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# Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation



Submissions are now being accepted for the 2021 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation, further strengthening the cultural foundations of sustainable development in the region.

The Awards programme sets standards for transformative heritage practice for Asia and the Pacific by recognizing excellence in conservation and outstanding new design in heritage contexts.

In 2020, UNESCO introduced the “Special Recognition for Sustainable Development” and an updated set of Awards criteria to acknowledge more prominently the role and contribution of cultural heritage to sustainable development within the broader framework of the 2030 Agenda.

The UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards acknowledges exemplary efforts by individuals and organizations to restore or conserve structures, places and properties of heritage value in the region. It encourages other property owners to undertake conservation projects within their communities, either independently or by seeking public-private partnerships.

Since 2000, the Awards have recognized 275 winners from 22 countries for their understanding of place, technical achievement, and significant sustainability and policy impacts at the local, national and regional levels. By recognizing these projects, the Awards have contributed to changing the conversation about what constitutes cultural heritage, who has a stake in its stewardship, and how cultural heritage can contribute to the sustainable well-being of cities, societies and the environment.

### Deadline

The deadline for the receipt of materials is **31 July 2021**.

### Award Categories

Winners will be announced in December 2021 in the following categories: Award of Excellence, Award of Distinction, Award of Merit, Award for New Design in Heritage Contexts and Special Recognition for Sustainable Development.

### Eligibility Criteria

Eligible projects must have been completed within the past 10 years. Houses, commercial and institutional buildings, historic towns and villages, archaeological sites and cultural landscapes, for example, are all suitable for entry. For buildings with a new use, the project must also have been occupied or put to viable use for at least one year at the time of submission. Projects must also demonstrate private sector involvement, per the Awards regulations.

### How to Apply

Entries for the 2021 Awards programme must be submitted to UNESCO Bangkok before the deadline, using an official entry form, and including a description of the project in the official format and drawings and photographs in hard and softcopy formats.

To Apply for the 2021 Awards and for relevant resources, please visit:

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