



**ASIA  
COSMOPOLITAN  
AWARDS**

*People Connected*

**2016**



## Asia Cosmopolitan Awards

### 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 is 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 21<sup>st</sup> century community that takes advantage of national individuality and identity, while also taking into consideration economic and cultural diversity.

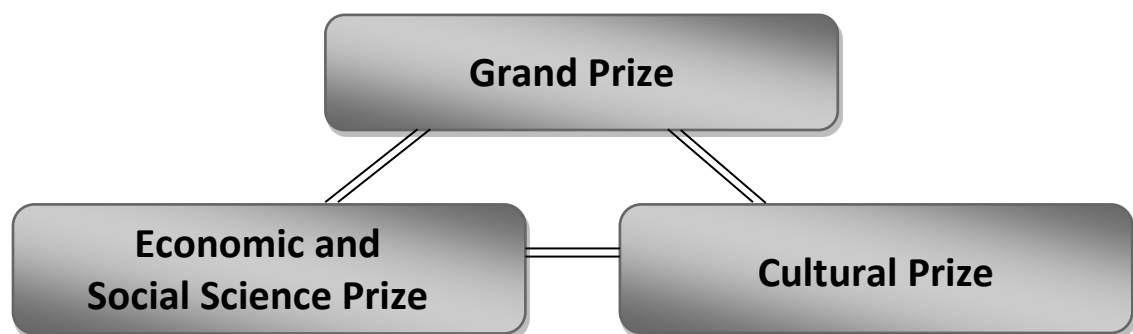
Given this understanding, the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and the Nara Prefectural Government, in commemoration of the 1300-year anniversary in 2010 of Heijo-Kyo (ancient capital of Japan located in present-day Nara) as the last destination of the ancient Silk Road and 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 (herein after referred as the “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 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

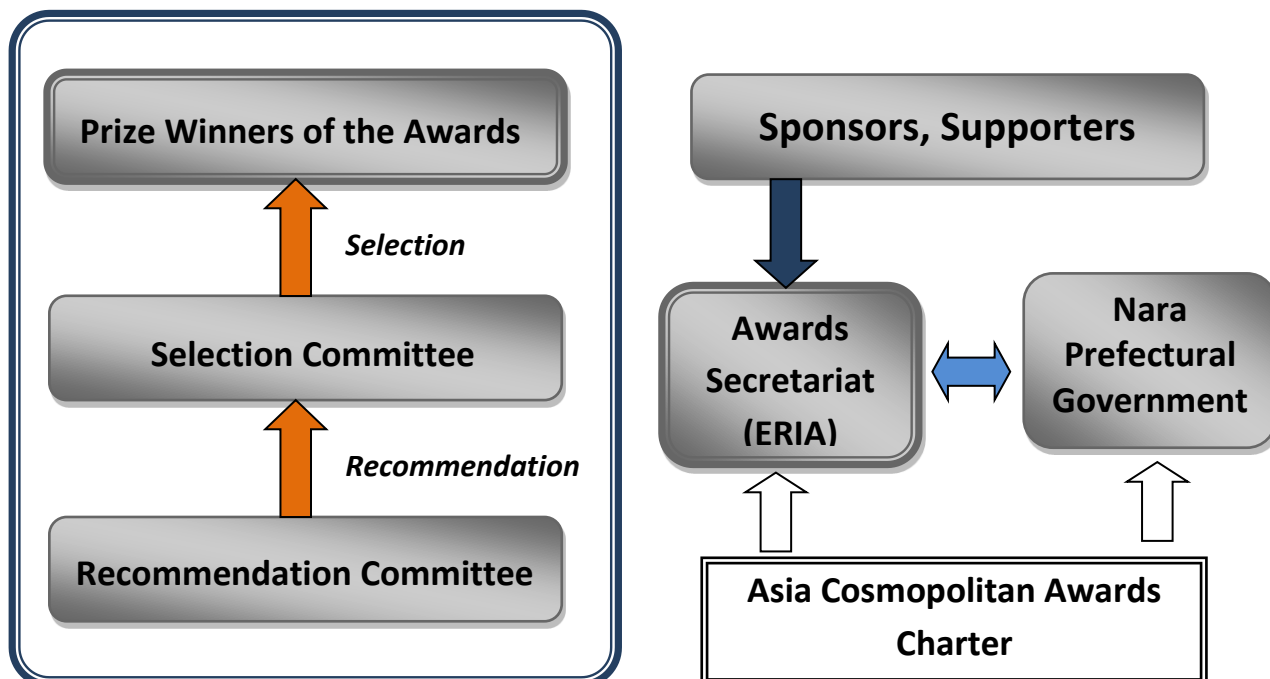
Awarded to an individual and/or organization contributing to the betterment of Asia in the economic or social science fields through eminent achievements in scholarly research, business innovation, industrial technology, smart consumption activities, security/safety, social security, politics, philosophy,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

Recommendation Committee consisting of economic and policy research institutes representing 16 East Asian countries will propose candidates for each category based on the criteria. Selection Committee consisting of prominent cultural figures, experts in various fields and heads of research organizations, will then discuss the eligibility of candidates, together with their own recommendations, 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 Awards Charter.



## Selection Committee

The 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 are awarded the prizes.

## **Members of Selection Committee (Alphabetical Order)**

**Prof. Masanori Aoyagi,**

Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo  
Former Commissioner of the Agency for Cultural Affairs

**Mr. Shogo Arai,**

Governor of Nara Prefecture

**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

**H.E. Dr. Lee O Young,**

First Minister of Culture of South Korea

**Prof. Hiroshi Nakanishi,**

Dean, Kyoto University School of Government

**Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura,**

President of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

**H.R.H. Samdech Norodom Sirivudh,**

Founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors  
Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP)

**H.E. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan,**

Special Advisor to the President of ERIA  
Former Secretary-General of ASEAN

## Recommendation Committee

The Secretariat may establish an 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.

## Members of Recommendation Committee

The members 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 shall serve as the Awards Secretariat. The Secretariat and the Nara Prefectural Government shall work in close coordination to perform the provisions.

## Past Laureates

2012

### Grand Prize



**Supachai Panitchpakdi**

*Former Secretary General of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)*

### Economic and Social Science Prize



**Benedict Anderson**

*Professor Emeritus at Cornell University; (deceased)*

### Cultural Prize



**Takehiko Inoue**

*Japanese Manga Artist*

### Memorable Prize



**Hadi Soesastro**

*Founder of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) (deceased)*

**2014**

**Grand Prize**



**Manmohan Singh**

*Former Prime Minister, the Republic of India*

**Economic and Social Science Prize**



**Peter David Drysdale**

*Emeritus Professor of Economics and Visiting Fellow,  
Crawford School of Economics and Government, the  
Australian National University*



**Wang Gungwu**

*University Professor, National University of Singapore*

**Cultural Prize**



**Rithy Panh**

*Cambodian Filmmaker*



**The Takarazuka Revue Company**

*Japanese Theatrical Music Company*

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