

Svayam Accessibility Awards 2018 in Taiwan

Call for Applications/nominations for Svayam Accessibility Awards 2018 to be held in Taipei during 12-15 Nov 2018

Call for Nomination/ Applications

Applications in prescribed format are invited for the forthcoming "Svayam Accessibility Awards 2018" from agencies/ organizations based in Taiwan or have proven accessibility projects implemented in the territory of Taiwan on the thematic areas. The award ceremony will coincide with the 15th International conference on Mobility and Transport for the Elderly and the Disabled Persons ([TRANSED2018, Taipei](#)), scheduled to be held during 12-15 November 2018 at Taipei, Taiwan.

Closing date for receipt of applications/nominations:

All applications in the prescribed proforma must reach by email before the closing date i.e. **21th September 2018** (before Mid Night 23:59PM Indian Standard Time). Nominations by Post / Courier, though not barred, are definitely discouraged to save papers and time. If you are more comfortable with postal, you are requested to keep a sufficient allowance of time so that the post reaches well clear of the closing date. Entries received after the closing date may not be considered. Applications may be addressed to:-

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Note: The nomination for the award can also be filed by a non-applicant i.e. one who is not bidding for the award for itself. However, it should be with the written consent of the organization being nominated that in the event of their selection for the award, they would accept the award and attend the Award Ceremony.

Instituted on 25th October 2010 by Svayam- Global Centre for Inclusive Environments, New Delhi, India, and supported by Jindal SAW Limited, Svayam

Accessibility Awards are an effort to promote and recognize the concept of Accessibility and Universal Design in all spheres of our lives to make way for livable communities – in both rural and urban landscape.

The awards are conferred on the organizations and individuals who have shown consistent commitment towards providing accessible infrastructure for all. These awards play a pivotal role in providing the right impetus to the development of inclusive infrastructure and related policies and practices ensuring that accessibility initiatives are sustainable and meaningful.

The awards are an attempt to recognize the efforts of the potential organizations and to encourage them to reach their highest potential to ensure universal accessibility for all. This is also to encourage other organizations to be in pursuit of achieving universal access in their infrastructure, products and services that leads to making a community livable for all.

Thematic Areas Covered:

Currently the Awards cover the following thematic areas/categories:

- Most Accessible Public Transport (whether managed by Government, Private or PPP model)
- Most Accessible Municipality/Local Development Authority
- Most Accessible Hotel/Guest House (Hospitality)
- Most Accessible Tourist Attraction/Heritage Site (both- managed by Govt. or private or PPP model)
- Best Practice Project around Accessible Mobility and Transport Awards: In addition to any of the above categories, the awards are open for initiatives taken in promoting inclusive education, inclusive employment, inclusive para-transit systems, inclusive housing, inclusive designing/invention of products/services, etc.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection will take place in two phases, with a pre-selection/screening in the first phase followed by a final selection. Applications that are non-serious, incomplete, not of required merit or not supported by testimonials, etc will be filtered out/rejected in the first phase itself.

In the final phase, a jury composed of International Panel of Experts will assess the shortlisted entries/ applications. The selected finalists in different thematic areas will

then be felicitated at the award ceremony.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The marks distribution for evaluation shall be based on: -

Area of Evaluation	Percentage%
Methodology of the Project	50%
Project scalability	20%
Does the project promote independence, mobility & participation of all in civic life	10%
Were local people/ persons with disabilities/ relevant stakeholders involved in design of concept	10%
Is the project sustainable	10%

AWARD INCLUDES:

A trophy along with citation in favour of the organization to be conferred upon the winning organization during the Award Ceremony to be held on the side-lines of the TRANSED 2018.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Individuals
- Organizations- Government or Private
- Municipal Authorities/Development Agencies
- Public Sector Undertakings
- Public Private Partnership models
- Non-Government Organisations
- Proprietorship firms, etc.

General Conditions

Applicant/ Nominee Organization must meet the following general criteria and agree to the general conditions for applying for awards:

- Applicant/Nominee Organization must be based in Taiwan and the nominated work/ project should be based in Taiwan. Multi-national or foreign organizations may also apply for the award for their projects based in Taiwan. Nominators other than applicant can be from any country, however, the project based in Taiwan shall only be considered for the award.
- Applicant /nominee organization provides services in a manner that respects the dignity and independence of persons with disabilities & those with reduced

mobility.

- Applicant/nominee organization is an Equal Opportunity Organization i.e. it provides an opportunity equal to what is given to others, to obtain, use and benefit from the products or services to persons with disabilities/ person with reduced mobility.
- Applicant/nominee organization has shown consistent leadership in advancing access to transportation or in providing information and communication support to persons with disabilities.
- In case of Built Environment: applicant /nominee organization has renovated / designed a building, interior, exterior or outdoor space to eliminate barriers and/or enhance access for persons with disabilities/ persons with reduced mobility.
- In case of Employment: the applicant /nominee organization, business and/or individual has provided meaningful employment opportunities and demonstrated flexible and respectful integration of people with disabilities into their workforce.
- **Testimonials/** supporting documents- Applicant organizations/ Nominators should submit additional information including letters of support, testimonials, photographs, architectural drawings, Links to the videos, online reports/articles/ publications etc.
- **Language** for application/ nominations shall remain ENGLISH only. All supporting documents if in any other language than English, a self-certified translated version in English language must be submitted.
- Svayam reserves its right to amend the award criteria, change the category of any application, reject the proposals, and cancel/postpone the award.
- By submitting the award entry, the applicant organization authorizes Svayam to use the submitted information for raising awareness on accessibility, universal design, inclusive mobility and transportation or its promotional campaigns.

Application /Nomination Formats

Forms may be downloaded from below hyperlinks:-

[Application/Nomination form for Accessible Public Transport](#)

[Application/Nomination form for Municipalities/ Local Development Authorities](#)

[Application/Nomination form for Tourist Attraction/Heritage Sites](#)

[Application/Nomination form for Hospitality](#)

[Application/Nomination form for Best Practices Project Award](#)

Previous Svayam Awards

- (1) [Svayam Accessibility Awards 2012](#), New Delhi, India
- (2) [Svayam Accessibility Awards 2015](#), Lisbon, Portugal

To know more about Svayam Accessibility Awards, visit
<https://svayam.wordpress.com/svayam-accessibility-awards/>

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