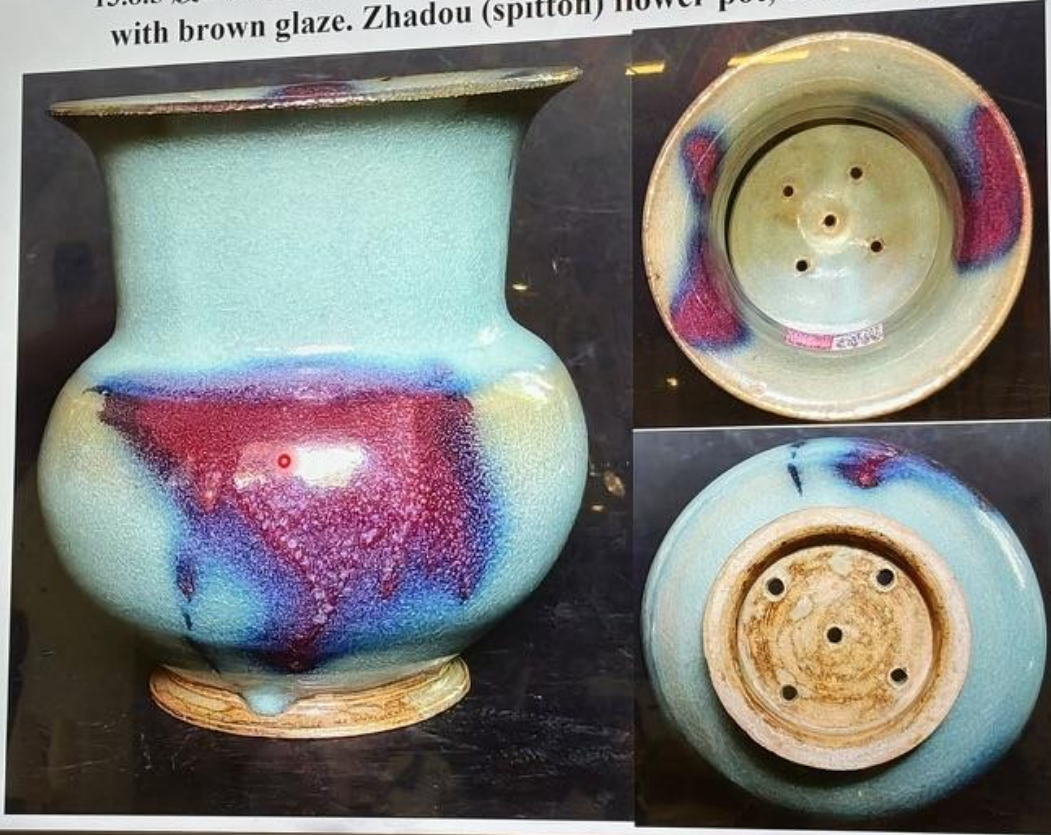
Lim Kiow Wah **President of Singapore Penjing and Stone lover Society**

—fascinating...<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXZF1w4ISfY>

I asked what percentage of those bought were “fake”—he laughed —”5%- but a very expensive 5%”



元钧釉天蓝地玫瑰紫红斑，底护胎釉，五梅花排列孔，渣斗形花盆高15.3口
13.8.5 腹14足8.6公分 Yuan Jun glaze blue with rose red splash, base
with brown glaze. Zhadou (spitton) flower pot, 5 drainage holes.



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元青花海棠形水仙盆, 菲律宾海捞, 开光正面荷塘鸳鸯, 侧面扁菊花缠枝, 腹下束腰圈足方回文. 长18.5 宽13.2 高8公分。 Yuan blue & white quatrefoil shape narcissus pot. Shipwreck piece from Philippine. Panels painting lotus pond & mandarin duck, side chrysanthemum scroll pattern, recess ring leg with scroll marks.



