

9th SIP Planning Awards 2025

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The Singapore Institute of Planners (SIP) is pleased to invite participation in the 9th SIP Planning Awards 2025. Held once every 2 years, this prestigious Planning Awards recognise urban planners and consultancy firms in Singapore and beyond for their excellence in urban planning.

SIP wishes to honour the achievements with like-minded professionals and firms that identify with the Planning Principles SIP champions:

- ✓ **Inclusiveness**
- ✓ **Planning is Multi-disciplinary**
- ✓ **Singapore Planning Principles**
 - **Planning for long term, Planning for Capacity**
 - **Integrated Planning**
 - **Liveable City**
 - **Sustainability**
 - **Resiliency**

For the 9th SIP Planning Awards, SIP will be continuing with the past tradition of honouring both projects and people. Other than the planning professionals, we would like to acknowledge the efforts of more allied professionals, both locally and internationally, who are contributing to the creation

of a more vibrant planning community in this new normal.

Building on the success of previous collaborations between SIP and The Hong Kong Institute of Planners (HKIP) and The Planning & Development Division of The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (PDD of HKIS), we are excited to continue the Joint Award with HKIP for Excellence in Planning this year and to inaugurate a Joint Award with PDD of HKIS for Excellence in Integrated Urban Development. Through these awards, which are jointly organised by SIP, HKIP and PDD of HKIS, we would like to play a part in encouraging more regional effort to strengthen and transform the planning profession.

Except for the joint awards with HKIP and PDD of HKIS, awards for Outstanding Student Project and for Young Planner of the Year, which will have their unique eligibility criteria, all other award categories are open to SIP and non-SIP members.

Award winners will be announced in Sep 2025 at the award ceremony. Details of the ceremony and summaries of the winning projects will be posted on the SIP website at a later date.

AWARD CATEGORIES

For the 9th SIP Planning Awards, SIP is pleased to announce a total of 13 categories of awards. To recognise not only outstanding projects, but also individuals who have contributed significantly to the planning profession, there are 12 categories under PROJECT and 1 category under PEOPLE:

PROJECT

1. EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING > 5000 HA

This award is for a plan that demonstrates innovation and excellence in developing liveable communities that are economic engines at regional level. Applications may include but are not limited to visioning and comprehensive planning of large new and/or existing urban areas and growth corridors supported by clear regional economic development strategies.

2. EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING > 500 HA & UP TO 5000 HA

This award is for a plan that demonstrates innovation and excellence in developing liveable communities at district level. Applications may include but are not limited to visioning, planning and development of townships, industrial parks and urban centres.

3. EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING < & UP TO 500 HA

This award is for a plan that demonstrates innovation and excellence in developing liveable communities at neighbourhood and/or district level. Applications may include but are not limited to visioning, planning and development of townships, industrial parks and urban centres.

4. EXCELLENCE IN URBAN DESIGN, PLACEMAKING & PUBLIC SPACE

This award is for a plan that demonstrates innovative urban design principles that curate delightful urban experience of a locale, with the emphasis on the development of the place's character and the sense of identity that is unique to the people and the place itself. The project shall display the critical and positive role played by the planners and/or urban designers in such undertaking.

5. EXCELLENCE IN URBAN DESIGN, HERITAGE & CONSERVATION

This award is for a plan that demonstrates innovative urban design principles that curate delightful urban experience of a locale, with a strong emphasis on the design response to the historical and cultural significance of a given period. An in-depth analysis of the urban morphology of the area where the plan is located will be highly regarded. The project shall exemplify a sensitive approach towards respecting and/or preserving urban fabric, and in so doing bring about a positive change in the wider urban environment.

6. EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCY

This award is for a plan that demonstrates innovative approach and design solutions in mitigating risks, adapting to changes and supporting environmental sustainability in the face of disruptive events. Such events include not only climatic and natural disasters, but also negative impacts arising from rapid urbanisation. A holistic considerations of various urban systems critical to environmental sustainability will be highly regarded.

7. EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING FOR HEALTH & WELL BEING

This award is for a plan that demonstrates its innovative approach and design solutions in integrating health and well being of people in an urban development. The plan should possess a holistic approach, involving multiple stakeholders, to improve the abilities of the cities, districts or neighbourhoods and its communities to address the physical, mental and/or social issues. This should also include measures on how to adapt to the ageing of the population at large.

8. EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL INCLUSIVENESS

This award is for a plan that demonstrates the significance of social inclusiveness in urban development, engages the communities as an integral part of the planning process and produces tangible outcomes. The engagement of communities may include participatory design, feedback and outreach through working sessions, meetings, workshops and digital platforms.

9. EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING DRIVEN BY INNOVATIVE & SMART URBAN SOLUTIONS

This award is for a plan that demonstrates the integration of innovation and smart solutions in an urban development. These solutions may include technologies that impact how people work, live, travel and perform all other activities of their daily lives. The in-depth consideration for implementation will be highly regarded.

10. JOINT AWARD BY SIP & HKIP FOR EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING

This award is for a plan that demonstrates responses to the planning concerns related to a highly urbanised environment, where both Singapore and Hong Kong share similar planning challenges. This award specifically recognises innovative, feasible planning solutions to address the pressing urban issues, including but not limited to scarce land supply, high density living, ageing population and buildings, as well as climate and environmental changes.

11. JOINT AWARD BY SIP & PDD OF HKIS FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTEGRATED URBAN DEVELOPMENT

This award is for an integrated urban development completed within the last 5 years of the Awards registration deadline, which is 25 April 2025. The project must be situated in Hong Kong or Singapore only. The project shall preferably occupy a land area of no smaller than 2 HA. The project shall demonstrate that it:

- achieved a good mix of land-use
- achieved a marketplace acceptance
- achieved high standard of excellence across a range of disciplines - planning, urban design, architecture, construction, resiliency, economics and management
- have a positive impact on communities and/or immediate context
- is environmentally sustainable
- provides a role model or strategy that can be replicated in other communities

12. OUTSTANDING STUDENT PROJECT

This award is to recognise creative student planning projects on a range of topics including but not limited to urban planning, urban design, sustainability concepts involving environmental, social and economic considerations.

PEOPLE

13. YOUNG PLANNER OF THE YEAR

This award is to recognise outstanding contribution by SIP planners 40 years old & below towards the advancement of the planning profession in Singapore. The planner shows the tenacity to go above and beyond to seek opportunities to demonstrate the role planners can play in shaping our urban environment. The candidate must demonstrate contributions to SIP activities in the last 24 months.

ELIGIBILITY

Except for the joint awards with HKIP and PDD of HKIS, awards for Outstanding Student Project and for Young Planner of the Year, all other categories are open to both SIP and non-SIP members.

For the category of Joint Award by SIP & HKIP for Excellence in Planning, one key member of the team must be a SIP Full Member or HKIP Full Member.

For the category of Joint Award by SIP & PDD of HKIS for Excellence in Integrated Urban Development, one key member of the team must be a SIP Full Member or HKIS Corporate Member.

For the category of Outstanding Student Project, one key member of the team must be a Student Member of SIP and a student of master planning, urban design or related field from a recognised tertiary institution in Singapore.

Submissions made after these timelines will not be accepted. Judges' decisions are final and no appeal will be entertained.

For the 12 PROJECT categories:

- i. State the category of award the team is competing in.
- ii. Name of project leader and all team members. For all SIP Members Categories, one of the project members must be a SIP member (please state membership class).
- iii. Allow the use of application material for SIP's publication and electronic mailer related to the planning awards/seminar.
- iv. A minimum of two A1 size presentation in digital format are compulsory. A maximum of four (4) A1 are allowed. The resolution of each image of the presentation board shall not exceed 120 dpi. All fonts used for the submission shall be not smaller than size 12. Content should be legible within each panel and not spread across panels.
- v. A video presentation of no longer than 3 minutes is to be submitted for projects under the category of Joint Award by SIP & PDD of HKIS for Excellence in Integrated Urban Development to show the status of the completed project and its utilisation.
- vi. Text input pertaining to the judging criteria of 1) Originality and Innovation, 2) Planning/Urban Design Approach and Methodology, 3) Core Values Demonstration, 4) Implementability is required for the online portal. The entry for each criterion will be capped at 500 words.
- vii. Participants may submit additional details using slides (in pdf format) if they feel the A1 boards cannot adequately convey their information. The slides must be uploaded to the online portal, limited to 30 slides, and in PDF format only.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Submission will be in **two** phases.

i. Phase 1: Registration (by 25 April 2025, noon)

Electronic registration and/or nomination due on **25 April 2025 (Friday), 12 noon**. Please note that the registration under Phase 1 shall include:

- Registration Form (Project): One form per project. Click on **REGISTRATION FORM** to register.
- Registration Fees (for Project category only). Please ensure that the requisite amount is received by the Singapore Institute of Planners or the registration shall be deemed incomplete. See Mode of Payment on payment details.
- Nomination Form (People): One form per nomination. Click on **NOMINATION FORM** to submit.

ii. Phase 2: Submission of Application Materials (by 27 Jun 2025, noon)

Application materials must be **UPLOADED** by **27 June 2025 (Friday), 12 noon**.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS (CON'T)

viii. Please ensure that your names, company's logo, name and address do NOT appear on the slides or digital copy of the presentation boards.

