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Creating eco-friendly society

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CLEAN Developers Private Limited, the builders of luxury housing Central Park, aim at building eco friendly homes. Located at Bishalnagar, this housing project has roped in the expertise of world renowned landscape architect M Paul Friedberg to provide fresh and clean environment with state of the art garden.

Friedberg works as a landscape conceptualist with ARCORP Group, which is handling the architectural side of the Central Park.

Friedberg, who has won over 90 awards and has undertaken projects in countries like the

United States, Israel, Brazil, Greece and India among others, during his recent visit to Kathmandu shared his view about the importance of landscape architecture.

“Landscape architecture is an adjunct of architecture, and landscape designs add value to architecture and also those who live in those houses,” Friedberg shared.

While talking about the designing process, he said that it was about creating a lifestyle for people who live in those houses. As for this project he added, “I come here as a conceptual designer, and this being a high density project, it is a challenge. Space is premium, and to build in a small space is always a challenge.”

As for his design, he said that he wanted it to be interesting to people who live there — also good and marketable design.

Friedberg had earlier come to Nepal during the 60s. On the changes he saw in Kathmandu, he encouraged the use of bricks in building here as “brick is a wonderful tool that gives texture and is also a medium where you can play a lot with.”

City he stated is a series of streets, spaces and buildings and “you are what you build”. He enforced the proper utilisation of open spaces and also that public space should be respected.