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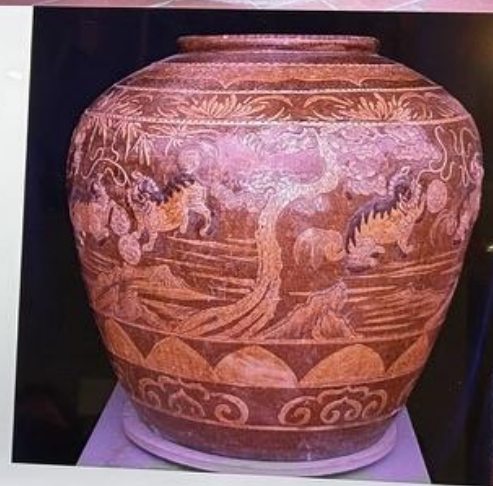
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雍正粉彩, 官员, 骑马武将, 马车园林缸形大圆盆影子一对口52腹55足29高41CM 23kg, 原有单排水
孔5CM Yong Zheng period familie rose official figures, warriors on horse, horse carriage, garden.
round jar shape flower pot image pair, original round hole 5cm.



清宜兴紫砂黄釉指绘缸
Qing Yixing Zisha Jars Brown Glaze Slip Painting



明末宜兴 柿泥，四如意足，袋式椭圆盆，口 31.5x23.5 高 12公分，一
弯月孔4.5x0.5公分 Late Ming Yixing Persimmon clay, bag style 4 Ruyi
legs pot , 2 crescent holes.



顺治康熙宜兴青灰沙(乌泥) 鼓钉圆盆，底部一圈凹带。已知世存总数大概只剩四
日本回流到中国又到新加坡。口径37 x37高8.2公分3.984公斤
Sunzhi-Kangxi Raven clay drum pot , lower recess belt. Only four known to exit



传说顺治康熙荷兰人定制十个之宜兴青灰砂鼓钉圆盆
盆37x37x8.2公分。日本回流刊载于中国艺术盆称乌泥盆
(台湾1980年)

1980版中华美术盆栽



清早期宜兴青乌泥工笔墨彩，下带凹足四方平瓢口盆。口挡水线，单排水圆孔3公分，
 两面蝠、鹿、松，两面老者骑驴书童携琴访友 口29.3x29.3 足16.7x16.5 高23公分
 Early Qing Grey clay square shape bonsai pot, fine black ink painting, two sides with
 bats, deer and pine, the other two sides with scholar riding mule and servant carrying
 zetar, at lower part with a narrow belt and recess leg, single drainage hole





明画家仇英的《汉宫春晓图》创作于明
嘉靖年间（约1540至1544年后）可鉴汉白玉莲花盆

Ming Dynasty 150-1544 Painting "Spring Morning in the Han Palace" by Qiuying,
lotus marble pot with plum penjing

和四蝙蝠 大漆白 市坑用
克 "Daqing Qianlong Nianzhi " mark of the period , Yixing Teacup
clay rectangle flare lip round corners , bottom with a band , ruyi legs pot ,
two sides emboss with layers of four bats and pavilions on sea island



清雍正,乾隆:桃花泥涂白泥五彩连体山水飘口, 花饰段足长, 31x19.4x11.8cm 二孔径19mm
Early Qing peach blossom(Daohuani) clay with white external Clay, Coloured scenery painting.
Rectangular pot with recessed decorated legs 31x19.4x11.8cm 2 drainage holes19mm



乾隆-嘉庆 宜兴白泥彩绘平口下带切足长方盆，面：山水亭塔农夫过桥，背：梧桐凤牡丹，左右：
菊蝶，牡丹蝶，口上：绿牡丹 36.5x26.5x15.5公分 二笔杆洞 1.6公分 来源：马六甲娘惹家藏
Qianlong-Jiaqing Yixing white clay horizontal lips, banded bottom sliced feet rectangular pot.
Painting front: landscape, pavilion, pagoda, famer crossing bridge, back: phoenix parosol tree
peony, Sides: butterfly chrysanthemum & peony, lip top:green peony. 36.5x26.5x15.5. 2 round
holes 1.6cm source: Malacca Peranakan family collection



4.6公分, Qianlong peach blossom clay, quatrefoil shape 4 ruyi legs narcissus pot,
Green glaze with ink painting of passion fruit & honey sucker scroll





India



Another demonstration from India!