For the PEOPLE category on Young Planner of the Year:

- i. The submission is by nomination.
- ii. The nominator shall complete the online nomination form. The form shall specify name of the planner and shall contain the information to demonstrate the individual's commitment to:
 - deliver achievements in planning profession.
 - pursue further development in planning as a profession.
 - exhibit leadership quality that is role model to other young planners.
 - active participation in SIP events and programme.

The write-up shall include a description on how the nominator perceive the individual will be able to contribute to the course of SIP.

- iii. The nominee may be called for interview or presentation.

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fees for project entries are as follows:

- **SIP Members:**
\$S\$400.00 per project entry
- **HKIP Members /HKIS Corporate Members (For Award Category 10 & 11 only):**
\$S\$400.00 per project entry
- **Non-SIP Members:**
\$S\$650.00 per project entry

To qualify as a SIP Member project entry, one key member (of the team or individual) must be a Full Member of the Singapore Institute of Planners.

There shall be no registration fee for the categories of Outstanding Student Project and Young Planner of the Year.

The registration fees are NON-REFUNDABLE after acceptance of registration.

MODE OF PAYMENT

- **Cheque**
To be crossed and made payable to "Singapore Institute of Planners"
- **Paynow**
UEN: S71SS0036K
- **Internet Bank transfer**
Bank name:
UNITED OVERSEAS BANK LIMITED – SINGAPORE
Bank account no: 3813019165
Beneficiary Name:
SINGAPORE INSTITUTE OF PLANNERS
Beneficiary Address:
93 Toa Payoh Central #05-01
Toa Payoh Community Building
Singapore 319194
SWIFT CODE: UOVBSGSG
BANK'S ADDRESS:
United Overseas Bank Limited
80 Raffles Place
Singapore 048624

Please note that all bank charges (including charges for the use of cheque) shall be borne by the applicant.

RECOGNITION OF PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS

Entries in the PROJECT categories must be led and officially submitted by the planning team, office, or individual planner.

As planning involves a team effort, the 9th SIP Planning Awards 2025 shall show appreciation by extending the award plaques/ certificates to the entire team members consisting of the project leader, master planner, urban designer, infrastructure engineers, transport engineer, landscape designer, sustainable specialists etc. where applicable.

JUDGING CRITERIA

To merit a SIP Planning Awards, the entry must provide an outstanding model in master planning and urban design. Ideally, it should also reflect a significant advancement in the practice for the benefit of the community.

For the 12 PROJECT categories, entries will be judged against the following criteria:

Total 100% Breakdown:

- 25% Originality & Innovation
- 25% Planning/Urban Design Approach and Methodology
- 25% Core Values Demonstration
- 15% Implementability
- 10% Presentation and graphics

1. Originality and Innovation:

How does this plan show an innovative approach to planning? How can the plan or elements of the plan be used as a best practice example?

2. Planning /Urban Design Approach and Methodology:

How does the planning/urban design methodology illustrate a holistic and thorough approach of planning and design practices? How does the plan demonstrate a high quality of research and analysis in determining its proposed concepts?

3. Core Values Demonstration:

How does the plan champion and provide for all users and potential users in an equitable manner? How does the plan protect and nurture the natural environment? How does the plan ensure the continued economic success of the project, from operating and maintenance costs to return on investment? What are the short term and long-term benefits for the various public and private stakeholders? Emphasis will be placed on the specific themes related to the award categories. In addition, for the urban design categories, the core value demonstration will revolve around the design approach for the public space and/or the approach in heritage conservation or adaptive re-use.

4. Implementability

The project should show completion through any of the following factors:

- Implementation of the project on the ground.
- Approval of the project by a government or regulatory authority.
- (For student projects) Submission to a polytechnic or tertiary institution.

5. Presentation & Graphics

How are the vision, planning objectives and core values being communicated to all stakeholders? This also applies to how the plan is being presented to the award's panel of juries in a way that allows the juries to appreciate the value proposition of the plan in a clear and concise manner.

For the PEOPLE category on Young Planner of the Year, entries will be judged against the following criteria:

1. Deliver achievements in planning profession.
2. Pursue further development in planning as a profession.
3. Exhibit leadership quality that is role model to other young planners.
4. Active participation in SIP events and programme.
5. Presentation and Interview.

