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Winners of DFA Design for Asia Awards 2026 Unveiled Asia-focused Designs Shine Globally with Groundbreaking Creativity and Social Value



(HONG KONG, 15 October 2026) Hong Kong Design Centre announced today the awardee list for the **DFA Design for Asia Awards 2026**. After a rigorous judging process, a panel of 26 renowned local and international design leaders selected 209 winning projects from entries across 15 economies. Among the six design disciplines, Spatial Design recorded the highest proportion of winning entries, while projects from Thailand and India returned to the Grand Award leaderboard for the first time since 2020, demonstrating the growing design strength of ASEAN countries. This year's winning projects showcase how design serves as a strategic driver of transcultural, economic and social progress. Several Grand Award and Gold Award-winning projects introduced forward-looking solutions in spatial design, urban planning, product design, and digital innovation. In addition, many entries actively address critical regional challenges, including climate resilience, affordable housing, and accessible healthcare.

Organised by Hong Kong Design Centre, with the Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency (CCIDA) under the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau of the HKSAR Government as the lead sponsor, the DFA Design for Asia Awards (DFA DFAA) recognises outstanding design solutions that embody Asian aesthetics, culture and perspectives. The Awards features six major design disciplines — Communication Design, Digital & Motion Design, Fashion & Accessory Design, Product & Industrial Design, Service & Experience Design, and Spatial Design—reflecting the diversity and depth of contemporary design across Asia and beyond.



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Since its inception in 2003, this internationally recognised award programme has conferred around 3,300 accolades on outstanding projects from more than 40 economies worldwide. As a premier platform for design excellence, DFA DFAA champions human-centred design solutions that enhance quality of life, address evolving societal needs, and contribute to the future advancement of design globally.

Ms Rainy Chan, Executive Director of Hong Kong Design Centre, said, 'Beyond addressing pressing social issues, this year's winning projects demonstrate excellence in the application of cutting-edge technology, innovative materials, and immersive spatial experiences. From breakthroughs in spatial and communication design to award-winning works across diverse disciplines, these projects exemplify creativity, ingenuity, and forward-looking thinking at the highest level. What is particularly encouraging is how Asia-focused designs are evolving beyond responding to local needs set new benchmarks in quality, creativity and impact. I look forward to these exceptional achievements continuing to inspire the industry, foster meaningful change, and shape the future of design.'

More than an honour, the DFA DFAA offers awardees a powerful launchpad for global visibility, industry recognition, and cross-sector engagement. In addition to leveraging the globally recognised DFA DFAA Endorsement Mark, winning projects benefit from multi-channel exposure through exhibitions, the DFA Awards Online Showcase and the official Awards Publication. By participating in key events such as the Presentation Ceremony, exhibitions, and selected regional and international forums, winners can establish valuable connections with leading figures across the design and business communities. These platforms enable awardees to unlock new business opportunities, expand their professional networks and amplify their impact on the global stage.

To view the full winner list, please visit our website at: <https://dfaa.dfaawards.com/en/winner/>

Please download the **DFA Design for Asia Awards 2026 Press Kit**, including the Grand Award project introductions and high resolutions images at: <https://bit.ly/4iYwlGG>

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About DFA Awards (www.dfaawards.com/en)

Since 2003, the Hong Kong Design Centre has launched the DFA Awards to underpin the role of designers in society, to celebrate design leadership and exemplary designs and projects with commercial success or impact in Asia, as well as to recognise the rising force of emerging designers in Hong Kong. The DFA Awards, through its seven major award programmes, has grown in its international influence in Asia. The seven award programmes include DFA Lifetime Achievement Award, DFA Design Leadership Award, DFA World's Outstanding Chinese Designer, DFA Designer of the Year, DFA Asian Design Vanguard, DFA Design for Asia Awards and DFA Hong Kong Young Design Talent Award.

About DFA Design for Asia Awards (www.dfaa.dfaawards.com/en)

Since 2003, the 'DFA Design for Asia Awards' honours design excellence and acknowledges user-centric design projects which embrace the unique Asian perspectives to enhance and improve the quality of life for people in the region. Organised by Hong Kong Design Centre, with Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency (CCIDA) of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as the Lead Sponsor, as one of the seven DFA Awards programmes, the "DFA Design for Asia Awards" has been a platform for design talent and corporates to showcase their design projects internationally.

About Hong Kong Design Centre (HKDC) (www.hkdesigncentre.org/en)

Hong Kong Design Centre is a strategic partner of the HKSAR Government in leveraging the city's East-meets-West advantage to create value from design.

The major programmes include Business of Design Week, bodw Future Lab, DFA Awards, Fashion Asia Hong Kong and DESIGN@HKG. Since 2024, we have also been operating the DX design hub in Sham Shui Po, dedicated to fostering emerging design talents and facilitating collaborations and exchanges in the design industry, as well as providing visitors an immersive experience through innovative exhibitions, fashion showcases and cultural events.

To achieve our goals, we:

- Cultivate a culture of design
- Bridge stakeholders to opportunities that unleash the power of design
- Promote excellence in various design disciplines

About Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency (www.ccidahk.gov.hk/en)

The Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency (CCIDA), formerly known as Create Hong Kong (CreateHK) since 2009, was established in June 2024. CCIDA is a dedicated office under the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR Government) to provide one-stop services and support to the cultural and creative sectors with a mission to foster a conducive environment in Hong Kong to facilitate development of the arts, culture and creative sectors as industries. CCIDA's strategic foci are nurturing talent and facilitating start-ups, exploring markets, promoting cross-sectoral and multi-disciplinary collaboration, promoting industrialisation of the arts, culture and creative sectors under the industry-oriented principle, and fostering a creative atmosphere in the community, thereby reinforcing Hong Kong as Asia's creative capital and our positioning as the East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange.



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