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The Institute of Landscape Architects Malaysia invites participation in the **16th Malaysia Landscape Architecture Awards**, a platform that acknowledges outstanding works and contributions across the profession. **The awards welcome entries from landscape architecture practices, developers, researchers, students, contractors, suppliers, public agencies, non-profits and independent professionals from Malaysia and abroad.**

Projects or works submitted must not have previously received an MLAA award within the same category. Selected winners will be featured in the upcoming Landscape Architecture Malaysia Yearbook and celebrated at the **MLAA Gala Night, scheduled for June 2026 in Kuala Lumpur**. Held in conjunction with World Landscape Architecture Month, this annual recognition highlights exemplary projects that shape our cities, communities and environment.



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Award Exposures

Landscape Architecture Malaysia Yearbook

Gain exposure for your projects via the MLAA submission. Qualified submissions will be published in ILAM's annual coffee-table book.

Media Exposure

Selected winners of MLAA may be highlighted for media interviews before/after the award ceremony.

CPD and Seminar

Outstanding projects will be invited to share the projects with the professionals via ILAM CPD Events.

Online Exposure

Outstanding projects will be featured in ILAM online microsite.

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Award Focus

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Malaysia Landscape Architecture Awards will emphasize **Nature-based Solutions (NBS)** and the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG2030)** as key drivers for the landscape architecture industry in Malaysia.

Projects will be assessed not only on their creative design concepts and planning but also on the effective integration of NBS and SDG at every scale. This shift aims to highlight efforts that prioritize sustainability that will contribute to a greener and more resilient future.

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Award Categories



Professional Category

Open to Malaysian and International Landscape Architecture Firm

Completed and matured project

1A

Landscape Design Awards (Malaysian Project)

2A

Landscape Design Awards (International Project)

Master Plan Stage

1B

Landscape Analysis & Study Awards (Malaysian Project)

2B

Landscape Analysis & Study Awards (International Project)



Property Developer Category

Open to Malaysian and International Projects/Developers

Completed and matured project

3A

Landscape Development Awards (Malaysian/International Project)

Master Plan Stage

3B

Landscape Master Plan Awards (Malaysian/International Project)



Award Categories



Landscape Contractor Category

Open to Malaysian Landscape Contractor

Completed and matured project

4A

Landscape Construction Awards

(Malaysian Project)



Green Product Category

Open to Malaysian Landscape Supplier

5A

Green Product Awards



Government Category

Open to Goverment Agencies or PBT

Project/Initiatives/Event/Campaign

6A

Green Initiative Awards



CSR Category

Open to GLC, Private Firm, NGO, Association, Corporation and etc

Project/Initiatives/Event/Campaign

7A

Green Initiative Awards



Award Categories



Researcher Category

Open to Malaysian Researchers

8A

Landscape Research Awards



Student Category

Open to Landscape Architecture students from Malaysian higher institutions.

9A

Student Design Awards



Climate Action Category

Open to All

Completed and matured project

10A

Environmental & Landscape Management Awards

(Malaysian Project)

10B

Green Infrastructure Awards

(Malaysian Project)

Completed Project or Master Planning

10C

Low Carbon Landscape Awards

(Malaysian Project)



Award Categories



Landscape Industry Recognition

Open to ILAM registered members and firms

Professional Individual

11A

Young Landscape Architect Awards

(Aged 35 and below)

11B

Emerging Landscape Architect Awards

(Aged 36-45)

11C

Prominent Landscape Architect Awards

(by nomination)

Professional Firm

12A

Emerging Landscape Architecture Firm Awards

(Firm 10 years and below / Principal
15 years or below from obtaining LAr /
Firm Registered with ILAM)

12B

Top Landscape Architect Firm Awards (valid for 3 years)

(Firm at least 11 years /
Firm Registered with ILAM)

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Award Categories



Special Recognition

*Winner will be selected from among
the submitted entries to MLAA16.*

NOT OPEN FOR SUBMISSION

13A

Preservation & Conservation Awards

(social, nature, cultural, historical)

13B

Nature-based Solution Awards

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Schedule and Timeline (Part 1)

PART 1A: SUBMISSION

1 December 2025 (Mon)

MLAA16 Calling for Submissions

9 January 2026 (Fri)

MLAA16 Open Day (online)

31 January 2026 (Sat)

Closing Date for MLAA16 Submission (6pm sharp)

Note:

Timeline subject to changes



PART 1B: JUDGING SESSION

10-11 February 2026 (Tue-Wed)

Judging Session:

Live Presentation & Submission Judging

Presentation Required Categories:

- Professional Category (1A, 1B, 2A, 2B)
- Developer Category (3A, 3B)
- Government Category (6A)
- CSR Category (7A)
- Researcher Category (8A)
- Climate Action Category (10A, 10B, 10C)
- Landscape Industry Recognition (11A, 11B, 11C, 12A, 12B)

Non-Presentation Categories

(Judging based on Submission):

- Contractor Category (4A)
- Green Product Category (5A)
- Student Category (9A)

3-4 March 2026

Site Visit (if required)

