2025 Asia-Pacific

Sustainability Action Awards

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Demonstrating Key Forces in Sustainable Development.

Organizer

TAISE
Taiwan Institute for Sustainable Energy

Open to Organizations across the Asia-Pacific Region

- Multinational Corporations
- Taiwan-based Enterprises
- Government Agencies
- Healthcare Institutions
- Educational Institutions
- Non-profit Organizations

Registration & Submission Period

Feb.   Jun.

17 - 30

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● Preface

In 2015, the United Nations announced its "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Agenda 2030)" and adopted 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), establishing a clear roadmap for global sustainable development efforts from 2016 to 2030. Organizations worldwide have integrated these SDGs into their internal cultures and implemented innovative approaches to sustainable development, leading to numerous inspiring breakthroughs and success stories.

As a key advocate for sustainability in Taiwan, the Taiwan Institute for Sustainable Energy (TAISE) has been instrumental in promoting global sustainability development. In 2025, TAISE organizes the 4th Asia-Pacific Sustainability Action Awards (APSAA) to honor organizations and individuals dedicated to advancing sustainable development, while showcasing Taiwan's sustainability achievements on the international stage. The APSAA features comprises in three distinguished categories: (1) The Sustainability Action Award encourage good practices of the SDGs across organizations, (2) Most Livable City Excellence Award acknowledge local governments that have implemented policies and programs for developing a sustainable cities, and (3) The Outstanding Chief Sustainability Officer Award recognize senior executives for exceptional leadership in driving organizational ESG transformation.

The upcoming award ceremony, in conjunction with the SDG Asia Exhibition and Summit, gather industries, universities, and government agencies from Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, and other Asia-Pacific nations. The 2024 event featured 150 exhibitors from public and private sectors and attracted over 35,000 visitors, demonstrating its international influence. This platform highlights practical implementations and breakthroughs in SDGs, ESG, CSR, DEI, and USR across global sectors. The event catalyzes cross-industry collaboration and market development, enhancing corporate innovation and global competitiveness.

● The APSAA Objectives

1. To promote the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

2. To raise awareness of sustainability initiatives among enterprises, governments, and organizations in the Asia-Pacific region.

3. To recognize excellent sustainability action plans across sectors.

4. To establish collaborative partnerships for accelerating sustainability goal achievement.

5. To strengthen stakeholder engagement in building collective vision and consensus on sustainable development.

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● Key Dates

Registration and Submission Period		Winner Notification		Award Ceremony
2025 2/17(Mon.) – 6/30 (Mon.)	›	Mid-August 2025 (notification by Email)	›	2025 9/11(Thu.)

● Award Categories & Details

Award Categories		Details
Sustainability Action Award	Environmental Sustainability	Honoring Asia-Pacific organizations - including private companies, government agencies, universities, hospitals, and NGOs - that excel in UN's 17 SDGs and environmental sustainability. Each organization may submit up to three entries. We recognize sustainability action plans with proven outcomes and successful practices that serve as reference models.
	Social Inclusion	Honoring Asia-Pacific organizations - including private companies, government agencies, universities, hospitals, and NGOs - that excel in social inclusion initiatives. Each organization may submit up to three entries. We recognize successful social inclusion initiatives with proven outcomes and practices that can be adapted by others.
	Economic Development	Honoring Asia-Pacific organizations - including private companies, government agencies, universities, hospitals, and NGOs - that demonstrate outstanding innovative economic growth initiatives. Each organization may submit up to three entries. We recognize successful economic development initiatives with proven outcomes and practices that serve as reference models.
Most Livable City Excellence Award		Honoring cities across Taiwan and the Asia-Pacific region that demonstrate inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable qualities. We recognize proven urban achievements and adoptable solutions.
The Outstanding Chief Sustainability Officer Award		Honoring Chief Sustainability Officers and equivalent leaders in organizations across Taiwan and the Asia-Pacific region who demonstrate outstanding contributions to organizational sustainable development. We recognize proven achievements in ESG integration and transformative leadership that advances corporate sustainability.

● Participation Fee

Payment Item	Award Category	Amount (USD)*	Remarks
Registration Fee	All Categories	$900	Mandatory for all participants. Single entry fee applies when registering for multiple award categories.
Evaluation fee	Sustainability Action Award	$400 per entry	Additional to registration fee.
	Most Livable City Excellence Award	No fee	Registration fee only.
	The Outstanding Chief Sustainability Officer Award	No fee	Registration fee only.

* All participation fees are inclusive of Value Added Tax (VAT). Any bank transfer fees shall be borne by the participating organization.