...South Korea







Boon Manakitivipart <https://www.bonsaiempire.com/locations/bonsai-artists/boon-manakitivipart>

While primarily based out of California, Master Boon is highly active in the Florida bonsai circuit. He regularly leads intensives, showcases large-scale developmental projects in Central Florida, and speaks at regional clubs like the *Sho Fu Bonsai Society of Sarasota* and events hosted by the *Bonsai Societies of Florida* <https://bonsai-bsf.com/>



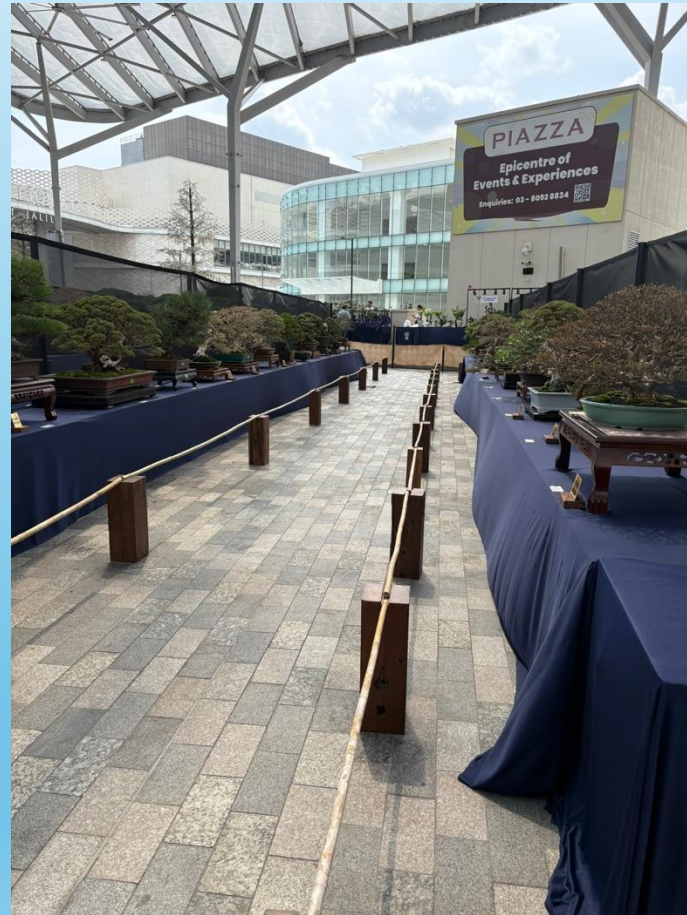


Mexico!







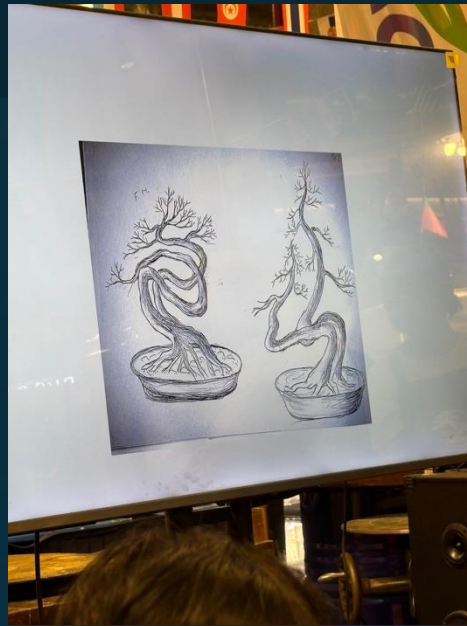
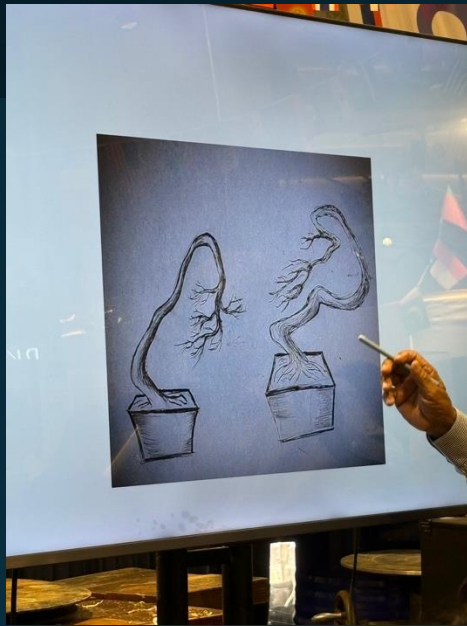


Ravindran Damodharan:

Fascinating presentation on “new” ficus mollis (rock) designs unveiled



Sketches of possible designs for *Ficus mollis*



Ending Gala Dinner!



