



## UK Nursery takes Silver at International Grower of the Year competition in Xian China.

Majestic Trees, the UK's 2011 Ornamental and Nursery Stock Grower of the Year, recently had the great honour of representing the United Kingdom at this year's International Grower of the Year competition held in late September in Xian, China.



The finalists for this year's competition were Denis-Plants BVBA (Belgium), Bylands (Canada), Hongyue (China), Ammerlaan The Green Innovator (The Netherlands), Majestic Trees (UK) and Taida Horticultural Co Ltd (Chinese Taipei).

During two days of deliberations, the jury met and considered the merits of these 6 nurseries and at the Tuesday evening gala dinner awarded Majestic Trees the Silver Rose award, ranking the nursery second in the world.

The Gold award went to Bylands Nursery, a very large Canadian tree and shrub nursery that dominates the Canadian Nursery industry. Founded in 1954 by an emigrant Dutch nurseryman it has gone on to become a major player in North America growing 3 million plants per year of over 2,000 varieties on 400 acres.

Whilst Majestic Trees was disappointed not to win Gold, it was greatly honoured to be considered best amongst its esteemed European competitors from Holland and Belgium, who had themselves each won their national competitions.

This event was held in conjunction with the International Horticultural Exposition at the adjacent Kempinski Hotel and in conjunction with the Global Green City Summit, a summit examining the rapid expansion of landscaping in China and attended by many leading Chinese politicians as well as international representatives.

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