Participation Terms and Agreements

1. Submission Integrity and Compliance
   All participants must submit truthful and accurate documentation and materials. The organizer retains the authority to revoke award qualification should any false statements be discovered, information be concealed, or disputes arise that could impact the public perception of the award program.
2. Registration and Cancellation
   A complete registration requires submission of all signed documentation. Should participants need to cancel, a 10% administrative fee will be charged for cancellations made before the registration deadline. Cancellations after the deadline will require payment of all applicable fees in full. For classification purposes, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) are defined as organizations with either paid-in capital under NTD 100 million or fewer than 200 regular employees.
3. Information Usage Authorization
   By completing registration, participants grant the organizer comprehensive rights to collect, process, and utilize all submitted materials - including but not limited to videos, photographs, texts, and registration information. These materials may be used for award-related promotion, publications, media coverage, and statistical analysis across various channels such as books, print media, and internet platforms. This authorization has no geographical or time limitations and applies to all entry and registration materials submitted to the program.
4. Award Recipients' Authorization
   Award recipients grant the organizer permission to announce their achievements and use their company logos across various publication channels, including books, print media, and digital platforms. This content may be used for promotional purposes and statistical analysis, always adhering to principles of transparency, integrity, fairness, openness, and impartiality.
5. Terms and Updates
   The organizer reserves the right to modify, change, interpret, or cancel the program at any time.
   Any updates or changes to these terms will be announced on the official website without individual notification.

● Evaluation Framework and Submission Requirements
Sustainability Action Award

① Evaluation Framework and Dimensions

The award is presented in three classes: Gold, Silver and Bronze. The assessment includes two main sections: Performance Summary (30 points), and Project Description (70 points). Both sections are assessed using these dimensions:

■	Initiative	10%
■	SDGs competencies	20%
■	Approach	20%
■	Social Impact	25%
■	Scalability	25%

Sustainability Action Award

② Submission Requirements

1. Project name (max 100 characters) and project overview (max 1,200 characters). Both character counts include spaces and punctuation marks.
2. Resources used: Budget and staffing details for past 3 years.
3. Project Performance Summary (max 2,000 words). Supporting documentation in presentation format (4:3 aspect ratio, 6 content slides excluding covers, PDF format, max 5MB).
4. Project Description (max 3,000 words). Supporting documentation in presentation format (4:3 aspect ratio, 9 content slides excluding covers, PDF format, max 10MB).
5. High-res project photo: 300 dpi minimum, max 5MB, landscape preferred.
6. Project video link: 2.5-3 minutes to outline the project content, production quality will not be factored into the evaluation criteria.

※ Important Notes:

A) Time Period: Focus on 2022-2024. Earlier data may be included as support.

B) APSAA previous award recipients: Use current-year data only, no reuse of content from past two years' submissions.

C) Content Structure: Organize your submission according to evaluation dimensions, ensuring each section is clearly labeled. All content must address the dimensions fully.

③ Submission Instructions

All materials must be submitted through the TCSA online platform. For detailed submission guidelines, please visit our official website at Submission Instruction or scan the QR code below.

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① Evaluation Framework and Dimensions

The award is presented in two classes: Outstanding and Excellent. Aligned with UN SDG 11, the awards recognize cities' efforts in building inclusive, safe, and sustainable communities. Cities face challenges in addressing inequality, climate change, and infrastructure while enhancing quality of life through SDG 11 principles. The evaluation dimensions reflect cities' needs for participatory governance, resilience, and cultural vitality, emphasizing smart planning for inclusive communities:

Dimension	Weight
■ Inclusive and Sustainable Urbanization	15%
■ Natural Disaster Damage Reduction	15%
■ Development of Sustainable and Affordable Transportation Systems	10%
■ Mitigation of the Impact of Urban Development and Economic Activities on Environment	10%
■ Provision of Affordable, Safe and Sustainable Housing	10%
■ Preservation of Cultural and Natural Heritage	10%
■ Creation of Safe, Inclusive and Green Public Spaces	10%
■ Publication of Voluntary Local Reviews Report	10%
■ Climate Action Performance	10%

Most Livable City Excellence Award

② Entry Requirements

1. Project name (max 100 characters) and project overview (max 1,200 characters). Both character counts include spaces and punctuation marks.
2. Project Performance Details (max 5,000 words): Please organize your submission according to evaluation dimensions, ensuring each section is clearly labeled. All content must address the dimensions fully. Supporting documentation in presentation format (4:3 aspect ratio, 9 content slides excluding covers, PDF format, max 10MB).
3. High-res project photo: 300 dpi minimum, max 5MB, landscape preferred.

※ Important Notes:
A) Time Period: Focus on 2024. Earlier data may be included as support.
B) Additional credit will be awarded for submitting the Voluntary Local Review (VLR) report in English.