Longwood Gardens (Bonsai) Staff Chad Davis and decibels and bonsai curator Kevin Bielicki (eating fish head (not)!





More artistic and amazing food



The US contingent!





The pot master preparing prices for auction







Amazing director of Pacific Bonsai: Aarin Packard

Appointed after leading roles and a tenure exceeding 10 years, Packard focuses on presenting bonsai as fine art and connecting the living collection to broader social, historical, and cultural themes (such as the exhibition *World War Bonsai*)



Famous Taiwan Master!

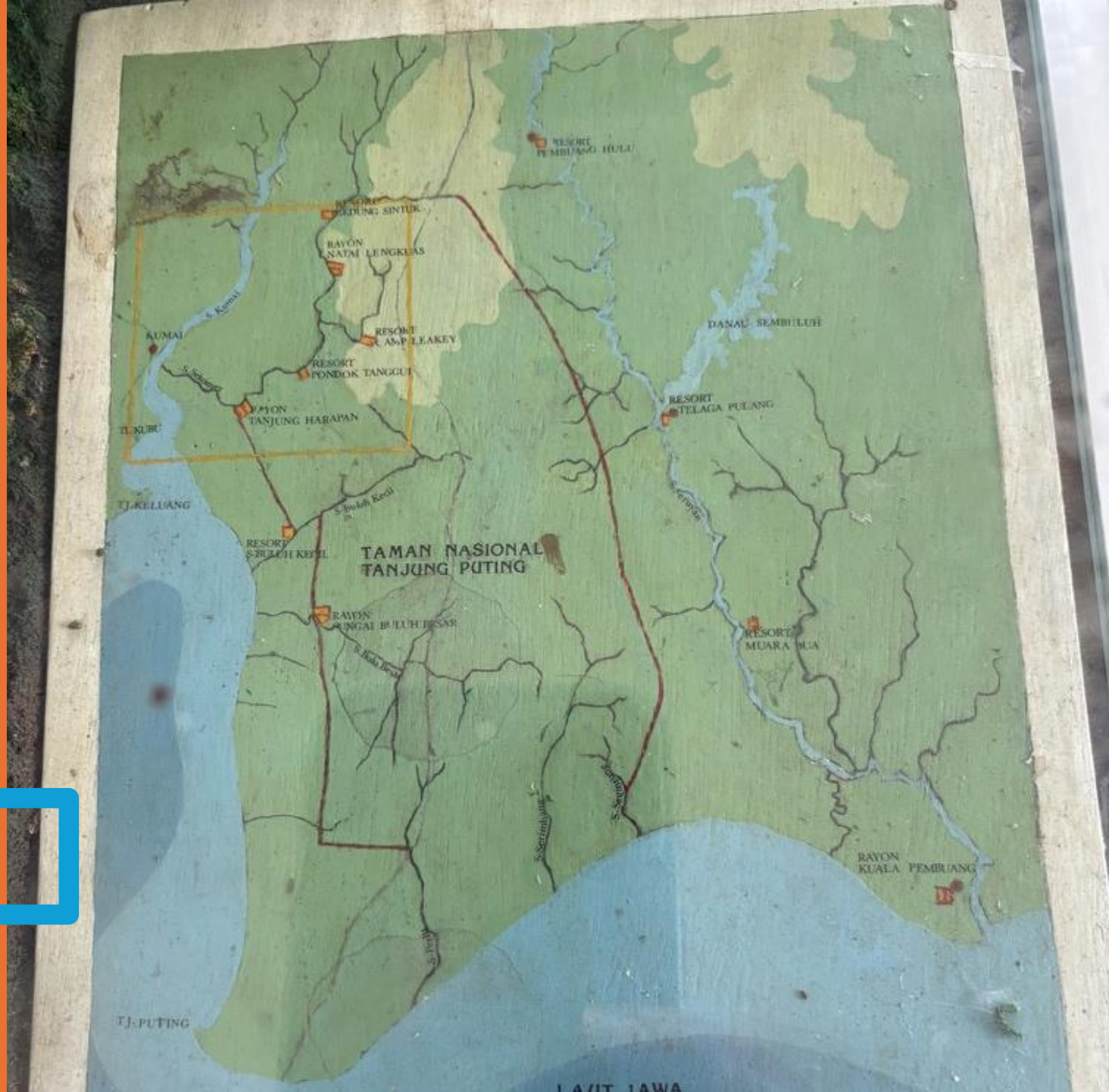


And heading to the **jungle portion in Borneo** **Cruising in Kelotok from Pangkalanbuun!!**



**Tanjung Puting National Park,
Indonesia: Fourth Stop**
located in Central Kalimantan
(Borneo), Indonesia

<https://www.varadaborneotour.com/>.
Wildfires are in the area, but this
sanctuary is currently “ok.” It is a
drought also...





And smoke—
when we were
there. No blue
skies...we are
glad not only
for the
experience but
the money
tourism brings
into these
communities.

Our guide
I-van—
pronounced
e-van



The Orangutans in their sanctuary...

<https://orangutan.org/rainforest/tanjung-puting-national-park/>





- The best known animals in Tanjung Puting are the **orangutans**, made famous through the long-term efforts of the Orangutan Research and Conservation Program based at the landmark [Camp Leakey](#) research station. Tanjung Puting also boasts the bizarre looking **proboscis monkey** as well as seven other primate species.
- Clouded leopards, civets, and Malaysian sun bears cavort in the park, as do mouse deer, barking deer, sambar deer, and the wild cattle known as banteng.
- Tanjung Puting hosts over 230 species of birds, including hornbills, deep forest birds, and many wetland species. Tanjung Puting is well known for its “bird lakes,” seasonal rookeries for a half a dozen species of endangered waterbirds, including the only known Bornean nesting grounds for white egrets.