6 March 2026 (Fri)

Result Endorsement by ILAM Council Member

9-13 March 2026

Result Announcement via email and letter

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Schedule and Timeline (Part 2)

PART 2: AWARD GALA NIGHT

6 March 2026 (Fri)

MLAA16 Gala Night Open for Booking

30 April 2026 (Thu)

End of Early Bird Rate

31 May 2026 (Sun)

Last day to book for MLAA16 Gala Night

13 June 2026 (Sat)

MLAA16 Gala Night / Kuala Lumpur



Scan to Watch
MLAA15 Gala Night

Note:

Timeline subject to changes



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1A

Landscape Design Awards (Malaysian Project)

2A

Landscape Design Awards (International Project)

Landscaping and gardens for commercial space or residential, roof top garden, plaza, courtyard, residential garden, neighbourhood and pocket parks, waterfront, streets and highways within the range of landscape contexts, and many more.

The jury will observe the quality of design in terms of the novelty of design ideas and concepts in solving design problems in relation to environmental sensitivity, and users' needs via the hard and soft landscape design. The jury will also look at how the design contributes to the expansion of landscape architecture practice and knowledge and the fulfillment of SDG2030 approaches and the application of Nature-based Solutions in the project.

Entry Criterias

Malaysian Project

- Must be submitted by Landscape Architecture Firm
- Must be submitted by **ILAM Corporate Member (LAr)**
- Completed and matured projects

International Project

- OPEN TO ALL
- Any firm in Malaysia or abroad
- Landscape architect involved in the project must be a member of the local national association, registered with IFLA

1B

Landscape Analysis & Study Awards (Malaysian Project)

2B

Landscape Analysis & Study Awards (International Project)

Submissions for this category include large scale landscape planning and urban design based on a comprehensive landscape analysis exercise. The entries for this category are not required to be completed or can be partially constructed.

Master plan for educational and training campus, urban areas, new township, natural resources areas (eg. river and wetlands corridors and forested areas), green infrastructures, rural areas, greenways, tourism areas, as well as urban and regional parks. A comprehensive study for cultural/historical landscape, municipality structure and local plan as well as a city landscape master plan is also accepted. The landscape planning and design solution must have likelihood to be implemented successfully and able to contribute to the expansion of landscape architecture knowledge and values.

Entry Criterias

Malaysian Project

- Must be submitted by Landscape Architecture Firm
- Must be submitted by **ILAM Corporate Member (LAr)**
- The entries not required to be completed or can be partially constructed.

International Project

- OPEN TO ALL
- Any firm in Malaysia or abroad
- Landscape architect involved in the project must be a member of the local national association, registered with IFLA
- The entries not required to be completed or can be partially constructed.



1A

Landscape Design Awards
(Malaysian Project)

2A

Landscape Design Awards
(International Project)

1B

Landscape Analysis & Study Awards
(Malaysian Project)

2B

Landscape Analysis & Study Awards
(International Project)

Judging Criterias

- Design Idea and Concept (20%)
- Environmental Sensitivity & Problem Solving (20%)
- Soft & Hard Landscape Design (15%)
- Users' & Social Needs (10%)
- Application of Nature-based Solutions (25%)
- Fulfillment of SDG2030 approaches (10%)

Judging Criterias

- Inventory & Analysis (30%)
- Environmental Sensitivity (15%)
- Users' & Social Needs (15%)
- Economic Consideration (15%)
- Application of Nature-based Solutions (15%)
- Fulfillment of SDG2030 approaches (10%)

Entry Fees

FOR 1A & 1B (Malaysian Project)
RM 650 / project (ILAM Registered Firm)
RM 1,300 / project (Non ILAM Registered Firm)

FOR 2A & 2B (International Project)
RM 2,000 / project (ILAM Registered Firm)
RM 2,000 / project (Non ILAM Registered Firm)

3A

Landscape Development Awards (Malaysian/International Project)



Developments (site-specific areas or large scale projects) that identify and incorporate a wide range of landscape values and benefits via landscape architecture planning and design exercise. Entries in this category must have been built and completed.

Typical entries include (but are not limited to) Residential developments, commercial zone, educational and training campuses, mix-use development, redevelopment of urban areas as well as site specific development such as parks and recreational areas, waterfronts, urban plazas, sculpture park, green infrastructures, highways, streetscapes, flood and storm water design, forest and wetlands conservation exercise.

Property Developer Category

Open to Malaysian and International Projects/Developers



3B

Landscape Master Plan Awards (Malaysian/International Project)



Submissions for this category include large scale landscape development planning undertaken by a developer based on a comprehensive landscape analysis exercise, and their findings. The entries for this category are not required to be completed or can be partially constructed.

Type of Entries include (but are not limited to) Master plan for landscape development for township, residential enclave or nature preservation such as rivers, lakes, wetland corridors and forested areas, green infrastructures, rural areas, greenways, tourism areas, urban and regional parks as well as urban renewal projects.



3A

Landscape Development Awards

(Malaysian/International Project)

Entry Criterias

- The official entrant must be from a Developer Firm.
- Projects are not limited to Malaysia. They may cover projects completed outside Malaysia which were undertaken by the developer and demonstrate the involvement of ILAM members.
- ILAM Corporate Member (LAr.) endorsement of the entry is required.

