

## 2024 Hong Kong Construction Environmental Awards – Environmental Merit Award

### *Introduction*

HKCA now invites submission for the **Environmental Merit Award in 2024**. The award aims to sustain promotion of green construction in Hong Kong through commending the contracting organizations that have outstanding achievements in environmental performance.

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### *Environmental Merit Award (In recognition of outstanding environmental performance in the year of 2023/2024)*

The Award recognizes those contracting organizations for their commitment and efforts in effectively promoting sustainable construction.

#### Eligibility

- i. All construction companies and organizations operating primarily within Hong Kong are eligible to apply for the Environmental Merit Award.
- ii. Entrants must be on company basis and each company can only submit one application.
- iii. Entrants must prove a very high level compliance with the environmental regulations, i.e. not more than 2 convictions, over the past 12 months [from July 2023 to June 2024].
- iv. Entrants must have at least one construction project in operation during the reporting period, **from July 2023 to June 2024**.
- v. Entrants must have obtained independent certification of their environmental management system to the international standard ISO 14001.

#### Judging Criteria

- i. Entrants can prove a very high level compliance with the environmental regulations over the past three years.
- ii. Entrants can demonstrate their commitment and efforts towards the pursuit of sustainable objectives and achievements of their environmental programmes undertaken during daily operations, by giving a particular account of the following:
  - Level of human resources allocated for environmental issues
  - Developing a sustainable management strategy for **2024**
  - Achievement of targets set in the **2023** sustainable management strategy
  - Implementation of an environmental management system
- iii. Award will be recommended on companies wise through scoring assessment only when the Judging Panel is satisfied that the entrant's submission and environmental standard is commendable.

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### *Judging Panel*

An independent judging panel made up of experts from HKCA and co-organizers will decide the winners of the award. All decisions made by the organizer are final and binding in all matters relating to the award scheme including the eligibility of applicants and the result. Participating companies that submit an entry are expected to abide by whatever decisions made by them.

### *Award Presentations*

The award will be presented to the winners at a ceremony scheduled tentatively in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2025.

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The organizer reserves the right to make any changes to the rules and all other arrangements without prior notice, and also have the right to post the submissions on HKCA web-site or other media for non-profit making purposes.

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### Application Procedures

1. **Submissions must reach the Secretariat before 15 September 2024.**
  
2. **The Submission requirements**

Applicants are requested to submit the following:

- a. A completed **Form E** for providing supporting information of statutory compliance, environmental management status, environmental standard and process, and environmental management system.
  
- b. A **brief report of sustainable management strategy for 2024** in not more than **ONE** A-4 page setting out the initiatives the organization will implement to enhance their company's construction projects with the aspects of sustainability. The extent to which the strategy is implemented in 2024 will be a key factor in the 2025 Environmental Merit Award assessment. The focus of the report should be on the following four main areas:
  - The extent of upper management commitment towards implementing effective sustainable management measures to conserve resources and prevent environmental pollution within the organization, e.g. Bonus marks will be given if ISO 50001 was certified, environmental awards bestowed by relevant trade organizations.
  
  - The extent to which the organization is committed on environmental nuisance abatement measures for air, noise, waste, water, etc. Entrants should give an account of the pollution preventive / control measures implemented on site as well as new initiatives, better than the required measures being investigated, as appropriate. Bonus marks will be given for effective implementation of innovative on-site pollution preventive / control measures.
  
  - The extent to which the organization is committed to fighting global warming by reduction carbon footprint of its operations, e.g. Bonus marks will be given if the

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Carbon Estimation Tool of the “Practical Guide for Carbon Reduction at Construction Sites – Temporary Works” and/or CIC Carbon Assessment Tool were adopted. Entrants should give an account of the greenhouse gas reduction measures implemented on site as well as new green initiatives being investigated, as appropriate.

- The extent to which the organization is committed to the process of developing eco-innovative solutions which will provide both business value and environmental benefits.
  - The extent to which the entrant’s organization have considered and addressed the environmental needs of people in the neighbourhood of their relevant work sites as well as general community environmental affairs participated and initiatives taken to raise environmental awareness of company staff, as appropriate.
- c. A **performance report** for the achievement on targets which were set out in the **2023** sustainable management strategy in **ONE** A-4 page.
- d. An **executive summary of the most recent ISO14001 third party assessment report** which should include the no. of “Non-Compliance” identified.

### 3. Submission

The submission should be sent to [christywong@hkca.com.hk](mailto:christywong@hkca.com.hk) or:

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**on/before 15 September 2024**

Results of the award will be announced and presented in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2025.

### 4. Enquiries

For further information about the award scheme, please contact

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