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Dear REDAS Members & Friends,



**ART IN PUBLIC SPACE**

Happy Lunar New Year!

From sculptures to murals and other artworks, public art plays an important role in bringing our common spaces to life. Shaped by various social, cultural, historical and economic influences, public art helps us to understand our past, present and future. It contributes to well-designed spaces and adds cultural vibrancy to the urban environment, helping to foster distinctive place identities, and serving as focal points for communities to gather.

As the art pieces belongs to different agencies, developers and organisations, the artworks may be de-commissioned/uninstalled/removed. In this connection, URA and REDAS jointly published "*Art In Public Space, Singapore*", documenting a curated selection of public art which are culturally and socially significant and integrate well with the built environment. The book is edited by architectural theorist Associate Professor Dr Lilian Chee and designed by Hanson Ho of H55, an award winning Singapore-based design studio.

"Art in Public Space" is a celebration of the passion, dedication and creativity of many artists, developers, building owners, as well as the arts and community groups who have actively contributed to public art in our city, across different periods of Singapore's development. The book delves into the stories and considerations behind each featured artwork, and its relationship with the community and the area where it is sited. Highlighting voices from architecture, urban studies, and art history, Art in Public Space reconsiders the significance of art practices in public space, and how they are shaped by social, cultural, historical and economics influences and elements over the years. 222 public art pieces across Singapore, created over almost seven decades, are showcased in the book.

REDAS hopes the publication will highlight the value of public art in the city, generate interest in and appreciation of public art in Singapore and inspire more young talents in the art community to be engaged in such creative endeavours.

REDAS is pleased to present you a complimentary copy of the Art In Public Space, Singapore. I believe you will find the book insightful as it helps you discover interesting artworks in Singapore. Wish you happy reading.

Yours sincerely



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