

2026 Asia-Pacific Sustainability Action Awards

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in Sustainable Development.**

**Open to Organizations across
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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 2026, TAISE organizes the 5th 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 encourages good practices of the SDGs across organizations, (2) The Most Livable City Excellence Award acknowledges

local governments that have implemented policies and programs for developing a sustainable city, and (3) The Outstanding Chief Sustainability Officer Award recognizes 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 2025 event featured 180 exhibitors from public and private sectors and attracted over five thousand 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.

● Organizer

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● Key Dates



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● Award Categories & Details

Award Categories	Details
<p data-bbox="203 683 392 763">Sustainability Action Award</p> <p data-bbox="473 382 655 450">Environmental Sustainability</p>	<p data-bbox="710 260 1184 446">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.</p> <p data-bbox="710 452 1195 571">We recognize sustainability initiatives with demonstrated impact and exemplary practices that serve as benchmark models for the region.</p>
<p data-bbox="203 683 392 763">Sustainability Action Award</p> <p data-bbox="506 693 622 761">Social Inclusion</p>	<p data-bbox="710 602 1195 852">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.</p>
<p data-bbox="179 1238 412 1315">Most Livable City Excellence Award</p> <p data-bbox="481 1006 648 1074">Economic Development</p>	<p data-bbox="710 896 1188 1176">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 success economic development initiatives with proven outcomes and practices that serve as reference models.</p>
<p data-bbox="179 1238 412 1315">Most Livable City Excellence Award</p>	<p data-bbox="710 1230 1151 1325">Recognizes cities that embody inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable characteristics.</p>
<p data-bbox="175 1481 419 1607">Outstanding Chief Sustainability Officer Award</p>	<p data-bbox="710 1377 1195 1711">Recognizes Chief Sustainability Officers (CSOs) or equivalent leadership roles who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in integrating Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) considerations into their organization's operational decision-making, risk management, management processes, and organizational culture, while driving meaningful progress toward sustainable development.</p>

● Participation Fee

Payment Item	Award Category	Amount (USD)*	Remarks
Registration Fee	All Categories	\$900	Mandatory for all participants.
	Sustainability Action Award	\$500	Registration fee required.
Evaluation fee	Most Livable City Excellence Award	No fee	Registration fee only.
	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

Registration shall be deemed complete upon submission of the duly signed documentation. No refunds will be issued for cancellations after registration. All fees are non-refundable once registration is complete.

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 conferred in three classes: Gold, Silver and Bronze. The evaluation is divided into two main sections: Project Performance Summary (30%) and Project Description (70%). Each section is assessed based on the following five dimensions:

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



② Entry Requirements

- 1. Title & Abstract:** Provide the project name (up to 100 characters) and project abstract (up to 1,200 characters). Total character count includes spaces and punctuation.
- 2. Resource Allocation:** Provide details regarding budget and internal/external personnel allocations over the past three years (2023–2025).
- 3. Project Performance Summary:**
 - Narrative Description:** Provide a comprehensive overview of your sustainability project and its measurable contributions to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Describe how the project’s core activities align with the SDGs you have prioritized and quantify the project’s key outcomes and impacts where possible. (Max 15,000 characters).
 - Supplementary Materials:** You may upload a supporting presentation with up to 6 content slides (excluding cover) in PDF format. Maximum file size: 5MB.
- 4. Project Description (Sustainability Action):**
 - Narrative Description:** Provide an in-depth description of your specific sustainability project. Focus on how this initiative addresses specific SDG targets through innovative approaches, measurable actions, and long-term impact. (Max 22,500 characters).
 - Supplementary Materials:** You may upload a presentation with up to 10 content slides (excluding covers) in PDF format; file size no larger than 10MB.
- 5. High-Resolution Project Photo:** Minimum 300 dpi, maximum 5MB, landscape format preferred.