Judging Criterias

- **Philosophy, Idea and Concept of Landscape Planning** (20%)
- **Environmental Sensitivity** (20%)
- **Users' & Social Needs** (20%)
- **Application of Nature-based Solutions** (25%)
- **Fulfillment of SDG2030 approaches** (15%)

Entry Fees

RM 5,500 / submission

3B

Landscape Master Plan Awards

(Malaysian/International Project)

Entry Criterias

- The official entrant must be from a **Developer Firm**.
- Projects are **not limited to Malaysia**. They may cover projects outside Malaysia which were undertaken by the developer and demonstrate the **involvement of ILAM members**.
- **ILAM Corporate Member (LAr.) endorsement** of the entry is required.
- Submission **not required a completed project**

Judging Criterias

- **Inventory & Analysis** (30%)
- **Environmental Sensitivity** (15%)
- **Users' & Social Needs** (15%)
- **Economic Consideration** (15%)
- **Application of Nature-based Solutions** (15%)
- **Fulfillment of SDG2030 approaches** (10%)

Entry Fees

RM 5,500 / submission

Landscape Contractor Category

Open to Malaysian Landscape Contractor



4A

Landscape Construction Awards (Malaysian Project)

Recognises quality of construction and workmanship of landscape architecture project. Entries in this category must have been built and completed. Entries include all types of construction work related to landscape architecture planning and design. Submitted works must be designed and endorsed by an ILAM member.

The jury will consider the ability of the contractor to materialise a design concept envisioned by a landscape architect through sound construction methods and high quality of workmanship. A site visit may be conducted on selected projects by the jury.

Note:

For projects outside Klang Valley, cost of the site visit for at least two jury members will be borne by submitting contractor. (if required)



Entry Criterias

- Must be a landscape construction work designed by ILAM member (Corporate, Graduate, Foreign Member) from the Landscape Consultancy Firm which was involved in the submitted project. Endorsement of the ILAM Corporate Member (LAr.) is required.
- Project Client endorsements of the entry are required.

Judging Criterias

- Perceived Overall Site Management (20%)**
- Construction Method (20%)**
- Planting Method (20%)**
- Workmanship (30%)**
- Maintenance and After Care (10%)**

Entry Fees

RM 3,000 / submission



5A

Green Product Awards

Recognises “Out of the box” and “Innovative” green products that relate to the enhancement of the overall landscape architecture industry.

Typical entries include (but are not limited to) Landscape furniture, planting materials, play equipment, water harvesting products, energy saving products, bio-technology products, lighting and many more.



Entry Criterias

- OPEN TO ALL
- Green product that contributes to the sustainability of our environment
- Demonstrate its practicality, required to be proven working or implemented.
- ILAM Corporate Member (LAr.) & Project Client endorsements of the entry are required.

Judging Criterias

- Issue & Problem Statement (10%)
- Concept, Novelty & Idea (35%)
- Sustainability to the Environment (20%)
- Sensitivity to Users' Need (25%)
- Product contribution to SDG2023 or Nature-based Solutions (NBS) (10%)

Entry Fees

RM 2,500 / submission



6A

Green Initiative Awards

Social and environmental driven programs, events, campaigns or landscape architectural projects that contribute towards the enhancement of city greener, economy and community well-being. Such as but not limited to:

01-Landscape architectural project

Parks, plazas, courtyards, gardens, streetscape, waterfront, promenade, thematic attraction, etc.

02-Natural and landscape resources planning and management plan.

03-Programs, events, campaigns that contribute to the city environment, landscape and community well-being.

04-Placemaking initiatives.



Entry Criterias

- **Open to City Council, Government Agency, Public Institution**
- Submission must be a social and environmental driven programs, events, campaigns or landscape architectural projects
- Programs, events or campaigns must be already implemented with a proven successful story.
- Landscape architectural projects must be completed.
- Should be submitted by Landscape Architect
- **LIMITED TO 2 SUBMISSIONS** per organisation
- Failure to comply with submission requirements may resulted in disqualification

Judging Criterias

- Enhancing city image, progress and growth (20%)
- Enhancing city environmental quality or community awareness (20%)
- Enhancing for city dwellers' needs & well-being (20%)
- SDG fulfillment & Community Participation (20%)
- Application of Nature-based Solutions (NBS) or any effort that contributed to NBS initiatives (20%)

Entry Fees

FREE OF CHARGE
LIMITED TO TWO (2)
SUBMISSIONS each organisation

RM 1,000 / each
for 3rd entry or more



7A

Green Initiative Awards

Social and environmental driven programs, events, campaigns or landscape architectural projects that contribute towards the enhancement of city greenery, economy and community well-being.

01-Landscape architectural project

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02-Natural and landscape resources planning and management plan.

03-Programs, events, campaigns that contribute to the city environment, landscape and community well-being.

04-Placemaking initiatives.



