树人先树木

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原本生长在勿拉士峇沙公园的4棵雨树（rain tree），在搬迁林厝港3年之后，昨天终于回到它的老家——现在的新加坡管理大学的市区校园。

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当时共有17棵原本生长在勿拉士峇沙公园的成年大树，全部移植到林厝港园圃。昨天，新加坡动用大型起重机和长型大拖车，把其中4棵雨树从远离的林厝港园圃运载回校舍栽种，以让它们见证新校的诞生。这4棵雨树平均高6米，树冠宽6米。

负责移植工程的景观设计师毕可特说，建校工程展开之后，一部分树木无可避免地被牺牲，但部分健康的成年树则保留了下来。

虽然新大没有计算整个工程中，承包商需铲除多少棵树，但最终被移植到园圃的，包括了11棵雨树和6棵香灰藤树（terumbu），这些大树的年龄介于20岁至35岁之间，每棵平均重一吨。

其中4棵雨树去年已经回到校园，新大将在今天搬家另外两棵；剩下的一棵雨树和其它的香灰藤树预计可在明年搬迁到新校。

这17棵树木的挖掘和移栽工程，总共耗资5万2000元。

此外，还有一棵老树在2002年时被移植到校园内的另一个地方，这棵70岁的雨树有6层楼高、树冠盖25米，重量达37吨，这相信是本地有史以来最艰巨的树木移栽工程。

岛根园圃负责人陈辉伟说，这两棵，园圃的员工细心照料这17棵大树，使他们继续茁壮成长。

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她说，除了淡水、喷洒肥料等，员工每个月到往新大的景观工程小组汇报这些树的“健康状况”，虽然有几棵曾被虫害击，但在医治之后，已恢复健康。

新大市区校舍料6月落成

采用开放式设计的新大市区校舍预计将在今年6月落成，到时，公众将能够利用校园的冷气地下道，也能使用所有在校园里的设施，包括走道和广场景，以及图书馆的咖啡座。
NURTURING TREES, RAISING A GENERATION

Four rain trees have been returned to their original home in the Bras Basah Park, now the new city campus of the Singapore Management University after spending three years in a Lim Chu Kang nursery.

In early 2002, SMU initiated a green plan to preserve the trees located in the park so that they will not be destroyed in the campus construction process.

17 fully grown trees have since been relocated to the Lim Chu Kang nursery. Last evening, four of the trees were transported by trucks and transplanted back at the grounds of the new city campus by the use of cranes.

SMU’s landscape consultant Mr Peter Bridgewater said that it was unavoidable that some trees would have to be sacrificed but many others managed to be preserved.

A total of 11 rain trees and 6 tembusu aged between 20 to 35 years were brought back to the nursery.

Four rain trees have already been transplanted back to the city campus grounds and the rest will be moved in 2006. The entire process costs $52,000.

In 2002, another 70-year-old rain tree was relocated within the city campus grounds in a very arduous process.

Spokesmen for the Island Landscape and Nursery in Lim Chu Kang said that special care and attention have been placed in the “rehabilitation” of the 17 trees. In addition to watering and fertilization, they have to report the health status of the trees every month to SMU. Some trees have suffered attacks from pests but they have since been treated and fully recovered.

The open concept city campus of SMU will open in June 2005. The public can benefit from the air-conditioned underground walkway as well as make use of facilities in the basement of the campus such as walkways, concourse, libraries and cafes.