

New Report

Bougainvillea Science Museum: A New World Facility

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Bougainvillea Science Museum, the world's first museum on Bougainvillea was inaugurated on September 29, 2019 at the Bougainvillea Valley of the 'Fenghuang Shan Park', Baoan District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province, China. The museum is first of its kind in the world to showcase origin, species, varieties and its present status in the world as an ornamental plant. So far as commercialization of Bougainvillea in various forms and its landscape use is concerned, the status and magnitude of work done in China, is outstanding. Considering this, the establishment of **Bougainvillea Science Museum**, is a very laudable and appreciable step taken in order to carry forward the legacy of its popularization and commercialization in China.

The 'Fenghuang Shan Park' covers an area of about 30 square k.m. where as the Bougainvillea Valley have an area of 275,000 sq. m. The Bougainvillea Valley is the largest ecological base of the popularization of scientific knowledge on bougainvilleas in the country. The Valley has more than 118 varieties and 500,000 bougainvilleas plants. There are several bougainvillea corridors in the park, the longest of them is 188 m. This is the longest bougainvillea themed cultural corridor in China.

The main building of the museum is a traditional architectural style of Lingnan in China. The display of

exhibits in various forms in the museum have been divided into 11 themed sub-divisions displaying the introduction, history of discovery and migration route of bougainvillea etc. Moreover, the history of determining Bougainvillea as the city flower of Shenzhen, the review of the past 20 municipal city flower show, about the bougainvillea species and varieties, the rare bougainvillea varieties, the application of bougainvillea in landscaping, home planting and other economic values besides cultivation and maintenance technology of bougainvillea. The exhibition of cultural and artistic work on Bougainvillea was also displayed. All verbal narrations, images, captions in the museum were provided by Shenzhen Bougainvillea Research Association.

The Bougainvillea Science Museum is a non-profit organization with sole objectives of popularization of Bougainvillea through the exhibition of displays, live specimens. The museum will serve as centre of education on Bougainvillea for the amateur growers, nurserymen and professionals as well. The role of bougainvillea in beautification, environmental amelioration and its commercialization will certainly be promoted by inspiring the people through this museum. In near future, the museum will be an attraction to the tourists as well as Bougainvillea lovers of the world.





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