Entry Criterias

- Social and environmental driven programs, events, campaigns or landscape architectural projects** that contribute towards the enhancement of city greenery, economy and community well-being.
- Placemaking initiatives.**

Judging Criterias

- Enhancing city image, progress and growth** (20%)
- Enhancing city environmental quality or community awareness** (20%)
- Enhancing for city dwellers' needs & well-being** (20%)
- SDG fulfillment & Community Participation** (20%)
- Application of Nature-based Solutions (NBS) or any effort that contributed to NBS initiatives** (20%)

Entry Fees

FREE OF CHARGE
LIMITED TO ONE (1)
SUBMISSIONS each organisation

RM 1,000 / each
for 2nd entry or more



8A

Landscape Research Awards



Submission format:
Maximum of 2 x A1 Size (Portrait)

Recognises research works, which in the form of landscape development policy planning and design, as well as landscape architecture education and practices.

Typical entries include (but are not limited to) Research inquiry on policy, design and planning pertaining to landscape architecture, environmental and social impact assessment, operation and management, landscape architecture practice, enhancement of landscape industry, landscape architecture and design education, landscape construction methods and technology, horticulture, urban forestry, etc.

The jury will consider research that has valid research issues, problems, methods and analysis. The findings and conclusions shall address its contribution to landscape development or architecture practice.

Entry Criteria

- Open to all local researchers
- The submission will be in a PDF poster format (**A1 size, portrait**) maximum **two sheets**
- **Abstract to be included.**
- Failure to comply with submission requirements may resulted in disqualification

Judging Criterias

- **Introduction and Issues/Problems (15%)**
- **Approach / Method of Research / Project (25%)**
- **Findings and Solutions (25%)**
- **Contribution To Knowledge Practice (35%)**

Entry Fees

RM 500 / submission



9A

Student Design Awards



Submission format:
Maximum of 2 x A1 Size (Portrait)

Site-specific works of landscape architecture - from small scale landscape design to landscape planning for townships and mega developments. Entries in this category must be from the design work by landscape architecture students from local universities or higher learning institutions (Bachelor's or Master's programs).

The jury will observe the comprehensiveness of site analysis and synthesis and its relationship to the development of novel design ideas and concepts that are concerned with the surrounding context, environment, cultural values and peoples' needs.

Entry Criterias

- Landscape architecture students from local universities
- Submission must be endorsed by the Faculty / University.
- Design projects are not limited to Malaysia. Projects outside of Malaysia by local university students are also eligible in this category.

Judging Criterias

- **Site Inventory & Analysis (20%)**
- **Idea and Novelty of the Concept (20%)**
- **Application of Nature-based Solution (20%)**
- **Sensitivity to Local Context (10%)**
- **Sensitivity to Culture Values, People Needs or Environment (10%)**
- **SDG2030 Fulfillment (10%)**
- **Graphic Communication (10%)**

Entry Fees

RM 150 / submission



10A

Environmental & Landscape Management Awards

(Malaysian Project)



Submissions for this category include medium to large scale landscape development planning that demonstrate the sustainability in design, maintenance and management. The entries for this category are required to be completed.

Type of Entries include (but not limited to) Sustainable Landscape Management Plan for township, residential enclave or nature preservation such as rivers, lakes, wetland corridors and forested areas, rural areas, greenways, tourism areas, urban and regional parks as well as urban renewal projects.

Submission should be in a form of documented materials (maximum 50 pages).

Entry Criterias

- OPEN TO ALL (Developer, Joint Management Body (JMB), Landscape Architecture Firm etc).
- Entries must be a project with sustainable management approach.
- Project with management plan developed by Landscape Architect.
- ILAM Corporate Member (LAr.) endorsements of the entry is required.

Judging Criterias

- Sustainable Management Plan (30%)
- Sustainability in Planning and Design (20%)
- Sustainability Features (Technology, Methods etc) - (20%)
- Sustainable Landscape Maintenance (20%)
- SDG fulfillment (10%)

Entry Fees

RM 2,500 / submission

RM 1,000 / submission (ILAM Registered Firm)



10B

Green Infrastructure Awards

(Malaysian Project)



Green Infrastructure Awards recognise and celebrate innovative projects that prioritise sustainability and environmental stewardship in urban planning and development.

Green Infrastructure focuses on integrating natural and engineered systems to create more resilient, sustainable, and healthy communities. This award also recognises man-made network that provides the “ingredients” for solving urban and climatic challenges by building with nature.

Submission should be in a form of documented materials (maximum 50 pages).

Entry Criterias

- **OPEN TO ALL** (Developer, Landscape Architecture Firm etc).
- Entries must be a completed Project designed by Landscape Architect.
- ILAM Corporate Member (LAr.) endorsements of the entry is required.

Judging Criterias

- **Innovative approaches in problem solving** (20%)
- **Application of Nature-based Solutions** (20%)
- **Climate Resilience & Environmental Benefits** (20%)
- **Overall Community & Social Benefits** (20%)
- **Performance and Effectiveness** (10%)
- **SDG fulfillment** (10%)

Entry Fees

RM 2,500 / submission



10C

Low Carbon Landscape Awards (Malaysian Project)



Submissions for this category include **low carbon landscape and development planning**, that contributes to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and minimize the overall carbon footprint.