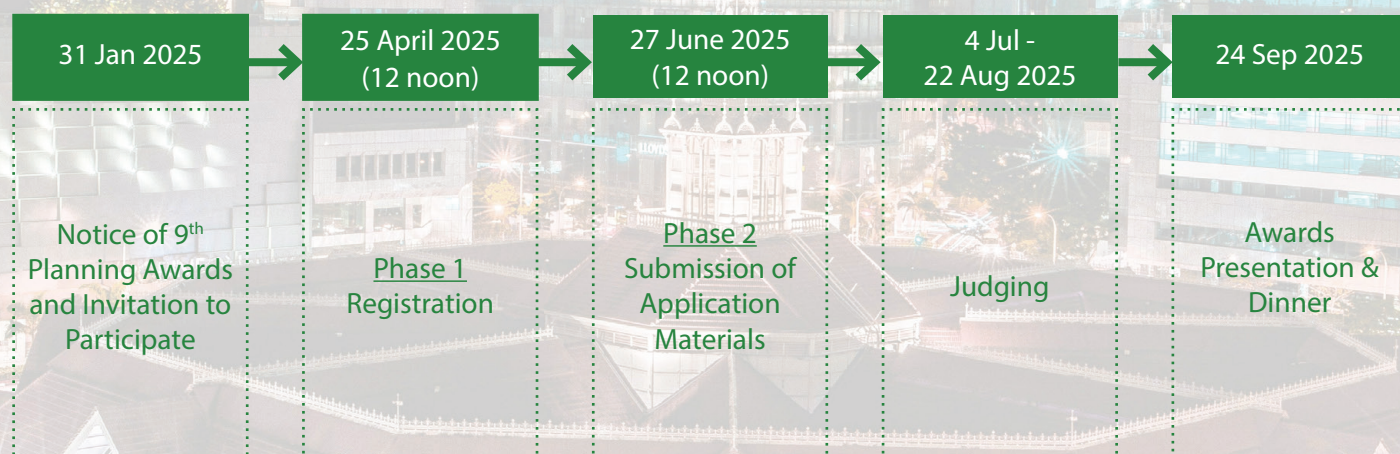
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MILESTONES / DEADLINES



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Register by clicking here:
[\[REGISTRATION FORM\]](#) or
scanning the QR code.



REGISTRATION FORM

(For Project)

(Deadline: 25 April 2025, 12 noon)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (Individual, Team, or Practice): _____

Address (Individual, Team, or Practice): _____

Email (Project Leader): _____

Name of Project (one project per form): _____

Location of Project (Name the country): _____

PROJECT CATEGORIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Planning > 5000 ha | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Planning for Community Engagement & Social Inclusiveness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Planning > 500 ha & up to 5000 ha | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Planning Driven by Innovative Urban Solutions & Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Planning < & up to 500 ha | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Award by SIP & HKIP for Excellence in Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Urban Design, Placemaking & Public Space | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Award By SIP & PDD of HKIS for Excellence In Integrated Urban Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Urban Design, Heritage & Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Student Project |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Planning for Environmental Resiliency | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Planning for Health & Well Being | |

PAYMENT

Please select one relevant mode of payment & upload image as proof)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque - To be crossed and made payable to "Singapore Institute of Planners". Please note all bank charges (including charges for the use of cheque) shall be borne by the applicant. | <input type="checkbox"/> Paynow UEN: S71SS0036K |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Bank Transfer |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable - Outstanding Student Project |

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY APPLICANT (PROJECT LEADER)

- ☐ I / We agree to abide with the rules of the competition and agree to allow SIP to publicize the submitted entries for the purpose of promoting town planning practice. I / We also will ensure that the submitted entry is the original work and the entry is submitted with clients' knowledge.
- ☐ By submitting this registration form, I / We agree that my/our submission will be the property of the award program organiser and allow the award program organiser to use them for publication /electronic mailer related to the Planning Award of the award program organiser.
- ☐ I / We note that the registration shall be deemed incomplete if the requisite amount is not received by SIP.

Name (Project Leader): _____

Signature (please insert the signature in jpg format): _____

Date: _____



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scanning the QR code.



NOMINATION FORM

(For Young Planner of the Year)

(Deadline: 25 April 2025, 12 noon)

Name of Nominator (SIP Full member & Fellow only): _____ SIP Membership no. _____

Name of Nominee (Full or Affiliate member only): _____ SIP Membership no. _____

1. Describe how he or she demonstrates the commitment to deliver achievements in planning profession:

2. Describe how he or she demonstrates the commitment to pursue further development in planning as a profession:

3. To demonstrate his or her commitments to exhibit leadership quality that is role model to other young planners:

4. To demonstrate his or her active participation in SIP's events and programme:

5. Nominator's perception that he/she will be able to contribute to the course of SIP:

