New gateway to Indian culture

Ayodhya's new airport and urban masterplan are transforming the ancient temple town into a global renaissance city



Chanted Sajan
Senior Correspondent

Minister Narendra Modi (left) at the

in an e-mail interview.

He founded CPKA – one of the world's biggest architecture and urban design firms, with more than 12.5 architects and designers – inauguration of the Ram Mandir temple in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh, on Jan

in 1994.

Mr Kukreja says his work is rooted in the context of a site, and driven by sustainability and innovation.

For example, when his team
looked at tourism, they focused on

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immersive experience for visitors and devotees while reflecting Ayodhya's heritage. The interior features skylights placed to help passengers easily navigate the airport, as well as art-works depicting scenes from the Ramayana.

☆ Chinese New Year Edition



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has teamed up with Taiwaneseperhaps best known for his awardwinning cover at for comies such
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The Asahi Super Dry Lunar New Year Pixel Art Edi-tion Can features an intrictaer red-and-gold dragon wrapped around the outside of the 330ml can. An exclusive Asahi Super Dry X Fragrance Bak Kwa Gift Bundle (538) includes Fragrance bak kwa, pork loots osts, pandan kuch lapis and pitneapple tarts. Info: The cars are available at major supermarkets, from \$25.80 for a 12-pack, while the Fragrance gift bundles are available at Fragrance outlets (full list of locations at fragrancecoms.g).

pore: at Ion Orchard until Jan 28 and Changi Airport's Terminal I and Changi Airport's Term antil Feb 15.

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Justomers will be able to buy special-edition Hemnessy 0 and VS.OP bottles at both pups, which have been fur-thered to be the support of the sup-thered to be the support of the by Yang's artwork.

Travellers visiting the Changé Airport pop-up can partake in "molec-ular testings" of pre-mixed Hennessy cocktails. These will be seed dual.

Hennessy's limit-ised dual.

ed-edition Chinese New Year cognacs are also availa-ble for purchase from iShopChan-

(S342.50, above right) boasts a ble for purchase from ShopCham-sylvided dragons, while the Hennesy V.S.D.P (S80) is clad in red. The boxes for the various crowled to the various crowl

ROOTAWAKENING

NIVASAN, SERENA LIM, TAY SOON ANN

DO NOT KEEP LUCKY BAMBOO IN DEEP SHADE

This pot is big enough for these Lucky Bamboo (Dra-caena sanderiana) cuttings at their current size, but you can report them once you observe that they have become too big for it and their roots have filled the pot. You can take the stalks out to check if they have produced roots. Rooted cuttings can be potted in an searted growing mix, preferably one containing orga-nic matter and gritty components such as perlite and pumice.

pumice.

Keep this mix moist and let it dry out slightly between each watering session, so the stalks are not netween each watering session, so the staiks are newaterlogged.

Give the stalks plenty of filtered sunlight – abor four to six hours a day – as they will not thrive in deashade indoors.

 Answers by Dr Wilson Wong, an NParks-certified practising horticulturist and parks manager. He is the founder of Green Culture Singapore and an adjunct assistant professor (Food Science & Technology) at the ational University of Singapore

Have a gardening query? E-mail it with clear, high-resolution pictures of at least IMB, if any, and your full name to stilife@sph.com.sg. We reserve the right to edit and reject questions.

PRUNE AGLAONEMA FOR PROPER GROWTH HABIT

I have grown
my Aglaonema
indoors for over a year in
over a year in
localities to balls)
and prune the
lower leaves
when they dry
up and wilt.
However, the
plant looks
lanky and faded. How can I
make it bushy
and colourful?
Serens Lim?

The lack of colour in your Aglaone-

Although it is a shade-tolerant plant that will burn under brighter light, the current location may not be sunny enough. Move it to a bright windowsill or install grow lights, and monitor it for any im-provement in foliage colour. For a bushier growth habit, prune the top portion of the plant. This cutting can be potted sepa-rately.

atery.

Ensure there are still leaves on the lower part of the main plant, as these will continue to photo-

SUNLIGHT EXPOSURE

My plant's leaves are yellow, even though I water it when the soil is dry and keep it near the window so it gets sunlight. If there is no rain, I open the win-dow for ventilation. How do I care for this plant?

Kanthimath Srinivasan
The side of the plant facing the window looks bealthier and greener than the other. Rotate your pot slightly every few days so all parts of the plant can get smilght. Move the plant can get smilght. Move the plant can get smilght. The root zone should be kept moist and not be allowed up dry out the plant can get allowed up dry out the plant can get allowed up dry out frager into the porting mix to check its moisture level. The surface may feel dry, but the soil beneath may still be moist.

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FIG FRUIT LOOKS

What is causing the black dots on my fig? How can I prevent them from recurring? Adrian Ling

especially when the plant is grown in the open.

Grow your fig plant under a clear shelter to reduce the impact of excessive moisture from the rain.

Make sure it has proper air circulation and is not crowded with other plants.

Apply copper fungicide regular-ly to reduce the incidence of

damage to the new leaves at the top of the plant. Although cosmetic damage has been done to older parts of the plant, there is no cause for con-cern. This is also not an unusual phenomenon, as many plants are pro-duced under shadier conditions in production nurseries. Note that this plant thrives out-doors, such as in parks and gar-

a day and is watered ev-ery two days. Why have the leaves turned brown? Tay Soon Ann

FIDDLE-LEAF

SUNBURNT

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The older leaves of your Fiddle-leaf Fig (Ficus lyrata) show signs of sunburn, but the plant has adapted to the higher light levels, with no damage to the new leaves at the top

dons, such and dens.

If kept in deep shade, its growth will be sluggish and the plant will deteriorate over time.



