UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation

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AWARDS FOR
CULTURAL HERITAGE
CONSERVATION

Initiated in 2000, this category recognizes excellent achievement in successfully conserving or restoring heritage building and properties.

CRITERIA

The Awards recognize achievements in three main areas:

- Understanding the Place
- Technical Achievement
- Sustainability and Impact

LEVELS OF ACHIEVEMENT

- Award of Excellence
- Award of Distinction
- Award of Merit
- Special Recognition for Sustainable Development

The Award of Excellence is the highest recognition presented to projects that display exceptional achievement in all criteria and have major catalytic impact at the national or regional level.
AWARDS FOR
NEW DESIGN IN HERITAGE CONTEXTS

This category was introduced to acknowledge newly-built structures that demonstrate outstanding design well-integrated into heritage contexts.

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The Awards recognize achievements in two categories:

- Contextual Design
- Sustainability and Impact

LEVELS OF ACHIEVEMENT

- Award for New Design in Heritage Contexts
- Special Recognition for Sustainable Development

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Culture is a driver and an enabler of sustainable development.

From 2020, UNESCO introduced the Special Recognition for Sustainable Development to showcase conservation or new design projects that have a significant impact in contributing to sustainable development.
SUBMIT YOUR PROJECT

UNESCO welcomes submissions every year.

FIVE STEPS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR PROJECT

STEP 1

Choose an Awards category

STEP 2

Check your eligibility
(download official forms and regulations)

STEP 3

Prepare your project dossier

STEP 4

Complete your online entry form

STEP 5

Post your project dossier to UNESCO Bangkok

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