

ASIA COSMOPOLITAN AWARDS



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Introduction



Known as the center of global growth and still home to active and growing economies, East Asia is experiencing a rapid regional economic integration, mainly among the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN). However, regional development gaps, environment, and other issues emphasize the need for policy harmonization throughout Asia as a whole.

The ASEAN Community, targeting its integration by 2015, based upon three pillars: Political-Security Community, Economic Community and Socio-Cultural Community. As such, there is a need to seek regional integration toward the realization of a 21st century community that takes advantage of national individuality and identity, while also taking into consideration economic and cultural diversity.

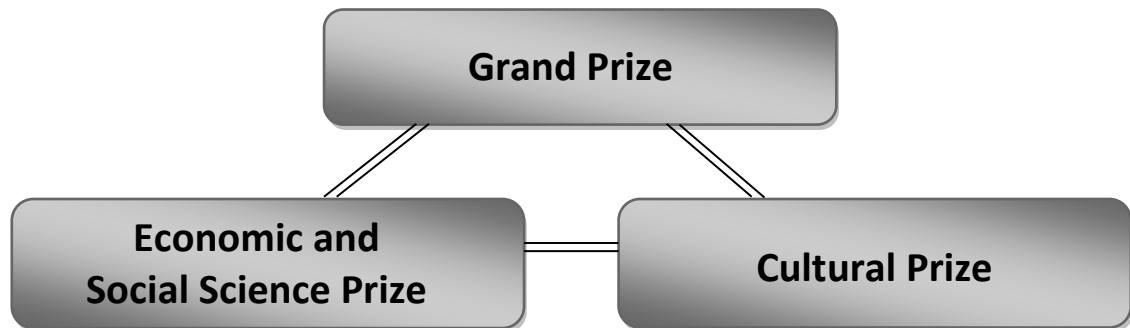
Given this understanding, the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and the Nara Prefectural Government, in commemoration of the 1300-year anniversary in 2010 of Heijo-Kyo (ancient capital of Japan located in present-day Nara) as the last destination of the ancient Silk Road and one of the first cosmopolitan city in East Asia, have decided to establish an international award, the Asia Cosmopolitan Awards to recognize persons and/or organizations making substantial and significant contributions to the development of a peaceful and stable East Asian Community. Qualifying individuals and/or organizations will have contributed to the cultural and economic integration of the region, to narrow the developmental gaps in the region, as well as to establish the sustainable social growth.

Asia Cosmopolitan Awards

The Asia Cosmopolitan Awards aims to recognize on a biennial basis individuals or organizations that have made substantial and significant contributions to the development of a peaceful and stable East Asian Community, to narrow the development gaps in the region, as well as to establish the sustainable social growth towards cultural and economic integration within East Asia.

Prizes of the Awards

The Asia Cosmopolitan Awards shall consist of the following three prizes. Prizes shall be awarded regardless of the nation of origin of any individual and/or organization



❖ Grand Prize

Awarded to an individual and/or organization making the most distinguished achievements in economic, social science, or cultural fields

