

# 2020 UNESCO ASIA-PACIFIC AWARDS FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION

UNESCO announced the 2020 edition of the Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation. The deadline for the receipt of project dossiers and supporting documentation is 30 June 2020. The winners will be announced in November 2020.

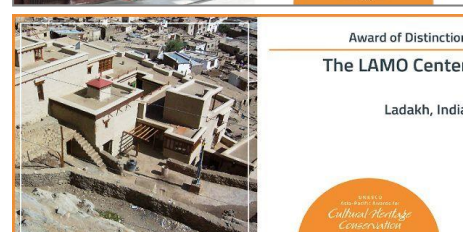
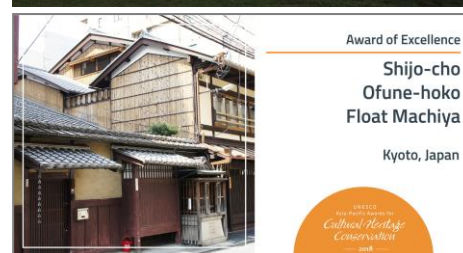
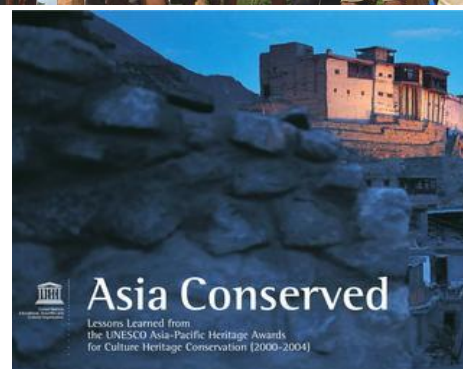
The Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation recognize exemplary efforts by individuals and organizations to restore or conserve structures, places and properties of heritage value in the region. It encourages other property owners to undertake conservation projects within their communities, either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

There are two main categories in the Awards Programme: Cultural Heritage Conservation and New Design in Heritage Contexts. In 2020, UNESCO introduces a *Special Recognition for Sustainable Development* and an updated set of Awards criteria to acknowledge the role and contribution of cultural heritage to sustainable development within the broader framework of Agenda 2030.

Winners will be selected based on the following achievements:

- The *Award of Excellence* is the highest recognition presented to projects that display exceptional achievement in all criteria and has major catalytic impact at the national or regional level. *The Award of Distinction* is given to projects that demonstrate outstanding achievement in all criteria and have a significant impact at the national or regional level, while the *Award of Merit* recognizes projects that demonstrate superior achievement in all criteria.
- The *Award for New Design in Heritage Contexts* is given to newly built projects that demonstrate outstanding design that is well integrated into historic contexts. Submissions of completed new architecture and designs that enrich the existing heritage setting are encouraged. Building annexes, as well as new extensions, new buildings, new public spaces and new structures, such as bridges, are all eligible for consideration.
- The *Special Recognition for Sustainable Development* is being introduced in the 2020 edition to recognize projects that demonstrate achievement in the Awards criteria and moreover have a significant impact in contributing to sustainable development. Projects that are submitted to either the conservation or the New Design category of the Awards are eligible for receiving this recognition.

According to the Award's regulations eligible projects must have been completed within the last 10 years and must demonstrate private sector involvement. Houses, commercial and institutional buildings, historic towns and villages, archaeological sites and cultural



landscapes, for example, are all suitable for entry.

Since 2000, the Awards have recognized 249 winners from 22 countries for their thorough understanding of the places, sound technical achievements, and significant social and policy impacts at the local, national and regional levels. By recognizing these practices, the Awards have contributed to meaningful achievements in 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.

In particular, for the 2019 edition of the Awards, sixteen projects from five countries - Australia, Bhutan, China, India and New Zealand - have been recognized by the international Jury of the conservation community by selecting 57 entries from 14 countries across the Asia-Pacific region.

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