Elements that contribute to the Low Carbon Initiatives (with quantifying proof) includes:

1. **Mobility Planning**
2. **Greeneries**
3. **Energy Consumption**
4. **Waste Management**
5. **Water Conservation**

Submission should be in a form of documented materials (maximum 50 pages).

Entry Criterias

- **OPEN TO ALL**
(Developer, Landscape Architecture Firm etc).
- Entries must be a project with Low Carbon Design or planning.
- Completed Project or Master Planning Stage
- Submission must includes the proof with quantifying data that showcase the low carbon initiatives in design and planning
- ILAM Corporate Member (LAr.) endorsements of the entry is required.

Judging Criterias

- **Overall Low Carbon Initiatives (20%)**
- **Component of Low Carbon in Design and Planning (20%)**
- **Application of Nature-based Solutions (20%)**
- **Implementation Strategies (30%)**
- **SDG fulfillment (10%)**

Entry Fees

RM 2,500 / submission

RM 1,000 / submission (ILAM Registered Firm)



11A

Young Landscape Architect Awards

(Aged 35 and below)

Individuals who have shown exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the profession in an early stage of their landscape architecture career.

Candidates will be evaluated on how well they meet the program criteria as below:

- A **one-page nomination letter** by any ILAM Corporate Member.
- A **biography**, not to exceed two pages, including a list of offices, positions, honours, publications, and presentations.
- A **write up and illustration about personal design idea and philosophy** (maximum of 15 pages) that best demonstrate the outstanding accomplishments.
- **Submit a self video (max 3 minutes)** describing why the jury should nominate you as the recipient of this award.

Entry Criterias

- **Aged 35 and below**
- **ILAM Graduate or Corporate members (LAr.)** who are in good standing and are currently practicing landscape architecture
- Candidates who have received the award before, are not eligible to enter

11B

Emerging Landscape Architect Awards

(Aged 36-45)

Individuals who have shown exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the profession in an intermediate stage of their landscape architecture career.

Candidates will be evaluated on how well they meet the program criteria as below:

- A **one-page nomination letter** by any ILAM Corporate Member.
- A **biography**, not to exceed two pages, including a list of offices, positions, honours, publications, and presentations.
- A **write up and illustration about personal design idea and philosophy, contributions** (maximum of 15 pages) that best demonstrate the outstanding accomplishments.
- **Submit a self video (max 3 minutes)** describing why the jury should nominate you as the recipient of this award.

Entry Criterias

- **Aged 36 to 45**
- **ILAM Corporate members (LAr.)** who are in good standing and are currently practicing landscape architecture
- Candidates who have received the award before, are not eligible to enter



11A

Young Landscape Architect Awards (Aged 35 and below)

Judging Criterias

PHILOSOPHY & IDEAS ABOUT :

- Landscape Architecture (40%)
- Personality & Leadership (30%)
- Contribution to the Profession (20%)
- Bonus (10%)

Selection Process

- Shortlisted candidates/submission will be called for a presentation before the panel of jury.

Entry Fees

RM 300 / submission (ILAM Member ONLY)

11B

Emerging Landscape Architect Awards (Aged 36-45)

Judging Criterias

PHILOSOPHY & IDEAS ABOUT :

- Landscape Architecture (40%)
- Personality & Leadership (30%)
- Contribution to the Profession (20%)
- Bonus (10%)

Selection Process

- Shortlisted candidates/submission will be called for a presentation before the panel of jury.

Entry Fees

RM 800 / submission (ILAM Member ONLY)

Prominent Landscape Architect Awards

(Aged 46-60) - by nomination

The ILAM Prominent Landscape Architects Award represents the highest recognition given by the Institute of Landscape Architects Malaysia (ILAM) to an ILAM Corporate Member (**Aged between 46-60**). This award honours exceptional contributions to the advancement of landscape architecture through a consistent body of work showcasing design excellence. It is a prestigious accolade, celebrating outstanding achievements recognized by peers within the industry.

Nominations must follow the guidelines outlined in the nomination and selection rules. **Each nomination requires support from at least two (2) ILAM Corporate Members** and must be submitted through the **MLAA15 submission link** not latest than **6.00 pm on 18 January 2025**.

Entry Fees

FREE OF CHARGE (ILAM Member ONLY)

Landscape Industry Recognition

Professional Individual



Conditions

- The award shall not be granted to more than one recipient in a single calendar year.
- It may not be awarded annually, regardless of the number of nominations received.

Criteria

The objective of the award is to recognise a distinguished individual ILAM Corporate member with criteria as below:

- Landscape Architectural Design Excellence**
A career which has brought great distinction to architecture through a body of work over a period of time that consistently demonstrates the highest level of Landscape architectural design excellence.
- Advancing the Profession**
Advancing landscape architecture through excellent design works, creativity, innovation, design principles, contribution to landscape architecture education and enhancement of the built environment.
- Extensive and Sustained Body of Works**
An extensive and sustained portfolio of works which are of critical and immense value to the profession and ILAM as the national institute for landscape architects.
- Peer Recognition**
Recognition by peers and public within and/or outside Malaysia for a distinguished lifetime commitment and contribution to landscape architectural design.

