

Nikkei Asia Prizes

FAQs

Nature of Award

- ▶ International

What are the objectives of the award?

- ▶ To recognize outstanding achievements that contribute to the region's sustainable development;
- ▶ To the creation of a better future for Asia.

Who is eligible to apply?

- ▶ Winners may be an individual, group or organization in Asia, excluding Japan. Japanese individuals, groups or organizations are not eligible since part of the purpose of the awards is to promote understanding within Japan of other Asian nations.
- ▶ Winners must be of Asian origin and reside in an Asian country/territory for at least six months every year. Non-Japanese Asians who reside in Japan are eligible. As defined here, "Asia" includes East Asia (Northeast Asia and Southeast Asia), South Asia, as well as independent nations in the Pacific region, excluding Australia and New Zealand.

How to apply for this award?

- ▶ Nominators who are interested to submit nomination should be made via online system (the system is closed for the time being).

What document(s) should be prepared before and/or during application stage?

- ▶ Online nomination form.

Is there an institutional quota for this scheme?

- ▶ There is no institutional quota for this scheme.

What is the operational timeframe after internal deadline?

- ▶ Nominator will make the nomination and no internal vetting/university's endorsement/internal selection/public notice is needed.

Is there any funding/prize for awardees? If yes, will it be allocated to CUHK or to the awardee?

- ▶ Winners of the Nikkei Asia Prizes will each be awarded three million yen and an award certificate (In case of joint award, the prize will be shared by the winners). Winners are invited and obliged to attend the award ceremony which will be held in Tokyo.

Will grantor shortlist projects and invite applicants to attend presentation/meeting/interview?

► No.

When will grantor announce the funding result?

- ▶ Around April and May.

"Is self-nomination accepted?"

- ▶ Nominations are welcome from specialists in the award categories who know of worthy candidates. Self-nominations are not accepted. Names of nominators will be kept confidential.

What are the award categories?

- ▶ Nikkei Asia Prizes are awarded annually in three areas of achievements: "Economic and Business Innovation," "Science and Technology" and "Culture and Community."
- ▶ Nikkei Asia Prize for Economic and Business Innovation is designed to recognize business and economic initiatives that improve living standards and stability in the region. Nominees may include: 1) entrepreneurs who have successfully developed industries and businesses with innovative business approach 2) policy planners who have successfully undertaken important work on economic reform and /or integration of economies in the region 3) individuals who have undertaken initiatives to eradicate poverty and / or responded effectively to social needs

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- ▶ Nikkei Asia Prize for Science and Technology is designed to recognize scientific researches and technological innovations in various fields, ranging from bio, genome, information technology to medicine. Nominees may include: 1) researchers who have discovered new ways to protect the environments or recycle resources 2) researchers who have developed new species that increase harvests 3) medical doctors or scientists whose achievements benefit people in the region or in a country.
- ▶ Nikkei Asia Prize for Culture and Community is designed to recognize people who have made a difference through cultural, artistic or educational activities. Nominees may include artists, writers, craftsmen, festival organizers, leaders of projects to preserve and study historical heritage and coordinators of cultural activities in the region. Individuals or groups that provide indirect support for creative cultural activities and have great social impact are also eligible.
- ▶ *Those who do not expressly fall under the above guidelines may also be nominated if their achievements benefit people in the region and are deemed to fall within one of the three categories.