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**Far East Organization Children’s Garden at Gardens by the Bay**

**Facts and Stats**

* Located between the Cloud Forest and Satay by the Bay, the 1-hectare Far East Organization Children’s Garden brings a new fun-filled family element to Gardens by the Bay.
* The Children’s Garden seeks to encourage interaction with nature among two key age groups: 1 to 5 year olds and 6 to 12 year olds. It provides the younger generation with a venue for fun and interactive play through integrated play equipment, water play features and educational programmes in a garden setting.
* The two key components are water play and forest adventure. At the Children’s Gardens, kids can “hang out” in treehouses, scale a green ridge, or scuttle under a passage of arcing water jets.
* Sensory play can encourage the physical, mental (cognitive) and social-emotional development of children, helping to improve their physical dexterity and eye-hand coordination as they explore the environment around them.

The Children’s Garden opened to the public on 21 January 2014.

1. **Play Areas**

Toddler Play (1-5 year olds)
- Balancing beam
- Play spring seats
- Sway bridge
- Seesaw
- Climbing structure with slide
- Toddler swing
- Flower table and seats
- Toddler hammock
- Stepping springs
- Megaphone
- Caterpillar topiary trellis

Fish Fountain (2-5 year olds)

* The Toddler Water Play offers interactive water play suitable for children between 2 to 5 years old.
* Seventeen fish sculptures of varying sizes provide the illusion of fish swimming within the play surface. Toddlers can clamber on the sculpted backs and dodge a series of water jets from the sculptures.

Water Play (6-12 year olds)

* Water splines, a hydro vault, and orchid-shaped splash buckets are used to form an ever changing series of synchronised water tunnels and water play effects.
* Water splines: Designed as a series of vertical water splines, this water feature creates a forest of “reeds” that are free to spin 360 degrees at the upper portion, like a water hose left unrestrained.
* Hydro vault: This serpentine-like passage of arcing water jets is programmed to be high enough for kids to pass under it, while lower heights in some locations encourage physical encounters with the water stream.
* Orchid-shaped splash buckets: These water buckets tip downward when the volume within their chambers is filled, pouring out the content of water and creating a curtain of rainfall.

The Treehouses (6-12 year olds)

* Set within a thicket of rainforest trees, at a top height of 7.5 metres and 4 metres respectively, two treehouses offer a major play attraction with elevated platforms and shelters linked by timber and rope bridges. Each treehouse is a combination of web-like metallic frames that form the branches while a series of hanging rope baskets provides suspended pockets of spaces.

Adventure Trail (6-12 year olds)

* The Adventure Trail is a green ridge that runs alongside one half of the perimeter of the Children’s Garden. Likened to a hiker’s trail, it mimics the natural landform with dips and humps.
* The following play structures strung along the Adventure Trail encourage a variety of motor skills such as jumping, crossing, reaching up and over, and manoeuvring under a low branch:
A. Sway Alley bridge
B. Arch net tunnel
C. Monkey bars
D. Grasshopper spring stepping pad
E. Push-up bars
F. Spider net
G. Stepping stones
H. Hill climbing ropes
I. 4-way springer seats
J. Hammocks
K. Revolving Disc
L. Climbing rocks and play net
M. Balancing beams
N. Tubular and double slides
O. Spinner bowls
1. **Other Amenities**
* Amphitheatre with covered canopy provides a venue for educational events and doubles as an area for sheltered family seating
* F&B outlet “Children's Garden Café” provides snacks and drinks
* Child-friendly toilet and open shower facility for kids
* Visitor service counter
1. **Plants (Implemented by Gardens by the Bay Horticulture Team)**
* An avenue of “Old Man Palm”, or Coccothrinax crinita, is planted at the main entrance to kindle children’s imagination. This Cuba native is well known for its stiff, beige-coloured fibre hairs densely borne along the entire length of the single, thick trunk, making it look like an old man with a thick beard.
* Pachycaul trees from the Monsoon tropics add unique character to the Children’s Garden with their bizarre form.
* Topiary arches formed using Ficus microcarpa are lined along the ridges to provide instant shade for the children.
* Different species of Ficus, such as Ficus lutea, Ficus americana, Ficus lyrata, and Ficus benghalensis, are planted in close proximity around the treehouses to form a thick curtain of trailing aerial roots for children to duck under.
* Feature trees, such as Adansonia digitata, Adansonia madagascariensis, Pseudobombax ellipticum, Moringa drouhardii, Moringa stenopetala, Brachychiton rupestris, and Brachychiton australis, are planted on the steep ridge.
* Scented flowering plants like Murraya paniculata, Magnolia champaca, Aglaia odorata, Micromelum minutum, and Randia macrantha, are planted in some sections of the Children’s Garden to create a natural habitat for butterflies.
1. **Visitor Information**
* Free admission
* Opening hours: 9am – 9pm
* Closed for maintenance every Monday (or Tuesday if a public holiday falls on the Monday of that week)