

Innovative Safety Initiative Award 2020

Background and Categories of Award

As one of the featured events of the Construction Safety Week, the Development Bureau, the Construction Industry Council and the Hong Kong Construction Association continue to co-organise the **Innovative Safety Initiative Award 2020** (the Award) to promote excellence in construction site safety and health through innovation and creativity.

This year, awards are offered in three categories:

- (1) Health and Welfare
- (2) Safety Management System, Training and Promotion *
- (3) Safety Operational Device

** The term "Promotion" as indicate in this category should imply to promotional efforts other than "Health and Welfare"*

Gold, Silver, Bronze and Merit Awards will be bestowed upon satisfaction by the Judging Panel that the entries are recommendable. Each award winner will receive a prestigious trophy and a Certificate of Award.

Application for Entries

Applications for the Award are invited from the following construction companies in Hong Kong -

- Contractors on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works;
<http://www.devb.gov.hk/Contractor.aspx?section=80&lang=1>
- Contractors on the List of Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works; <http://www.devb.gov.hk/Supplier.aspx?section=83&lang=1&id=80>
- Contractors on the General Building Contractors' Register maintained by the Building Authority; http://www.bd.gov.hk/english/inform/index_ap.html
- Contractors on the Specialist Contractors' Register maintained by the Building Authority; http://www.bd.gov.hk/english/inform/index_ap.html
- Contractors on the Minor Works Register by the Building Authority;
http://www.bd.gov.hk/english/inform/index_ap.html
- Contractors on the Housing Authority's Approved Lists of Contractors
http://comis.housingauthority.gov.hk/ha/eng/ctp_list.jsp?LIST_CD=BLG

A Joint-Venture (JV) company or organisation shall be eligible for entry provided that at least one of the JV partners or shareholders is a contractor on either one of the above-mentioned Lists / Registers.

Application shall be on project basis and each project can only make one submission but each company or organisation shall be allowed to submit no more than **THREE** entries for each category of theme award. JV submission shall be considered as one submission for **EACH** JV partner or shareholder.

Submission must be related to construction project and should be able to demonstrate that the innovation has been successfully developed and introduced to improve health and safety performance in construction sites, particularly on how such innovation can be widely applied and used in the construction industry.

Contents of the submission can include any of the initiatives done but not limited to the followings -

- Key safety and health issues
- Innovative approach to avoid, minimize and / or mitigate safety and health impacts
- Sound innovative technologies and practices adopted
- Performance monitoring and auditing

The innovation can be products/processes/services/ideas involved in design and technology. They can be in the form of management system, training and promotion or operational devices to bring about health and safety benefits on sites. Examples:

a. Health and Welfare

Establishing either management system, training and promotion or operational device to improve health and welfare of construction practioners. The submission should describe how the innovation has uplifted the health and welfare on construction sites.

b. Safety management system, training and promotion

Developing, implementing and maintaining an innovative and effective safety management system or organising promotional or educational activities to improve the occupational safety standard of construction sites (*other than Health and Welfare*). The submission should describe how the adoption of the system or activities has enhanced the safety performance.

c. Operational device

Establishing safety innovative technique or device to improve the occupational safety standard of construction sites (*other than Health and Welfare*). The submission should include an overall evaluation of the effectiveness of the innovative technique / device to solve particular safety problem.

Assessment Process

The Organiser will conduct an initial screening on the entries to check and validate the information submitted. Outstanding entries will be short-listed for the 2nd round assessment.

The shortlist entries will be asked to submit a three-minute PowerPoint with audio presentation within two weeks upon notification to demonstrate the innovativeness and effectiveness of their initiatives.

An independent Judging Panel comprising representatives from the Development Bureau, Construction Industry Council, Hong Kong Construction Association, Labour Department and Occupational Safety and Health Council will evaluate the entries and decide on the winners of the awards.

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Judging Criteria

The Judging Panel will assess the entries in accordance with the following judging criteria: -

- Creativity, uniqueness and concept of innovation
- The extent to which the innovation has resulted in practical outcomes that has improved safety performance
- The potential for the innovation to be applied within the construction industry
- The extent to which the innovation makes effective and efficient use of resources, e.g. cost-effectiveness
- Contribution to avoid, minimize and / or mitigate major serious accidents, such as falling from height, electrocution, etc.

Decisions of the Judging Panel

All decisions made by the Judging Panel and the Organiser are final and binding in all matters relating to the Award. Participating companies are expected to abide by whatever decisions made by the Judging Panel and the Organiser.

Submission Deadline and Arrangement

Online application will be commenced on **21 February 2020 (Friday)**. Interested companies shall complete the E-Application Form and submit a PowerPoint (**not more than 5 Slides and no video clipping should be embedded**) online through the following website <https://www.safetyweek.hk/web/subpage.php?mid=166> by **5pm on 6 March 2020 (Friday)**.

After initial screening, shortlist entries will be invited to submit a 3-minute PowerPoint in **early April 2020** for submission.

Participants are deemed to consent to the Organiser sharing their innovations with the public. The Organiser has the right to post the submissions on public web-site or other media for non-profit making purposes.

Announcement of Results & Award Ceremony

The results would be announced in **June 2020**. All theme awards will be presented to the winners at an award presentation ceremony to be held on **1 June 2020 (Monday)** (tentative).

Enquiry

Details of the Award and the Application Form are available through this link <https://www.safetyweek.hk/web/subpage.php?mid=166>



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