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Olympic Grower, Hillier Nurseries, to represent UK at International Industry Awards in Korea

Hillier Nurseries were voted the UK's Grower of the Year 2010 at last weeks Horticulture Industry awards (11th February 2010), hosted by Horticulture Week at the Wyndham Grand, Chelsea Harbour in London. The Hampshire based firm won their category, then went on to win the prestigious overall award, beating all other growers within the horticulture industry sector. They are also selected to represent the UK at the International Grower Awards in Korea.

Hillier Nurseries is a family owned company which has been growing since 1864, employing around 500 people and has a turnover of over £27M. The company is world renowned in the realm of horticulture and holds the Guinness World Record of 64 consecutive Gold Medals at Chelsea Flower Show.

The award was in recognition of Hillier Nurseries' successful bid to supply several thousand semi-mature trees to London 2012 Olympic Parks. Hillier Nurseries had targeted the supply contract as soon as it was known London would host the Games. For many years the company has developed its business growing larger trees for auspicious projects – such as the Scottish Parliament, O2 Arena, and the Manchester Commonwealth Games. Buoyed by these successes, Hillier had the confidence to bid for the largest contract of its kind to be awarded in the UK.

The achievement was the transition of Hillier from the UK's leading tree nursery into a truly World Class grower – beating the much fancied and larger European counterparts on the global stage.

“I am proud to see that the level of excellence within Hillier Trees has been recognised at the highest level by the industry”

Hossein Arshadi, Director

“It is a privilege to be recognised for supplying great British trees to a great British project”

Robert Hillier OBE - Chairman

For more information and photos please e-mail jimhillier@hillier.co.uk

NOTE TO EDITOR – Please follow link to the official London2012 website for information on the Olympic Park tree contract [Ctrl Click for Link](#)

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Top–Hossein Arshadi, Hillier Trees Director. Bottom–John Armit, ODA at Hilliers



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