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HONG KONG SAR - Media OutReach Newswire - 9 September 2025 -Nominations for the "Quality Building Award 2026 (QBA 2026)" is open The biennial Quality Building Award, hailed as the "Oscar of the Construction Industry," is jointly organized by ten top professional institutions and organizations in Hong Kong's architecture and construction sectors. With a ory spanning over two decades, the award aims to recognize outstanding building projects in Hong Kong, mainland, and overseas, as well as teams that have demonstrated exceptional collaboration and teamwork. QBA 2026 is chaired by The Hong Kong Institute of Housing (HKIH). The theme for this year is "Smortly We Build | Sustainably We Thrive | Inclusively We Lead," focusing on honoring projects that employ intelligent, sustainable, and inclusive solutions. The goal is to drive industry innovation and green development, promote social collaboration, and collectively build a prosp and sustainable future. This year, the award categories have been further expanded to encourage greater participation from projects in the Greater Bay Area and overseas regions.

Expanded International and Greater Bay Area Categories to Foster Crassional Collaboration



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Hong Kong has the distinctive advantages of enjoying strong support of maintand and being closely connected to the world. As an industry that relies heavily an cross-regional callaboration with both maintand and international partners, the construction sector can benefit from strengthening external connections and technical exchange apportunities. QBA 2026 has expanded the eligibility of two categories: "Building Outside GBA (include International)" and "Building in GBA (Not include Hong Kong)." These categories are open to high-quality projects from maintand and around the world, with no requirement for involvement from Hong Kong-registered companies. Projects only need to submit proof of completion. Whether residential or non-residential, new construction or renovation, all eligible projects are encouraged to participate.

This initiative aims to promote professional interaction among Hong Kong, Greater Bay Area, and the international community. It encourages cross-regional teams to showcase their authatading work, share esperiences and technologies, and further strengthen Hong Kong's rale as an international hub. Ms CHANG Yek Kom, Patricia, Chairlady of QBA 2026 Organizing Committee, stated, "We hope the award will inspire the industry to move beyond salely pursuing scale and height, and instead focus on integrating innovative technologies and sustainable practices that truly meet the needs of seers and communities. Particularly against the era of Hong Kong's integration with the Greater Bay Area, cross-disciplinary and cross-regional collaboration has become an inevitable trend. The relaxed eligibility criteria this year are designed to encourage more teams from the Greater Bay Area and internationally to participate and collectively elevate regional bailding standards."

Mr HO Chun Hung, JP, Chairmon of QBA 2026 Jury Panel and Director of Buildings Department, HKSARG, stated, "Architecture is not merely a fusion of technology and art, but also a vital force driving social progress. We encourage entries to fully embody the spirit of "people-oriented" design, showcase sustainable and inclusive architecture, and apply innovative and smart technologies in design, construction, building management and maintenance, thereby injecting new impetus into making Hang Kang a more livable city." Nomination Details and Key Dates

Nominations for the QBA 2026 opens now. The deadline for submissions is 12:00 noon HKT on Friday, 28 November, 2025. Teams from Hong Kong, the Greater Bay Area, and around the world are encouraged to submit entries across multiple categories, including but not limited to residential, commercial, cultural, public facilities, and urban redevelopment projects.

Schedule

Date	Key Milestone
9 September 2025	Naminations open
28 Nav 2025 at 12:00 noon (HKT)	Naminations close
The Jury / Assessment Process	
2 Dec - 12 Dec 2025	First Screening
Jan-Feb 2026	Site Visits / Video Judging
Feb-Mar 2026	Finalists Announce
20-21 March 2026	Finalists Presentation to Jury Panel
June 2026	QBA 2026 Award Presentation Ceremony

Award Categories

Categories	Nomination Requirements
Hong Kong Residential (Single Building)	Nominated new building must be a single independent structure/ single tower, not part of a complex containing after buildings. The Major Function of the nominated building must be for residential use.
Hong Kong Residential (Multiple Buildings)	Nominated new buildings must be a group of buildings/ more than a single hower of similar kinds, which form a residential complex. The Major Function of the nominated multiple buildings must be for residential use.
Hong Kong Non- Residential (New Building – Government, Institution or Community)	The Major Function of the nominated new building must be for non-residential use and for GIC use. Nominated new buildings may be single or multiple buildings.
Hong Kong Non- Residential (New Building – Non- Government, Institution or Community)	The Major Function of the nominated new building must be for non-residential use and for non-GIC use. Nominated new buildings may be single or multiple buildings.

