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Paul Friedberg breathes life into **Central Park**

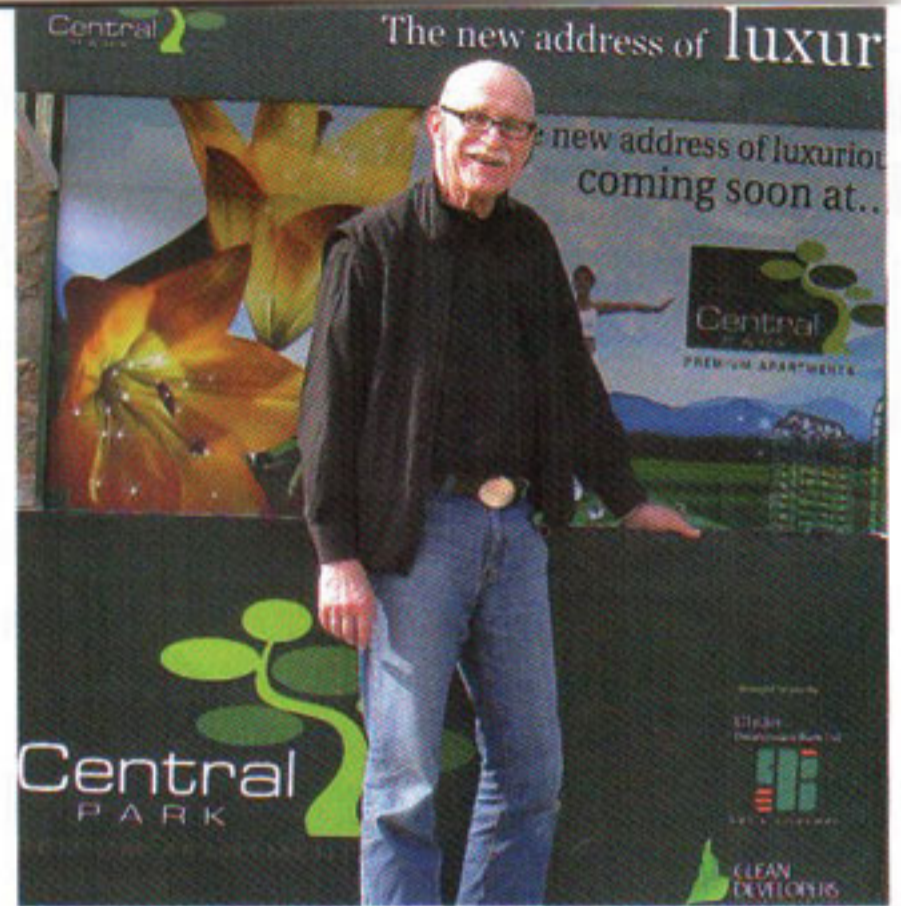
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Living amidst the labyrinth of a concrete jungle, Kathmanduites have long ago felt the need of spaces that breathe. With utmost realization of the same issue, developers of mushrooming apartments and housing colonies have begun to incorporate landscape design in their projects. And taking the lead, Clean Developers Private Limited, vowing to provide one of the exquisitely designed and planned landscape in their upcoming venture, 'Central Park', a luxurious green residential apartment complex, has roped in the world renowned landscape architect M. Paul Friedberg for the project.

Friedberg, also a scholar, educator and a writer was recently in the Valley to oversee the landscape design aspects of Central Park. He will be assisting ARCOP, the principal architects for the project, chiefly as a conceptual designer for over 70 percent of open spaces of the complex.

'You're what you build,' said the architect in a press conference held at the office building of Clean Energy Developers at Naxal. Sharing his views about landscape architecture, he added that the recent awareness of environmental problems have led to growing interest in



landscape architecture. Beaming furthermore on the importance of landscape architecture, he opined, 'The main aim of landscape architecture is to design a space not only for enjoyment, rest and relaxation, but which makes people reconsider their inner

selfes and makes them feel mentally composed.'

Friedberg, who has won almost 100 prestigious awards has undertaken projects in countries like U.S.A, Greece, Hong Kong, Turkey, Israel, Brazil, Pakistan, India and Japan. **S**



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