

Expanded Quality Building Award 2014 Opens for Nomination

In recognition of the progressive evolvement of buildings from merely concrete roofs over our heads to outstanding architectures that are a skillful blend of art, humanity, technology and sustainability, the prestigious biennial Quality Building Award (QBA) is once again open for nomination.

Stepping into its 7th episode, the coveted Award for Hong Kong as well as overseas building industry has, this year, differentiated the Buildings Outside Hong Kong category into two separate categories - one open specifically for buildings in Mainland China, Taiwan and Macau, and one for all regions outside.

Ir Alkin Kwong, JP, Chairman of QBA 2014 Organizing Committee, explains that the expanded coverage should attract even more internationally prominent buildings to enter the competition. "The interaction will facilitate exchanges with our colleagues on a worldwide basis, thereby widening our



Ir Alkin Kwong, JP, Chairman, Organizing Committee, spoke on the theme of QBA 2014.

outlook and lifting the overall standards of the building industry," he says.

Adopting the theme "Collaboration for Quality" for QBA 2014, Ir Kwong highlights the importance of collaborative effort in achieving quality: "A chain is only as strong as its weakest link, so team work is very important in the building industry, as one tiny error can jeopardize the quality of the whole building. Poor communication among the client, architects, engineers or even construction workers results in extra time and effort to fix the problems down the line."

Mr Chan Fan, Frank, JP, Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services of HKSAR Government, who is also Chairman of the QBA 2014 Jury Panel, says the panel will perform a rigorous examination of the nominations, including site visits and interviews with related parties to assess their degree of cooperation.

Mr Chan emphasizes the fact that buildings must be people-centric, as over half of the

(From left) Chairman of Jury Panel and Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services Mr Chan Fan, Frank, JP, Chairman of the Organizing Committee of QBA 2014, Ir Alkin Kwong, JP, and Chairman of Jury Sub-Committee of QBA 2014, Ir Adam Choy introduced the Award at the press conference.

world's population live in cities, and most of them spend the better part of their lives in buildings. As we enter the era of smart buildings and green buildings, these particular aspects will also be under the focus of the jurors.

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.

Nomination is now open until 1 November 2013. Nominated buildings must be practically completed in the period between 1 January 2010 and 30 June 2013 with supporting documents as proof.

Each category will have one Quality Building Award winner, and recognition of merits. The best building in Hong Kong among all nominations will receive the Grand Quality Excellence Award.

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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major Function of the nominated new building must be for non-residential use or include non-residential use.
4 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 could be for residential or non-residential use.
5 Building Outside Hong Kong (Mainland China, Taiwan & Macau)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nomination must be within the Cross-strait Region, including Mainland China, Taiwan and Macau. Nominated building(s) could be for residential or non-residential use.
6 Building Outside Hong Kong (Regions outside Mainland China, Taiwan & Macau)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nomination must be outside the territorial limits of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Cross-strait Region, including Mainland China, Taiwan and Macau. Nominated building(s) could be for residential or non-residential use.



Quality Building Award 優質建築大獎 2014

Collaboration for Quality 攜手創建優質

Quality Building Award 2014 Registration Opens!

Nomination Closes on 1 November 2013 (12:00 noon)

Nomination Period

18 June 2013
1 November 2013 (12:00 noon)

Nomination Start
Nomination Closed

Jury Process

November 2013	Stage I	First Screening
January 2014	Stage II	Site Visits (except for "Project Outside Hong Kong" Categories)
March 2014	Stage III	Finalists Presentation to Jury Panel cum Conference

Award Presentation

June 2014 QBA 2014 Award Presentation Banquet

For more details of Quality Building Award 2014, please refer to www.qba.com.hk



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