Eligibility

- Nominee must be aged between 46 to 60**
- Nominee must be current and valid ILAM ILAM CORPORATE MEMBER and must not have received this award previously.
- Nominees who were considered but not selected in previous years may be re-nominated.
- Proposers and seconders** of nominations must also hold valid ILAM memberships at the time of submission.

Nomination Process

- Nominations must be submitted via the prescribed form and include supporting documentation, **with at least two (2) current ILAM Corporate Members as proposer and seconder**.
- Submissions should include:
 - A completed nomination form and Acceptance of Nomination form.
 - A PDF portfolio (landscape format, maximum file size: 100MB) highlighting significant works with descriptions demonstrating alignment to the selection criteria.
 - Any additional supporting documents, if applicable.
- If any information or documentation in the nomination is later found to be inaccurate or misleading, whether intentional or accidental, ILAM reserves the right to revoke the award.

Selection Process

- Shortlisted nomination will be called for a presentation before the panel of jury.
- The candidate will be presented by the nominee



12A Emerging Landscape Architecture Firm Awards

- Firm operation: 10 years and below
- Principal 15 years or below from obtaining LAr.
- Firm Registered with ILAM

This recognition aims to recognise emerging landscape architecture firm with exceptional design talents and innovative works of landscape architecture.

Eligibilities

- Firm should be **10 years or below of practice**.
- Main **principal** of the company should be **15 years or below from obtaining LAr**.
- The firm must be **REGISTERD with ILAM** to be eligible.
- Firms that have **won this award** before are **NOT ELIGIBLE to submit**.

Submission

A-COMPANY PROFILE

1. A **brief history of the firm**, not to exceed two pages in length.
2. A list of the **firm's achievements** (including awards), not to exceed two pages in length.
3. At least **TWO Clients** recommendation letter
4. A brief **biography of firm principals**, not to exceed four pages total.
5. **Photo** of each firm principal, or group photo.
6. **Compilation (up to 10) company recent project** or key projects.
7. Other contribution to the community, education, profession etc.



Judging Criterias

- The firm's influence on the direction/profession of landscape architecture.
- The collaborative environment of the firm, evidencing strong communication among specific areas of expertise.
- The consistent quality of the firm's work and its recognition by those who practice landscape architecture.

Selection Process

- Shortlisted candidates/submitting will be called for a presentation before the panel of jury.

Entry Fees

RM 1,000 / submission (ILAM Registered Firm Only)



I2B

Top Landscape Architecture Firm Awards

- Firm operation: 11 years and above
- Firm Registered with ILAM
- Award Title Valid for 3 years

The Landscape Architecture Firm Award is the highest honor that the Institute of Landscape Architects (ILAM) may bestow on a Malaysian landscape architecture firm. To recognise landscape architecture firms that have produced bodies of distinguished work influencing the professional practice of landscape architecture.

Eligibilities

- Any firm or successor firms in which the continuing collaboration among individuals of the firm has been the principal force in consistently producing distinguished landscape architecture for a period of at least 11 years and above.
- The firm must be REGISTERD with ILAM to be eligible.

Submission

A-COMPANY PROFILE

1. A brief history of the firm, not to exceed two pages in length.
2. A list of the firm's achievements (including awards), not to exceed two pages in length.
3. At least TWO Clients recommendation letter
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Special Recognition

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*Winner will be selected from among
the submitted entries to MLAA16.*

13A **Preservation & Conservation Awards**
(social, nature, cultural, historical)

13B **Nature-based Solution Awards**

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OPEN DAY 2026

9 Jan 2026 (Friday) / 10:30am / Via Zoom

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How To Participate?

STEP 1



- Fill up the Registration Form
- Bank in the total payment amount
- Submit your form and bank in slip via:
 - Email: mlaa16edition@gmail.com
 - Whatsapp: +(60)19-881 7016

STEP 2



- MLAA16 Secretariat will issue via email the following:
 - Entry Number** for each submission
 - Project Entry Form**
 - Entry Guidelines**

STEP 3



- Prepare your submission
- Each project must be submitted along with the **Unique Entry Number**
- Please read and follow the submission guidelines

STEP 4



- When your submission is ready, **upload completed files to any online cloud storage**. (wetransfer, google drive, etc)
- Click The Submission Link** inside the webpage: www.ilamalaysia.org/mlaa16
- Fill in the submission **Entry Number** and **Cloud Download Link**
- Closing Date: **31 January 2026 (Sat), 6pm Sharp**

MALAYSIA LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AWARDS 2026

REGISTRATION FORM

Closing Date: 31 JANUARY 2026 (6:00pm sharp)

OFFICIAL ENTRANT * COMPULSORY FIELD

Firm/Agency/Developer* Organisation/Individual _____

Address* _____

Important Contact Person* (Person in charge of submission or any personnel that can be contactable if required by the secretariat or the jury during the judging session) _____

Designation* _____ Tel No _____

Mobile Number* _____ Website _____

Are you a ILAM Member? ILAM Member (Check one)

ILAM Corporate Member ILAM Graduate Member ILAM Associate Member ILAM Foreign Member ILAM Student Member

