

Sparks Wanted: Innovations to Enliven Public Spaces and Enhance Well-being

With people spending a significant amount of time every day in offices and retail spaces, the built environment can have a significant impact on our health and wellness. It also has the potential to be a positive influence on our lifestyles and habits.

In view of this, the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) and Real Estate Developers' Association of Singapore (REDAS) have launched a competition, **The URA-REDAS SPARK Challenge**, to seek creative inventions that can raise the quality of the built environment.

Announced at the REDAS 58th Anniversary dinner on 14 November 2017, the theme for the inaugural competition focuses on "enhancing the health and wellness of people within the built environment". Participants will have the opportunity to test and showcase their prototypes in shopping malls around Singapore.

The competition is open to everyone, and aims to generate buzz among the public within commercial developments through innovative prototypes. Ideas can range from encouraging physical wellness to emotional and psychological wellness, such as creating restorative spaces for people to recharge, or using design to improve the sensorial experience of a public space and lift people's moods.

Interested participants are welcome to submit prototype proposals as part of Phase 1. Three proposals will be shortlisted, and each will receive a prototyping fund of \$5,000 to translate ideas into two working prototypes.

Once completed, the six prototypes will be placed in shopping malls, where the public will be able to interact with them and vote for their favourites. One winner will be awarded the grand prize of S\$10,000.

Submit your prototype proposal today at this [link](#). Entries close at 1800 hours on 7 February 2018.



(From left) Mr Augustine Tan, President of REDAS, Mr Lawrence Wong, Minister for National Development and Second Minister for Finance, and Mr Lim Eng Hwee, CEO of URA, launching the inaugural URA-REDAS SPARK Challenge at the REDAS 58th Anniversary dinner on 14 November 2017.