

Gaia wins Prix Versailles grand prize for architecture and design

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Image: Close up of NTU Senior Vice President (Administration) Ms Tan Aik Na holding the Prix Versailles prize, the grand prize under the World's Most Beautiful Campuses category at the annual Prix Versailles awards held at UNESCO.

NTU's Gaia, the largest wooden building in Asia, is the winner of the Prix Versailles 2024, the grand prize under the World's Most Beautiful Campuses category, which honours the best in campus architecture and design.

NTU Senior Vice President (Administration) Ms Tan Aik Na accepted the Prix Versailles 2024 award on behalf of NTU at a ceremony held yesterday at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), headquarters in Paris.

The Prix Versailles is an international series of architectural awards celebrating contemporary projects worldwide, recognising excellence in design, innovation, and sustainability. The annual "World's Most Beautiful" achievements highlight exceptional architecture and design projects that elevate and beautify living environments.

Gaia clinched the top award after making the shortlist with five other world-class university buildings in the US, UK, France and China. Each finalist is recognised as a laureate by Prix Versailles, having showcased exceptional design, creativity and ecological efficiency.

These laureates and the grand prize winners are identified and chosen by the esteemed Prix Versailles World Judges Panel, which comprises distinguished international experts from diverse interdisciplinary fields, including architecture, design, and the arts.