NON-ILAM Member

ILAM Registered Landscape Architecture Firm _____ Company Name _____ ILAM Reg. No. _____

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MALAYSIA LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AWARDS 2026

Submission Form

Closing Date: 31 January 2025 (Sat)
Time: 6:00pm

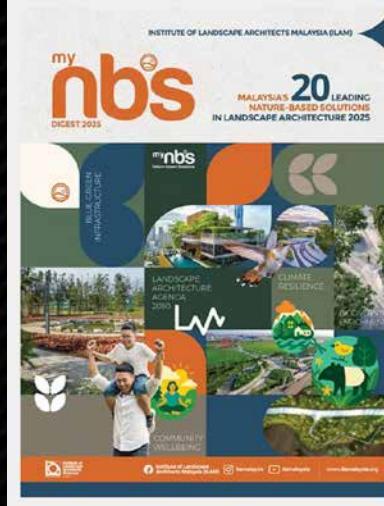
MLAA16 Submission Form

SUBMISSION CLOSED ON 31 JANUARY 2025 / 6:00pm

Each form is only permitted for one submission.
Please make multiple submissions using this form if you plan to submit more than ONE projects.

mlaa16edition@gmail.com [Switch account](#)

* Indicates required question



Designing with Nature: The Rise of NbS in Malaysia & Asia

Reframing the Asian Landscape

Across Asia's rapidly urbanising regions, the relationship between cities and nature is being redefined. What was once a binary — competing interests — is now a continuum of co-existence of living systems. Let's witness how this shift is transforming the way we approach development. At the forefront of this shift is the practice of Nature-based Solutions (NbS), which is a holistic approach to tackle challenges such as flooding, heat islands, biodiversity loss, and community well-being.

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) defines NbS as "actions to protect, sustainably manage, and restore natural or modified ecosystems, which effectively address biodiversity and ecosystem services challenges effectively and adaptively." Across Asia, this paradigm is gaining traction, reorienting society to embrace resilience, climate change adaptation, and urban sustainability. NbS is a collaborative, participatory, and responsive tool to the most adaptive approach of all: nature itself.

From Singapore's ABC Waters programme to China's Chang'an City Initiative, and from the Philippines' Agriforestry Rehabilitation efforts to Thailand's Green City movement, NbS — and even how they express urban identity. Among these regional efforts, Indonesia's Green City movement, and India's Green Infrastructure and Climate Resilience (GICR) — serve as drivers for NbS implementation — catalyzing change, and government support.

Malaysia's Path Toward Nature-Positive Design

Malaysia's landscape architecture practice has evolved beyond aesthetics into infrastructure — delivering ecosystem services through design. This includes biodiversity, resilience, biodiversity, and social equity are integrated principles. It is important to remember that innovative landscapes are not alternative armadas, but essential national infrastructure for climate resilience.

Frameworks such as the Lee Caravan (Chet 2020) Challenge & CT2020Q, initiated by the National Green Deal (NGD) and the Climate Change Corporation (MRC) under the Ministry of Environment and Water (MoEW), the Green Building Index (GBI), and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide the scaffolding for NbS. They offer clear direction on how to translate NbS into on-ground results — the specific, the challenging, and the exciting landscapes mentioned above.

Across Malaysia, this shift from using Nature to being Nature through a harmonization of landscape and urban use. These examples of NbS transition integrated landscape systems into tangible outcomes, from small-scale to large-scale, from local scales, from urban urban to regional natural systems, and so on.

• Titi City Park, Kuala Lumpur
• Green City Initiative, Kuala Lumpur, Selangor
• Bishan-Kallang Park, Singapore
• Sunway Lake Garden, Kuala Lumpur
• Green City, Putrajaya, Malaysia

Editor's insight

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Source: The article is based on the information provided in the 'my nbs DICEST 2025' magazine and the ILAM website. The magazine features several case studies and interviews with experts in the field. The ILAM website also provides information on the awards and the landscape architecture industry in Malaysia.

Advantages of Participation

- Recognition and exposure in the landscape industry
- Publication in Malaysia Landscape Architecture Yearbook / LAMY
- Potential coverage in local & international media
- Exposure on ILAM publication – MYNBS Magazine
- Exposure on ILAM website and facebook
- Certificate from ILAM
- Endorsed by International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA)
- Witness by more than 600 guests at the MLAA Gala Night



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Closing Date

31 JANUARY 2026

(6:00pm sharp)

Enquiries Email

mlaa16edition@gmail.com

Submission Enquiries

DURING OFFICE HOURS ONLY:

MON-FRI / 9:00am - 6:00pm



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COMMONLY
ASKED QUESTIONS!

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COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS!

Can one project submit for two or more categories?

- Yes
- Each Category has different judging criterias
- Jury are looking into different criteria as highlighted in the award brief
- Please submit following the judging criteria

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS!

How to get the reference number for submission?

- Submit Registration Form and make payment earlier to obtain the submission number in advance
- **Last minute form submission may cause delay** in your submission as MLAA organiser need to verify your form before providing the reference number

COMMONLY
ASKED
QUESTIONS!