③ Submission Instructions

All materials must be submitted through the TCSA online platform. For detailed submission guidelines, please visit our official website at Submission Instruction or scan the QR code below.

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● Evaluation Framework and Submission Requirements
The Outstanding Chief Sustainability Officer Award

① Evaluation Framework and Dimensions

Recommending institutions must submit nominations following the Changemaker Awards Nomination Guidelines. Scoring will be conducted across the following dimensions, based on the information submitted:

■	Specificity of outstanding actions	30%
■	Significance of sustainable contributions	30%
■	Breadth of social influence	20%
■	Persistence of the proliferation of experience	20%

The Outstanding Chief Sustainability Officer Award

② Submission Requirements

1. Submitting complete recommending organization's information along with a nomination rationale (600 words in English). Must include official signature or seal from the recommending organization's head.
2. Candidate's Basic Information: Provide comprehensive basic information about the candidate.
3. Sustainability Performance Statement: Include both a summary in 300 characters and detailed content in 3,000 words. Note that the character count includes all punctuation marks and spaces.
4. Supporting Documentation of Sustainability Achievements: Supporting documentation in presentation format (4:3 aspect ratio, 10 content slides excluding covers, PDF format, max 10MB).
5. Candidate's Portrait Photo: Minimum resolution of 300dpi and maximum file size of 5MB.

※ Important Notes:
A) Candidates must be informed that they have been nominated.
B) Reentry is allowed 3 years after being awarded.
C) The content must give reference to the criteria.

③ Submission Instructions

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● Information about Award Participation

1. Sustainability Action Awards will be presented under different categories including companies, universities, hospitals and government agencies (institutions).

2. Regardless of time and region, participants must agree to authorize the organizer to collect, process, and use the information provided during entry, registration, and submission for publication channels including the books publication, and media applications (including print newspapers, Internet platforms, and so on). The information can be collected, processed, and used in statistical data analysis.

3. The award winners need to authorize organizers to announce, replicate and use the company logo prior to announcement in accordance with the principles of transparency, integrity and fairness, openness, and impartiality. These are to be used in publications through channels such as books, and media applications (including print newspapers, Internet platforms, etc. The information can be collected, processed, and used in statistical data analysis.

4. Participants are required to submit all documents with honesty. The organizer reserves the right to remove the award qualification in case of any of the information submitted with false statements, concealments, or disputes confirmed that affect the public and the image of the award.

● Contact Imformation

For inquiries regarding the Asia-Pacific Sustainability Action Awards, please contact:

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Songshan District, Taipei City 105, TAIWAN

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Email: service@tcsaward.org.tw
Web: tcsaward.org.tw/en/main

Asia-Pacific Sustainability Action Award
Registration Form

● Important Information

1. Registration Period: February 17 - June 30, 2025. Please complete the online form and upload all materials before the deadline.
2. All entries must be submitted in English through the TCSA online system. Late submissions will not be accepted.
3. Upon registration, all submitted materials (videos, images, texts) are authorized for use by the organizer for award-related communications.

● Categories available for Asia-Pacific Sustainability Action Award

Award Category	SDG Primary Focus	Other linked SDGs
Environmental Sustainability	Please specify one main SDG for your project.	Please list other linked SDGs to your project (e.g., SDG 1, SDG 3, SDG 7).
Social Inclusion		
Economic Development		

● Required Fields

(1) Project Name
Text only, max 100 characters including punctuation marks and spaces.
(2) Project Overview
Text only, max 1,200 characters including punctuation marks and spaces.

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(3) Resources used: Budget and staffing details for the past 3 years.			
Year	Implementation Budget (USD)	Internal Staff Required	External Staff Required
2022			
2023			
2024			

(4) Project Performance Summary (max 2,000 words, including punctuation marks and spaces, text only)

- Content Requirements: Structure your description according to the assessment dimensions. Clearly label each section with the relevant dimension. All assessment dimensions must be addressed in your submission.
- Reporting Period: Primary focus should be on 2024 performance, with supporting evidence from other years where relevant.
- Previous Award Recipients: Performance documentation should primarily cover 2024 achievements and must demonstrate clear differentiation from 2022 and 2023 submissions.
- Supporting documentation in presentation format (4:3 aspect ratio, 6 content slides excluding covers, PDF format, max 5MB).

