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A nature centre in the heart of the city

The Botanical Gardens at Lund University are Lund's most popular tourist attraction and receive more than 500 000 visitors each year. In order to deal with this ever increasing number of visitors, we are going to renovate our greenhouse and build a new visitor centre. Your contribution will help towards opening our botanical gardens to more people as well as increasing the knowledge of nature in our community.

AN ACCESSIBLE AND WELCOMING VISITOR CENTRE

"We want to take good care of our visitors", explains Director of the Botanical Gardens Marie Widén. "Welcome them, inform them and take good care of them. We wish to create a worthy and welcoming entrance for our botanical gardens.

By renovating the entrance to our greenhouse we can transform the gardens into a nature centre in the heart of the city, with information about nature and the Botanical Gardens' valuable collections.

The twenty-acre garden is lush and intensely cultivated and is characterised by its substantial collection of trees and bushes. What is more, we wish to preserve the valuable and endangered cycads, which are around 150 years old – it is very rare to have such old specimens in cultivation."

The desire to more effectively accommodate school children, students and the general public has existed for many years: disabled access, suitable premises for exhibitions, a café, toilets and a shop are at the top of the wish list.

VISION PALM HOUSE

A renovated, modern and technically-functioning greenhouse could mean continued growth for our cycads. The palm house will also serve as a visitor centre at the heart of the Botanical Gardens, which allows for close contact with our visitors as well as the distribution of up-to-date information. The visitor centre should be a meeting place with a reception, assembly area, year-round café/restaurant with a little shop as well as modern toilets and cloakroom.

With these renovations, the greenhouse can accommodate more visitors more effectively all year round. The visitor centre can also serve as the perfect arena for other activities such as spontaneous research discussions and public meetings. The centre should also provide adequate information so that teachers can hold lessons in the gardens.

FUNDING NEEDS

Lund University will fund the majority of the costs for the project, however, a further SEK 10-15 million is needed to make the build possible.

All donations are welcome, whether large or small. Together we can work for a better world.

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