❖ Economic and Social Science Prize

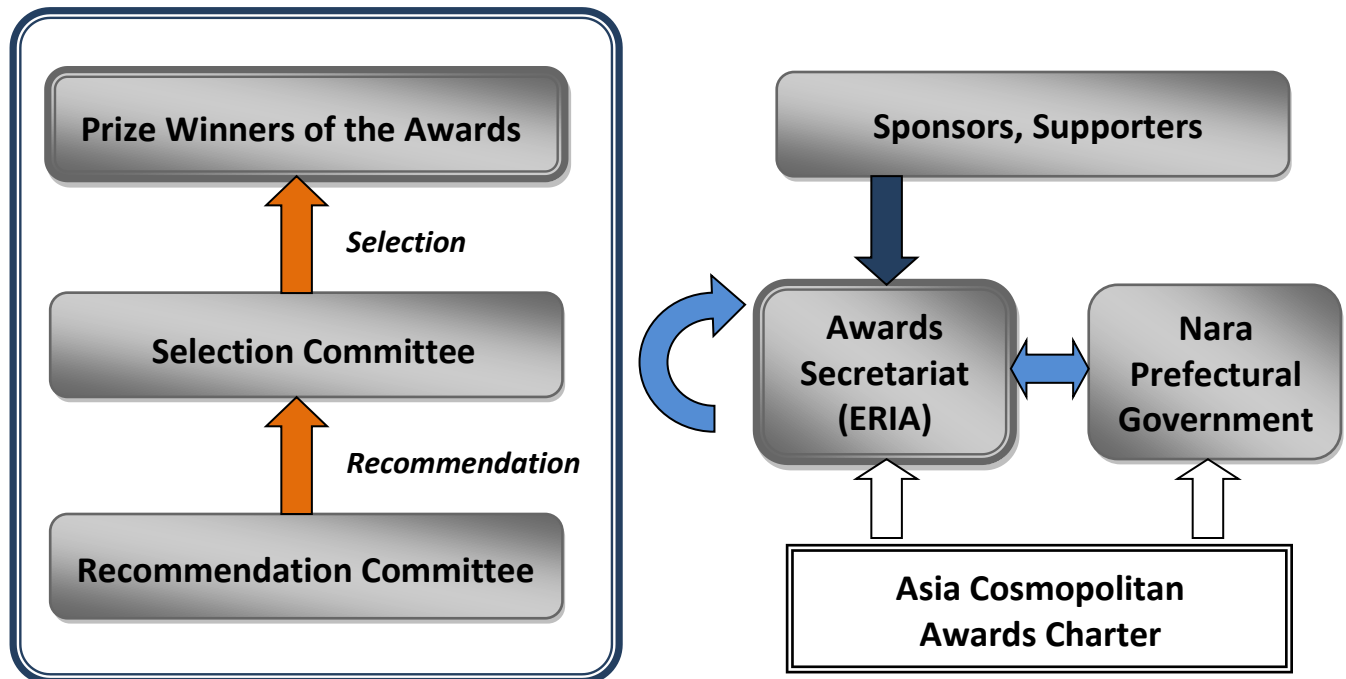
Awarded to an individual and/or organization contributing to the betterment of Asia in the economic or social science fields through eminent achievements in scholarly research, business innovation, industrial technology, smart consumption activities, security/safety, social security, politics, philosophy, or other general social sciences

❖ Cultural Prize

Awarded to an individual and/or organization contributing to the betterment of Asia in the cultural fields through eminent achievements in the arts, literature, content, cultural academic research or other cultural fields

Selection Process

A Recommendation Committee consisting of economic and policy research institutes representing 16 East Asian countries will propose candidates for each category based on the criteria. A Selection Committee consisting of prominent cultural figures, experts in various fields and heads of research organizations, will then discuss the eligibility of candidates in depth and make a final decision. Acting as the secretariat, ERIA will work closely with Nara Prefecture to ensure the selection process observes the Asia Cosmopolitan Awards Charter.



Selection Committee

An Asia Cosmopolitan Awards Selection Committee shall be established to determine which individual and/or organization will be awarded the prize(s). Selection Committee Members shall be knowledgeable individuals from various disciplines, as identified below, serving for a period of two years.

The Selection Committee Chairperson shall be selected among the committee members. The Chairperson shall convene Selection Committee meetings to enable Members to execute their duties. (The Chairperson may convene a Selection Committee meeting in written form so as to allow Members to execute their duties.)

Members shall execute their duties, taking recommendations from Recommendation Committee into consideration. The Chairperson shall make the final decision as to which individual and/or organization is awarded the prizes.

Member of Selection Committee (Alphabetical Order A-Z)



H.E. Dr. Akito Arima,
Former Minister of Education of Japan
Former President of the University of Tokyo
Chancellor of Musashi Academy of the Nezu Foundation
Japan



Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura,
Executive Director of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia
(ERIA)



H.E. Dr. Lee O Young,
First Minister of Culture of South Korea



H.R.H. Samdech Norodom Sirivudh,
Founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors
Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP)



Mr. Seigow Matsuoka,
Japanese Culture Researcher,
Founder of Editorial Engineering Laboratory



Mr. Shogo Arai,
Governor of Nara Prefecture



H.E. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan,
Former Secretary-General of ASEAN



Prof. Takashi Shiraishi,
President of Institute of Developing Economies (IDE),
Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)

Recommendation Committee

The Secretariat may establish an Asia Cosmopolitan Awards Recommendation Committee (“Recommendation Committee”) comprising individuals other than Selection Committee Members to make recommendations to the Selection Committee as to individuals and/or organizations deemed worthy of prizes and to help Selection Committee Members execute their duties. Members of the Recommendation Committee serve for a period of two years, and may be reappointed without limitation.

Member of Recommendation Committee

The member consists of the Regional Institute Network (RIN) members from sixteen countries as below. The members make recommendations to the Selection Committee as to individuals and/or organizations deemed worthy for the prizes.