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(5) Project Description (max 3,000 words, including punctuation marks and spaces, text only)

- Time Period: Focus on 2024. Earlier data may be included as support.
- APSAA previous award recipients: Use current-year data only, no reuse of content from past two years' submissions. Supporting documentation in presentation format (4:3 aspect ratio, 9 content slides excluding covers, PDF format, max 10MB).
- Key elements to include in writing project details:
  1. To organize your submission according to evaluation dimensions, ensuring each section is clearly labeled. All content must address the dimensions fully.
  2. It is recommended to describe your stakeholder engagement process, showing how you worked with non-profits, academics, government officials, and consultants who helped develop your project.
  3. Please detail how expert consultation influenced your project's evolution if applicable. Share specific examples of how their input to meaningful adjustments in your approach. Please outline the methods and tools you used for evaluation, supported by relevant documentation.
  4. Please outline your implementation process, innovations, and measured outcomes.

Most Livable City Excellence Award
Registration Form

● Important Information

1. Registration Period: February 17 - June 30, 2025. Please complete the online form and upload all materials before the deadline.
2. All entries must be submitted in English through the TCSA online system. Late submissions will not be accepted.
3. Upon registration, all submitted materials (videos, images, texts) are authorized for use by the organizer for award-related communications.

● Required Fields

(1) Project Name
Text only, max 100 characters including punctuation marks and spaces.
(2) Project Overview
Text only, max 1,200 characters, including punctuation marks and spaces.
(3) Project Performance Details

- Text only, max 5,000 words. Supporting documentation in presentation format (4:3 aspect ratio, 9 content slides excluding covers, PDF format, max 10MB).
- Time Period: Focus on 2024. Earlier data may be included as support.
- APSAA previous award recipients: Use current-year data only, no reuse of content from past two years' submissions.
- Please organize your submission according to evaluation dimensions, ensuring each section is clearly labeled. All content must address the dimensions fully.

The Outstanding Chief Sustainability Officer Award Guidelines and Forms

● Nomination Guidelines

1. The Outstanding Chief Sustainability Officer Award is to establish to honor Chief Sustainability Officers or individuals in equivalent positions who have demonstrated excellence in embedding ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) into the business decision-making, risk management, operational processes, and organizational culture, while making significant contributions to advancing organization sustainability.

2. Nominations shall be accepted from government agencies (institutions), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), enterprises, or academic research institutions locally and internationally during the period opening for registration.

3. Nominators must complete all fields in the nomination forms (including the candidate's current position, educational background, professional experience, and notable achievements) and submit to the organizer. Additional supporting documentation beneficial for review may be attached.

4. The Chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee serves as the convener and forms the Panel Judges by appointing distinguished community leaders and impartial experts for selecting the Outstanding Chief Sustainability Officer Award recipients.

5. Award recipients will receive their trophy (or plaque) at the 2025 award ceremony.

※Important Notes

1. Nominations should be made on behalf of organizations through their authorized representatives. As a principle, each organization is limited to nominating one candidate only.

2. All personal information (including English name and date of birth) must match the details shown on the nominee's national ID card or passport.

Nomination Forms - Nominator Information

Details of Nominating Organization
Official Name of Organization:
Name of Organization Representative:
Representative Position:

Contact Information		
Mobile	Country Code:	Number:
Office	Email:	
	Country Code:	Number (with extension):

Address:	
City:	Country/Territory:

Candidate Profile	
Full Name (in English and Local Language):	Current Position:

Endorsement Statement
• Please provide the reasons for nomination and the nominee's outstanding contributions (maximum 600 words)

Nomination Acknowledgement

☐ I confirm that the nominee has been informed of this nomination.

Signature of the head of the   or   **Seal of the Nominating Organization:**
Nominating Organization:

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Nomination Forms - Nominee Information

Nominee Basic Information	
Full Name (in English and Local Language):	
Gender:	**Place of Birth:**
Address:	
Mobile Phone Number:	**Office Number:**
Email:	**Fax Number:**

Educational Background			
(Please list in descending order of importance)			
Institution	**Department**	**Period** (MM/YYYY- MM/YYYY)	**Degree Status**
1.			
2.			
3.			

Professional Experiences		
Organization	**Position**	**Period** (MM/YYYY- MM/YYYY)
1.		
2.		
3.		

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Nomination Forms - Nominee Information

Current Position		
Organization	**Department**	**Position**
1.		
2.		
3.		

Sustainability Initiatives	
Project/Practice	**Period** (MM/YYYY- MM/YYYY)
1.	
2.	
3.	

Honor and Awards		
Award Name	**Awarding Organization**	**Date** (MM/YYYY- MM/YYYY)
1.		
2.		
3.		

Sustainability Performance Summary
• Text only, max 300 characters including punctuation marks and spaces.

Sustainability Performance Details
• Text only, max 3,000 words including punctuation marks and spaces.

Supporting Documentation of Sustainability Achievements: Present in separate PDF in 4:3 aspect ratio (max 10MB, 10 pages excluding covers).