6. Project Video Link: Please provide a link to a video (maximum 3 minutes) introducing your project. Content may include live-action footage, presentation slides, or narrated visuals. Evaluation will focus on the substance and impact of the project rather than production quality. While videos in languages other than English are accepted, applicants must ensure that English subtitles are available (e.g., through YouTube’s “Auto-translate” or “Closed Captions (CC)” features) to ensure accessibility for the international judging panel.

※ Important Notes:

- 1) Reporting Period: The primary focus is on the year 2025, with data from 2023 and 2024 provided as supporting information.
- 2) Previous Recipients: Past winners of APSAA must provide new/updated data for the current year. Submissions must not reuse content from entries submitted in the previous two years.
- 3) Submission Structure: Organize your entry according to the Evaluation Dimensions listed above, ensuring each section is clearly labeled. All content must comprehensively address each dimension.
- 4) Publicity & Finality: The Project Name, Abstract, and Project Photo will be used directly for all promotional materials and official publications. No modifications will be permitted after submission.
- 5) Publicity Authorization: Applicants who grant TAISE/APSAA permission to use their video for award promotion or the showcasing of winning achievements should indicate their consent via the online application system.

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.



● Evaluation Framework and Submission Requirements: Most Livable City Excellence Award

① Evaluation Framework and Dimensions

Two award levels: Outstanding and Excellence, based on city performance.

Cities worldwide face inequality, climate change, and infrastructure challenges. This award celebrates innovative urban leaders building inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable communities through smart planning and green, culturally vibrant living environments. Scoring Dimensions (aligned with UN SDG 11):

■ 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%



② Entry Requirements

1. **Title & Abstract:** Provide the title (up to 100 characters) and abstract (up to 1,200 characters). Both limits include space and punctuation.

2. **Performance Description:**

Narrative Description: Organize your submission according to the evaluation dimensions. Provide a detailed description of up to 50,000 characters (including spaces and punctuation). Each section must be clearly labeled with the corresponding dimension title.

Supplementary Materials: Supporting charts and tables may be presented in a presentation file of up to 10 content slides (excluding cover and back pages) in PDF format. Maximum file size: 10MB.

3. **Optional Supplementary Material:** Submission of an English version of the city's Voluntary Local Review (VLR) report will be considered a plus during evaluation.

4. **High-Resolution Featured Photo:** Minimum 300 dpi, maximum 5MB, landscape format preferred.

※ Important Notes:

- 1) Reporting Period: Focus primarily on 2025, with earlier years' data included as supporting information.
- 2) Bonus Credit: Cities providing an English version of their Voluntary Local Review (VLR) will be granted bonus points during the evaluation process.

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.



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

① Evaluation Framework and Dimensions

Nominating organizations submit the Outstanding Chief Sustainability Officer Award Nomination Form (see Appendix 3).

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



② Entry Requirements

- 1. Endorsement Statement:** Up to 4,500 characters (including spaces/punctuation). May be submitted by nominee's current employer
- 2. Candidate Profile:** Basic personal and professional information.
- 3. Sustainability Performance Narrative.**
Summary: Max 2,250 characters (Including space/punctuation).
Full narrative: Max 22,500 characters (Including space/punctuation).
- 4. Achievement Portfolio:** Supporting presentation (4:3 aspect ratio, max 10 slides excluding covers, PDF format, 10MB max)
- 5. Candidate's professional portrait photo:** One photo (300 dpi min, 5MB max)

※ Important Notes:

- 1) Candidates must be informed of their nomination.
- 2) Content should address the evaluation dimensions above.
- 3) Reapplication permitted only after 3 years.

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.



Sustainability Action Award Application Form

● Important Information

1. Application Period: Online registration and submission opens 2 February 2026 and closes 15 June 2026 at 24:00 (all online forms and file uploads must be completed by deadline).
2. Language Requirement: All entries must be submitted in English through the TCSA online registration system. Late submissions will not be accepted.
3. Rights Authorization: Upon registration completion, all submitted materials (videos, photos, text) grant organizers rights for non-commercial use in award presentations and promotion.