Brunei Darussalam	Brunei Darussalam Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies (BDIPSS)
Cambodia	Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP)
Indonesia	Centre for Strategic and International Studies(CSIS)
Laos	National Economic Research Institute (NERI)
Malaysia	Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER)
Myanmar	Yangon Institute of Economics (YIE)
Philippine	Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS)
Singapore	Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)
Thailand	Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI)
Vietnam	Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM)
Australia	Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University (ANU)
China	Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)
India	Research and Information System for the Non-Aligned and other Developing Countries (RIS)
Japan	Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO)
Korea	Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP)
New Zealand	New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER)

Awards Secretariat

To ensure the smooth implementation of awards, ERIA, as the organizer of the awards, shall establish the Asia Cosmopolitan Awards Secretariat. The secretariat shall be run by ERIA staff. The secretariat and the Nara Prefectural Government shall work in close coordination to perform the provisions.

Sponsors/Supporters

Individuals and/or organizations offering sponsorship (“Sponsors”) or support (“Supporters”) shall be so designated with respect to the prizes.

Sponsors shall agree with the content and purpose of this charter, and provide at least fifteen thousand United States dollars (US\$15,000) or the equivalent to the secretariat. Sponsors may be from any nation of origin. Other matters related to Sponsors shall be as provided separately.

Awards Charter

The Asia Cosmopolitan Awards Charter shall be set in order to regulate the rules regarding the awards and the associated operation and key players, and to facilitate the selection process of the Awards. The charter contains the following articles.

Article 1: The Asia Cosmopolitan Awards

Article 2: Awards

Article 3: Award Eligibility

Article 4: Award Selection Period

Article 5 Selection Committee

Article 6 Selection: Duties of Selection Committee

Article 7: Selection Committee Meetings

Article 8: Recommendation Committee

Article 9: Duties of Recommendation Committee

Article 10: Selecting/Determining Award Recipients

Article 11: Restrictions on Members

Article 12: Asia Cosmopolitan Awards Ceremony

Article 12: Asia Cosmopolitan Awards Secretariat

Article 13: Secretariat Staffing

Article 14: Duties of Secretariat

Article 15: Expenses

Article 16: Cooperation with Nara Prefecture

Article 17: Sponsors/Supporters

Article 18: Charter Revisions

Supplementary Provisions

Appendix: Asia Cosmopolitan Awards Selection Committee Members

Related past events and future plans

2010

- On July 3 and 4, ERIA and Nara Prefecture held the ERIA Regional Network Forum at the Nara New Prefectural Public Hall. At the event, prominent researchers and cultural figures discussed issues involving the development of an East Asian community. During these discussions, participants agreed on the need for some kind of recognition of unique qualities in talented individuals who have supported regional integration and cultural diversity through their works. This awareness consequently led to the conception of an international program to recognize such personal contributions towards the advancement of East Asia. The idea eventually took the form of the Asia Cosmopolitan Awards celebrating the 1,300 anniversary of the founding of the Heijo-kyo capital in Japan.

2012

- On February 3, ERIA announced the establishment of the Asia Cosmopolitan Awards after which it hosted a commemorative forum. A keynote speech by the Secretary-General of ASEAN, a special lecture by Dr. Robert Campbell, a scholar of Japanese literature, and a roundtable discussion featuring essayist Hanae and Nara Prefecture Governor Shogo Arai contemplated the significance of the new awards program and the meaning of being “cosmopolitan”.

- From May to July, the institutional members of the Recommendation Committee engaged in the process of selecting potential candidates.

- On September 15, the Selection Committee held a meeting at the Hotel New Otani in Tokyo, Japan, where final decisions on winners were reached.

- On October 31, the ERIA released an outline of the program for the Nara Forum Commemorating the Asia Cosmopolitan Awards.

- On November 16, 2012, the winners of the 1st Asia Cosmopolitan Awards were announced in the press conference held in Phnom Penh at the occasion of the Media Roundtable which was attended by editors-in-chief of various media outlets based in the ten main countries of ASEAN, Japan, China, Korea, Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Russia. The winners are: Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary General of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Benedict Anderson, Professor Emeritus at Cornell University; Takehiko Inoue, Japanese Manga Artist; The late Hadi Soesastro, Founder of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). H.R.H. Samdech Norodom Sirivudh on behalf of the Selection Committee, announced the inaugural laureates of the Asia Cosmopolitan Awards.

- On December 18, an event to congratulate the laureates called the Nara Forum was held in Nara, Japan. The forum featured a presentation ceremony, a commemorative keynote speech, and lectures by the laureates.

- On December 19, educational program in relation with the Nara Forum was held, such as special lectures by awardees at the universities in Nara, Japan. Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi gave a lecture at Tezukayama University; Prof. Benedict Anderson at Nara Women's University.

※ ERIA will announce winners and hold ceremony for the 2nd Asia Cosmopolitan Awards in 2014.