Possible reasons for disqualification

- Did not follow submission requirements
- Incorrect category
- Logo appearance in the submission
- Submit after deadline!

**CLOSED ON 31 JANUARY 2026
6:00PM SHARP**

- Submission folder is EMPTY or files cannot be downloaded

**SUBMIT EARLY,
DO NOT WAIT UNTIL LAST MIN!**

COMMONLY
ASKED
QUESTIONS!

What is a good submission?

- Submit with focus on your project key elements that you wish the jury to take note
- Make it short, keywords, icon, photos
- Video

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS!

What is a good submission?

- Ensure the photos, plans in the submission is in good quality
- Avoid low quality or online downloaded photos
- Avoid non-copyrighted photos



COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS!

What is a good submission photos?

- Focal subject
- Perspective (front, below, above)
- Depth (foreground, middle & Background)
- Colours
- Story Telling





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COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS!



View above



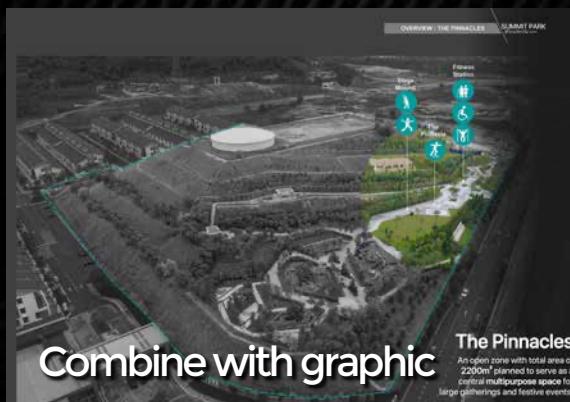
Site Context



Focal point & depth



Seeing overall design



Combine with graphic



Focal subject & Perspective

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS!

How to organise my submission folders?

Submission Folder
(label with submission number given by ILAM)

Eg: MLAA16/0023



Submission Files

PDF format/Power Point
Concealed Identification & Credit Form,
Submission Checklist,
Project Submission Files, Video and etc



Executive Summary in MS Word

(for publication purposes)



Photos

Put all the submitted photos
in a folder
(in jpg or tiff, high resolution,
300dpi for publication purposes)

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS!

Important Terms & Conditions to Take Note

- **Payment made during registration is not refundable** or change to any form of compensation, if the participant fail to make the submission
- **Grant permission** to the Institute of Landscape Architects Malaysia (ILAM) to exhibit/publish project's photos and details for publicity purposes
- ILAM as the publisher has the right **not to publish any of the submission** which does not fulfill the organiser's requirements and standards
- **Judges' decision is final**, and no correspondence will be entered into by the judges, organizing committee, or jury regarding that decision.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS!

Important Terms & Conditions to Take Note

- Any attempt to contact, influence, or harass the organizing committee or the jury, before, during, or after the evaluation process, may result in disqualification of the entry at the discretion of the award organizers.
- If the project site visit is located abroad or in East Malaysia, the travel and accommodation expenses will be borne by the entrant.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS!

New Judging Format for 2026

10-11 February 2026 (Tue-Wed)

Judging Session:

Live Presentation & Submission Judging

All entries listed below must attend a presentation session before the jury.

- **Professional Category (1A, 1B, 2A, 2B)**
- **Developer Category (3A, 3B)**
- **Government Category (6A)**
- **CSR Category (7A)**
- **Researcher Category (8A)**
- **Climate Action Category (10A, 10B, 10C)**
- **Landscape Industry Recognition (11A, 11B, 11C, 12A, 12B)**

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS!

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10-11 February 2026 (Tue-Wed)

Judging Session:

Non-Presentation Categories (Judging based on Submission):

- *Contractor Category (4A)*
- *Green Product Category (5A)*
- *Student Category (9A)*

Types of Awards in Each Category



Excellence Award

This is the highest award. Every year, there will be only one recipient in each category, selected after the site visit by the jury.



Honour Award

An award which showcases exceptional work and meets the high standard outlined in the award criteria.



Merit Award

An award given to participants with commendable approach and ideas, yet not selected as a winner for an Honour Award.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS!

Highest Recognition Selected Across All Entries



PROJECT OF THE YEAR

This is the highest award for the year. **Only one winner** will be selected, based on all the winners awarded the Excellence Award in the same year.



PRESIDENT AWARD

This special award is nominated by ILAM council members and endorsed by the ILAM President.

Special Recognition Selected Among the Winners

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS!



PRESERVATION & CONSERVATION AWARDS (social, nature, cultural, historical)

Recognise landscape architecture projects that protect, restore and enhance social, natural, cultural and historical landscapes. This award honours works that demonstrate sensitive design, responsible stewardship and long-term conservation strategies, ensuring heritage, ecological systems and community values are sustained through thoughtful landscape planning and design.



NATURE-BASED SOLUTION AWARDS

Recognise landscape architecture projects that use natural processes and ecological systems to address environmental, social and climate-related challenges. This award honours designs that integrate nature into the built environment to enhance resilience, biodiversity, human well-being and long-term sustainability through innovative and context-responsive landscape solutions.