2011 Asian Townscape Awards

Organization group

Co-hosts:

UN-HABITAT Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Asian Habitat Society

The Fukuoka Asian Urban Research Center

Asia Townscape Design Society

Supporting Organizations:

The Municipal Government of Fukuoka City, Japan

China Real Estate - Council of Human Settlements

China Environmental Protection Foundation, Special Fund for Habitats
I. Purpose

Landscape is a visible form of environment where people's daily lives evolve around and consist of various natural, visible, conceptual elements such as mountains, rivers, greenery, urban space, buildings, local culture and the activities of the people who live in and around them.

For the purpose of materializing a living environment that is happy and fulfilling to the people of Asia, the Asian Townscape Awards are designed to honor cities, regions, projects, etc. that have played a significant role as models in landscape construction.

II. The theme of 2011 Asian Townscape Awards

"Living Environment and Urban Revival"

III. Commended targets and their number

1. Asian Townscape Grand Awards (Ten awards granted each year)
   1) Cities; regions
   2) Large size projects which have made important contributions to cities and regions

2. Categories of Asian Townscape Awards
   1) Projects related to the protection and conservation of nature or secondary nature;
   2) Buildings which have made significant contributions to the regional development;
   3) Other significant activities

3. Asian Townscape Honorary Awards (Granted if/when an organization or individual has been nominated for their significant contribution to the below.)
   1) Organizations having contributed to the landscape construction and development
   2) Individuals having contributed to the landscape construction and development

IV. Application qualifications

1. Cities, regions, projects, etc., which have the intent to apply for "Asian Townscape Awards"; which have made excellent achievements in the townscape construction; and which are committed to demonstrating norms in townscapes;
2. Those recommended by members of Expert Review Committee of “Asian Townscape Awards”;

3. Those recommended by townscape related academic societies, associations, institutions or other organizations recommended by the Expert Review Committee members or other members involved of “Asian Townscape Awards”.

V. Eligibility

1. Local governments, administrative departments and urban management departments in various Asian countries and regions;

2. Non-government organizations and community-led organizations;

3. Academic research institutes;

4. Institutions of urban planning, architectural design, landscape design and marketing planning; and real-estate developers;

5. Other relevant institutions and individuals (who can apply from a fair standpoint and with a sense of social responsibility)

VI. Submissions

1. Required application information for Preliminary Selections
   1) Registration Form of Application for Asian Townscape Awards;
   
   2) Application Report of Asian Townscape Awards (to be independently completed by the applying institutions)
   
   3) Drawings and data, photos taken of the site, written description, report, etc. about urban planning, landscape construction and specific cases;
   
   4) Relevant media coverage, the response and opinions of citizens, the relevant commending and awarding certificates issued by other public organizations or government agencies, etc.

*As the documents submitted will not be returned, please submit photocopies or scanned versions.*

2. Submissions for Final Selections
Applications which were short listed will further be reviewed for final selections and will be
required to submit the following additional data (not required if already submitted above):

1) Photo and video data (a video of no more than 5 minutes with English dubbing or English captions), PPT to be used in the final selection process and presentations, etc.;

2) Winners of the final selection process are required to prepare PPT and video data of no more than 10 minutes to be used at the awarding ceremony (with English dubbing or English captions)

VII. Review Criteria (the key points when compiling the Asian

Townscape Awards Application Report)

1. Review criteria:

   1) Harmonious coexistence with the regional environment;
      • That it stands in harmony with the environment (Ecological environment);
      • That the project is based on humanity (Humanities)

   2) Safety, convenience and sustainability
      • That it is safe, secure and comfortable (Safety and amenity)
      • That it is sustainable (Sustainability)

   3) Respect for regional culture and history
      • That it coordinates well with local streetscape and life styles (Continuity)
      • That it stands in harmony with local history and culture (Cultural tradition)

   4) High artistic quality
      • That it demonstrates creativity and high levels of perfection (Creativity)
      • That it is beautiful (Beautification)

   5) Contributions to local development; capabilities of becoming models for other cities
      • That it is accepted by local people; and having contributed to local development (Contribution)
      • That it is capable of becoming a model for other urban and landscape construction projects
VIII. Application and Review Process

1. Application process

1) Publicity on award application: Available through the websites of host organizations such as UN-HABITAT Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, landscape societies in Asian countries, Asian Habitat Society and The Fukuoka Asian Urban Research Center.

2) Where to apply:

Applicants can submit their applications to the following institutions:

China: Asian Habitat Society (Hong Kong, China)

Other countries/regions: UN-HABITAT Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (Fukuoka, Japan)

The Fukuoka Asian Urban Research Center (Fukuoka, Japan)

2. Review Process

1) The applications will be reviewed by the Review Committee who will consist of experts from cooperating institutions, universities, and academic societies.

2) Method of review

• Preliminary selections

The first screening of applications will be made by the Secretariat which will form a Review Committee;

Submissions approved by at least 2 members of Review Committee will be shortlisted and entitled to the second selection process.

• Second selection process (a review conducted in various countries and regions)

The review committee will form local review committees in various countries and pay visits to the respective sites in order to review and evaluate the contents of the applications. The review will be carried out within the period specified by the Executive Committee of “Asian Townscape Awards”.

Applicants which have passed the second selection process may be required to provide additional data for the final selection process.
- Final selection

Representatives of members of the review committees of various countries and regions will attend the meeting of the final examination, and determine the winners of “2011 Asian Townscape Awards” by voting.

IX. Awarding ceremony

In late October 2011; to be held in Fukuoka, Japan

X. Learning and training opportunities

1. Presentations on award-winning cases

   1) Award-winners will be asked to introduce their cases at the awarding ceremony;

   2) Award-winners will be asked to make effort to provide opportunities for those who wish to visit and study the award-winning projects.

2. Training opportunities

   1) Award-winners are eligible to attend a training course including site visits for further learning. The details of the course will be informed to the award-winners separately;

   2) Award-winners and the people attending the awarding ceremony of “Asian Townscape Awards” are invited to attend the Townscape Development and Exhibition Exchange Meeting held in Fukuoka, Japan.

   3) All the expenses involved in attending the awarding ceremony and training courses are to be borne by the award winners and participants respectively.