● Categories available for Sustainability Action Awards

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) Title (Project Name)			
Text only, max 100 characters including punctuation marks and spaces.			
(2) Abstract			
Text only, max 1,200 characters including punctuation marks and spaces.			
(3) Resources used: Budget and staffing details for past 3 years.			
Year	Implementation Budget (USD)	Internal Staff Required	External Staff Required
2023			
2024			
2025			

Sustainability Action Award Application Form

(4) Project Performance Summary (Max 15,000 characters)

- Primary focus: 2025 performance (other years as supplementary information)
- Previous winners: Organizations that have received the Sustainability Action Award must focus performance materials on 2025 and differentiate clearly from 2023 and 2024 submissions
- Content structure: Follow evaluation dimensions exactly, labeling each section with the corresponding dimension title. Coverage must address all evaluation dimensions
- Supplementary Materials: Upload up to 6 content slides (excluding cover) in PDF format. Maximum file size: 5MB.

(5) Project Description (Max 22,500 characters)

- Primary focus: 2025 performance (other years as supplementary)
 - Previous winners: Organizations that received the Sustainability Action Award must center performance materials on 2025 and clearly differentiate from 2023/2024 submissions
 - 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.
 - Supplementary Materials: Upload up to 10 content slides (excluding cover) in PDF format. Maximum file size: 10MB.
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- Please upload high-resolution project photo with a minimum of 300 dpi, maximum 5MB, landscape format preferred.
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- Please provide a link to a video (maximum of 3 minutes) introducing your project.

Most Livable City Excellence Award Application Form

● Important Information

1. **Application Period:** Online registration and submission open 2 February 2026 and closes 15 June 2026 at 24:00 (all online forms and file uploads must be completed by deadline).
2. **Language Requirement:** All entries must be submitted in English through the TCSA online registration system. Late submissions will not be accepted.
3. **Rights Authorization:** Upon registration completion, all submitted materials (videos, photos, text) grant organizers rights for non-commercial use in award presentations and promotion.

● Required Fields

(1) Title

Text only, max 100 characters including punctuation marks and spaces.

(2) Abstract

Text only, max 1,200 characters, including punctuation marks and spaces.

(3) Performance Description (Max 50,000 characters)

- Primary focus: 2025 performance (other years as supplementary)
- Previous winners: Cities that received the Most Livable City Excellence Award must center performance materials on 2025 and clearly differentiate from 2023/2024 submissions
- Mandatory structure: Follow the evaluation dimensions exactly, clearly labeling each section/paragraph with the corresponding dimension title. Cover overall performance comprehensively.
- Supporting charts and tables may be presented in a presentation file of up to 10 content slides (excluding cover and back pages) in PDF format. Maximum file size: 10MB.

Nomination Guidelines and Forms for Outstanding Chief Sustainability Officer Award

● Nomination Guidelines

1. This award recognizes 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 of 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 award recipients.
5. Award recipients will receive their trophy (or plaque) at the 2026 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 Guidelines and Forms for Outstanding Chief Sustainability Officer Award

Details of Nominating Organization		
Official Name of Organization:		
Name of Organization Representative:		
Representative Position:		
Mobile	Country Code:	Number:
Office	Email:	
	Country Code:	Number (with extension):
Address:		
ZIP/Postal:	City:	Country/Territory:
Candidate Profile		
Full Name (in English and Local Language):		Current Position:
Endorsement Statement		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide the reasons for nomination and the nominee's outstanding contributions (maximum 4500 characters) 		

Nomination Acknowledgement

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

Signature of the head of the
Nominating Organization:

or

Seal of the Nominating Organization:

Nomination Guidelines and Forms for Outstanding Chief Sustainability Officer Award

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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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)
1.		
2.		
3.		

Nomination Guidelines and Forms for Outstanding Chief Sustainability Officer Award

Sustainability Performance Summary

Text only, max 2,250 characters including punctuation marks and spaces.

Sustainability Performance Details

Text only, max 22,500 characters 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).

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