- Tanjung Puting also has two species of **crocodiles, dozens of snakes and frogs**, numerous threatened species, including the fortune-bringing and highly endangered “dragon” fish also known as the Arwana (bony-tongue). Among the most flamboyant of these animals are the many species of colorful birds, butterflies, and moths found in the Park.

Bornean keeled green pit viper



Proboscis monkeys





Yep a
crocodile!!

Sekonyer River...It is a tributary of the Kumai River and is fed by the Camp Leakey River—eventually emptying into Java Sea







AMAZING!!

- Giant **Ficus retusa** trees line the freshwater swamp forests of this area, growing extensive aerial root systems over many decades. [1]e the freshwater swamp forests of this area, growing extensive aerial root systems over many decades. [1]

Incredible food
fresh cooked
on the wooden
boat



...boat trip ends



Next stop:

The village – Lopus

<https://www.gother.com/en-us/experiences/indonesia/bali/dayak-lopus-village-3d2n>



Drought and low river levels eliminated some activities---

Lopus – is a Community Based Tourism appointed by Lamandau Regency among other villages in Delang district, welcoming domestic and foreign tourists since March 2016. Tourists may stay overnight in the homestay and explore the nature treasures such as river tubing, bamboo rafting, trekking to the forest, living as indigenous, learn to make handicraft, weaving, enjoying traditional menus.





Amazing what you will do in another environment!! Lol
This was the **welcoming event...**





Home for the
night, traditional
rice pounding
(taking husks off),
homes meal



Our hosts—they
housed us and
fed us and led us
around their
village—intimate
and memorable





Buckle your seat belt...



Along the road, rubber trees, smoke, lack of gas...





And then deeper
into the jungle for a
night!!



Jungle sounds bigger than sights,
non-sting bee honey, western
toilet outhouse 😊, river snails





Forward
ho....lol
maybe!!



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