

# **3<sup>RD</sup> JOINT SIA-HWA AWARDS FOR COMMUNITY-FRIENDLY BUILDINGS SUPPORTED BY BCA**

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## **Introduction**

We are pleased to announce the 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint SIA-HWA Awards for Community-Friendly Buildings. The objectives are two fold: first, to promote the awareness of the public that provision of suitable access facilities can help towards greater independence of the elderly and disabled persons in their everyday lives and in their integration with the community, and second, to encourage and recognise developers and architects for their initiative and forethought in providing such facilities.

We are also very pleased that the Building and Construction Authority is supporting this award and will also participate as one of the panel assessor.

## **Submission Conditions**

All SIA members and member firms are invited to submit projects for selection.

The award is also open to non-SIA members. There is no limit to the number of entries that can be submitted. However, all entries must adhere to the following conditions:

1. SIA members and non-members must be registered with the Board of Architects.
2. SIA member firms must be legally constituted under the Architects Act. In addition, all principals/partners/directors of participating firms must have no arrears with the Institute and have not been defaulters.
3. Participants must seek owner/developer's consent before submission.

## **Submission Materials**

1. Each submission must comprise a set of entry forms, and photographs and drawings of a project completed and occupied during the last 5 years, to be mounted on one, or maximum two 3mm thick, A1 size board/boards. The submission must also include digital images of the project with resolution of at least 400 dpi to be stored in a CD. (Entry Forms can be collected from SIA Secretariat during office hours or you can download them from the SIA website (<http://www.sia.org.sg>))

2. The set of entry forms, together with the CD of digital images, is to be submitted in a sealed envelope mounted behind the board. There should be no identification such as motto, logo or distinguished marks of any kind to reveal the architectural firm submitting the project. Where the project is carried out in association with another firm, due recognition must be accorded to the other firm. However, the participant must be the principal/main architect of the project submitted.

### **Categories of Awards**

There will be 4 categories as follows:

- 1 Residential buildings consisting of condominiums, HDB flats, bungalows, terrace houses, etc
- 2 Commercial buildings consisting of hotels, shopping centres, cinemas, theatres, offices, etc.
- 3 Other buildings consisting of schools, libraries, museums, religious buildings, hospitals, MRT stations, bus terminals, etc.
- 4 Open spaces and structures consisting of parks, promenades, plazas, overhead bridges, underpasses, etc.
- 5 Open Category for buildings or facilities that have undergone upgrading refurbishment.

### **Panel of Assessors**

A panel of assessors made up of the following will assess the submissions:

Ms Rita Soh	President SIA
Tai Lee Siang	Council Member and Chairman, Architectural Excellence Committee SIA
Ms Judy Wee	President, HWA
Patrick Ang	Vice President, HWA
Cheng Tai Fatt	Senior Manager, BCA
Keow Yeong Ming	Head, Facilities Management Section, Building & Environmental Division, Ngee Ann Polytechnic
Tse Swee Ling	Assoc Prof, Department of Architecture, NUS

## **Judging Criteria**

The primary criteria is on the level of accessibility in compliance with code requirements. The secondary criteria is the extent in which universal design concepts (please see Appendix on Principles of Universal Design) has been adopted.

The key considerations for assessment are as follows:

- Convenience: The degree to which the building/open space affords accessibility to the disabled persons.
- Usefulness: The degree to which the barrier-free features are functional and compatible with the needs of the disabled persons.
- Innovation: Originality in the barrier-free features.
- Integration: Integration of the barrier-free features into the overall design of a building/open space.
- Aesthetics: Attractiveness of the barrier-free features.
- Safety: It is safe to use at all times.

Design features that are intuitive and/or inclusive would be favourably considered as plus factors in the overall assessment.

## **Assessment Stages**

Judging stage: The assessors will judge all submissions and shortlist for site visiting, if deemed desirable.

Visiting stage: If necessary, the assessors will visit the buildings/open space to study the community-friendly facilities.

## **Awards**

There will be 3 types of awards for each Award Category – Gold, Silver and Bronze. The Architect and the developer/owner of each of the award-winning scheme will each be presented with a plaque and the owner of these award-winning buildings will also be presented with a plaque to be installed on the said building. Honourable Mention may be awarded, and the Architect will receive an “Honorable Mention” plaque.

If the panel of assessors decides that the entries are not of sufficiently high standard, it may withhold the awards in any category.

**Presentation of Awards**

The award presentation ceremony will be held in conjunction with SIA-HWA-BCA jointly organized industry seminar on "Design for All". The winning entries will be published at the organizers web-sites.

**Commemorative Publication**

All selected designs will be published in a special edition of Singapore Architects.

**Participating Fee**

A participating fee of \$ 80 plus GST (ie \$ 84) and \$ 150 plus GST (ie \$ 157.50) will be levied for each submission/per category to SIA and non-SIA members respectively. A cheque made payable to the "Singapore Institute of Architects" must accompany each submission.

**Closing Date**

All entries are to be submitted to the SIA Secretariat not later than 12 noon on Wednesday, 31 Aug 2005. There will be a briefing session on the Awards on 1 July 2005 at 4.00 pm at the SIA Theatre. Please kindly complete and fax the attached reply slip to SIA via fax no. 6226 2663.

**Enquiries**

All enquiries are to be directed to SIA Secretariat (Mr Ng Sze Kai at tel no 62262668).

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BRIEFING SESSION**

I will be able to attend the briefing session for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint SIA-HWA Awards for Community-Friendly on **1<sup>st</sup> July 2005 at 4.00pm at SIA Theatrette.**

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