

ANNEX A

Transformation of Rain Trees at Connaught Drive over the years

Tree planting was formalised in 1881 by the then Superintendent of the Singapore Botanic Gardens, Nathaniel Cantley. Roadside greenery is now a main feature of the business and commercial districts in Singapore.




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|  <p>Photo credit: Courtesy of the National Museum of Singapore, National Heritage Board</p> | <p>1887: Several Rain Tree saplings have been planted along Connaught Drive – then known as New Esplanade Road, which was renamed Connaught Drive in 1907 to commemorate the visit of Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught.</p> |
|  <p>Photo credit: Robert Feingold Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore</p> | <p>1915: The Rain Trees along Connaught Drive were well-established, creating a scenic view of the waterfront for all to enjoy.</p> |
|  <p>Photo credit: Lee Kip Lin Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore</p> | <p>1930: The lush greenery of the Rain Trees framed the forefront of the stately colonial buildings on the other side of the Padang.</p> |



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1955: The umbrella-shaped crowns of the Rain Trees along Connaught Drive created a 'green tunnel' effect, enhancing the cityscape.



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Comparison of the landscape in 1984 (top photo) and present day in 2016 (bottom photo) showcase the healthy growth of the Rain Trees and the corresponding transformation and rejuvenation of the Marina Bay area.



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