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Hong Kong Building (Renovation / Revitalization)	 Any nominated existing building must have undergone and completed a renovation, restoration, revitalization or similar process to its physical structure and/or communal facilities. Nominated existing buildings may be residential or non-residential buildings.
Hong Kong Temporary Building	Nominated building must be designed and constructed for temporary purpose and / or constructed of short-lived materials. Nominated new building may serve one or several functional uses, such as residential, commercial, institutional, and for exhibition & leisure purposes. Nominated project teams should submit a photo and video documenting their project, to be remotely assessed by the judging panel.
Building Outside GBA (include International)	Nominated buildings must be outside the territorial limits of the Greater Bay Area (GBA)* Welcome participation from all companies, without the requirement of providing proof of being based in Hang Kong. Nominated buildings can be new or existing buildings, with a valid certificate of completion. Any nominated existing building must have undergone and completed a renovation, restoration, revitalization or similar process to its physical structure analizer command facilities. The Major Function of the nominated building may be a residential or non-residential building. *Nominated project teams should submit a video documenting their project, to be remotely assessed by the judging panel. *Nominated project teams are not entitled for Quality Excellence Award, Sustainable Development Award nor Innovative Project Award
Building in GBA (Not include Hang Kang)	Nominated buildings must be outside the territorial limits of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region but within the Greater Bay Area. Welcome participation from all companies across the Greater Bay Area, without the requirement of providing proof of being based in Hong Kong. Nominated buildings can be new or existing buildings, with a valid certificate of completion. Any nominated existing building must have undergone and completed a renovation, restoration, revitalization or similar process to its physical structure and/or communal facilities. The Major Function of the nominated building may be a residential or non-residential building. *Nominated project teams should submit a video documenting their project, to be remotely assessed by esteemed team of assessors. In addition, the jury panel will conduct a site visit to the building to further evaluate the project's merits. *Historihaded project seems are not entitled for Quality Excellence Award, Sustainable Development Award nor innovative Project Award

^{*} Greater Bay Area (GBA) includes Macaa Special Administrative Regions. Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Foshan, Huizhou, Dongguan, Zhongshan, Jiangmen and Zhaoqing. Award Types

Award Type	Description
Quality Excellenc e Award	Only one Quality Excellence Award will be presented to a project within the territorial limits of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, with an outstanding OVERALL quality that is judged to be the BEST among all the Gr
Grand Awards*	There will be a Grand Award Winner(s) for each nomination category. This is the highest recognition to projects at the category level.

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Merits*	There will be recognition of merit(x) for each nomination category.
Finalists*	There will be recognition of finalist(s) for each nomination that has passed the first screening, site visits and that has been presented at the Finalist Presentation to Jury Panel. #Finalist qualification will be userped if the project team is unable to present at the Finalist Presentation to Jury Panel.
Special awards	Description
Sustainab le Develop ment Award	This will be a recognition for the finalist with an outstanding quality in green and sustainability
Innovativ e Project Award	This will be a recognition for the finalist with an authanding quality in innovative design and construction technology.

^{*} QBA 2026 Organizing Committee reserves the right not to bestow an aw if the Jury Panel deems that no nomination is worth receiving that particular award. The decision of the Jury Panel shall be final.

Honorary Patron and Jury Panel Members

Mari Balan Mari	Secretary for Development			
Ms LINN Hon Ha,	Secretary for Development,			
Bernadette, JP	Development Bureau, HKSARG			
Chairman of Jury Panel				
Mr HO Chun	Director of Building,			
Hung, JP	Buildings Department, HKSARG			
Vice Chairlady of	Jury Panel			
Ms CHANG Yuk	Chairlady,			
Kam, Patricia	QBA 2026 Organizing Committee			
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Ir CHOW Kin Tak,	President,			
Alice	The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers			
Professor CHU Hoi San, Paul	Dean of Faculty of Science and Engineering, and Professor at the Department of Architecture, Hang Kon Chu Hai Callege			
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Official category details, the latest updated jury panel, and further information can be found at www.qba.com.hk, or follow Quality Building Award social

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