

Quality Building Award 2018 open for nomination

With the objectives of recognizing professionalism and enhancing building quality, the biennial Quality Building Award 2018, now open for nomination, looks forward to a new crop of building excellence.

Stepping into its ninth episode since the award's inception in 2001, The Quality Building Award 2018 (QBA 2018) is one of the most widely-acclaimed awards in the architectural industry, in view of its rigorous selection process, distinguished judging panel, and the strong collaboration of co-founding institutions.

This year's theme of "Driven by Profession, United for Success", QBA 2018 is a reflection of the challenges facing the industry and a response to Hong Kong's current socio-political situation, according to **Sr LAI Yuk-fai, Stephen, Chariman of the Organizing Committee.** "The theme this year aims to reinforce the Award's vision of uniting professionals from all backgrounds and disciplines in the pursuit of true building excellence," he adds.

The Awards comprises six categories, including a new category on Hong Kong Non-Residential (New Building - Government, Institution or Community). **Dr CHEUNG Tin-cheung, the Jury Panel Chairman and Director of**

Buildings Department of Hong Kong SAR Government, explains that the new category is to give credit to project teams who have managed to design functional GIC buildings with relatively limited budgets.

"As GIC buildings cannot compete on an equal basis with commercial buildings that work on multi-million dollar budgets, we have instituted this new category with a marking scheme that weighs heavier on Environmental Consideration and Post-Occupancy Considerations than other categories," says Cheung.

To enhance the Award's credibility and stature, QBA 2018 has increased the numbers of jurors from 9 to 14, following expansion of the panel from 7 to 9 in 2016. "We believe these changes will bolster QBA's prestige, while also paving the way for greater industry

involvement and representation in the years to come," adds **Sr Robin Leung, member of the organizing committee.**

Award nominations will be judged on six main criteria, namely, vision and teamwork, design and innovation, construction, project cost and budget, environmental considerations and post-occupancy considerations. The weighting of these criteria varies for different categories.

Chaired by The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors and co-organized by eight other institutions, QBA 2018 will accept award nominations from now until the close on 3 November 2017 at local time 12:00 noon. Buildings completed between 1 January 2014 and 30 June 2017 in Hong Kong or overseas with specific Hong Kong content are eligible for the competition with supporting documents as proof.

The Organizing Committee and Judging Panel of QBA 2018



CATEGORIES	NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS
1 Hong Kong Residential (Single Building)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominated new building must be a single independent structure not part of a complex containing other buildings. Major Function of the nominated building must be for residential use.
2 Hong Kong Residential (Multiple Buildings)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominated new buildings must be a group of buildings of similar kinds, which form a residential complex. Major Function of the nominated multiple buildings must be for residential use.
3 Hong Kong Non-Residential (New Building - Government, Institution or Community)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major Function of the nominated new building must be for Government, Institution or Community use. Nominated new building may be single or multiple buildings.
4 Hong Kong Non-Residential (New Building - Non-Government, Institution or Community)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major Function of the nominated new building must be for non-residential use or non-GIC use. Nominated new building may be single or multiple buildings.
5 Hong Kong Building (Renovation / Revitalization)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominated existing building must have undergone and completed a renovation, restoration, revitalization or similar process to its physical structure and/or communal facilities. Nominated existing building may be a residential or non-residential building.
6 Building Outside Hong Kong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominated building must be outside the territorial limits of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Major Function of the nominated new building must be for residential or non-residential use.



Quality Building Award 2018 Nominations Open!

Nominations close on 3 November 2017 (12:00 noon)

Nomination Period

13 June 2017 - Nominations open
3 November 2017 (12:00 noon) - Nominations close

The Jury Process

December 2017 - Stage I First Screening
20 & 21 January 2018 - Stage II Site Visits (except for "Building Outside Hong Kong" Category)
16 & 17 March 2018 - Stage III Finalists Presentation to Jury Panel cum Conference

Award Presentation

15 June 2018 - QBA 2018 Award Presentation Ceremony

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