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Malaysia's PAM Awards 2024 honours country's best buildings

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One senior tell he was in terms of sustainable urban housing while another project represented an abandoned heritage building into a centre for the homeless.

These designs, and more, were recognised at the recent Pertubuhan Arkitek Malaysia (PAM) Awards held last Friday (June 21).

The Barbara Cook Foundation Centre in Kuala Lumpur, a Royal Institute of Chartered Architects of Malaysia (PAM) Conservation Award winner, has challenges in transforming and modifying three of the project's 100 year-old shophouses, while preserving and modifying three of the project's 100.

Through this approach, Buildtec significantly reduced on site waste and environmental impact while ensuring the structure is accurate and durable.

The project's distinctive yellow cantilever design makes it a visually striking landmark, at the same time exhibiting a commitment to upholding the foundation of sustainable living practices.

Comparing 100 modern, eco-friendly or iconic iconic, Buildtec not only provides housing but provides a community centre lifestyle ideally suited to the.

Meanwhile, the Sight Shelter was a project initiated by the Penang Island City Council (PBBPP) to address the issue of homeless individuals seeking refuge in the city's shelter, that Kuala Lumpur Town Committee population coming up into society.

Additionally, SAMAN Square is a cultural heritage that serves as an attractive landmark in the city, boasting a blend of modern and traditional architectural elements with a nuanced approach through innovative design. Fosters community connection and a good example of sustainable urban development.

The PAM Awards is a platform for architects to showcase their ideas about inspiring a dialogue on the future of the profession, said president Ar Ooi Chin Lee.

"It is a reminder that our built environment is a living canvas, ever-evolving, and that our architects are the artists charged with its continual refinement," said president Ruzain Ismail, president of the Institute Malaysia.

Lumina Park, Photo: Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) Urban Forestry Unit

This year, the Awards saw only one project being honoured from the Eastern, with seven to Semenanjung Malaysia, two to Sabah and one to Sarawak.

Ooi Chin Lee said the jury considered the following criteria:

"The Awards aim to celebrate exceptional projects that exhibit a blend of excellence in architecture. Each project is evaluated based on a comprehensive set of criteria, including design innovation, sustainability, functionality and social impact.

"This year, the focus was on architecture that transcends boundaries and pushes the limits of creativity, while also addressing pressing issues such as climate change and social equity. The primary focus of the jury is on quality rather than quantity.

"It is essential that a build award represents the pinnacle of architectural excellence. This approach embodies the prestige and dedicated of the Gold award, ensuring it remains a beacon of excellence in the architectural landscape. By maintaining this high standard, Sofa Sofa Sofa's PAM awards aim to inspire and elevate the profession.

"Recognising projects that show potential but may not have reached the highest standards of excellence provides a pathway for continuous improvement and recognition. It is important to note that these decisions were made through a rigorous and thorough deliberative process, reflecting the consensus of the entire jury.

"The Awards serve as a platform to celebrate and recognise the integrity and credibility of the profession, ensuring that our contributions to the built and cultural landscape remain impactful and relevant."

Ar Ooi Chin Lee, president of the Institute Malaysia (PAM) Architectural Awards

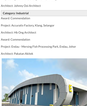
Starting with that, he added the jury hopes to see several key developments in next year's awards.

"We are eager for projects that push the boundaries of architectural design, incorporating innovative solutions and creative approaches that challenge conventional norms.

"Given the importance of sustainability, we hope to see more projects prioritising environmental responsibility, using green building practices and energy-efficient designs.

"Social impact is also crucial. We look forward to designs that promote social cohesion, inclusivity and accessibility. We seek buildings that exude aesthetic appeal and functionality, enhancing the overall quality of life for users. The use of high-quality materials and craftsmanship are essential, with attention to detail and the use of durable materials," he said.

Nonetheless, the jury raised the to see significant improvement in the low-rise residential sector, with many submissions falling short of the standards of excellence. Ultimately, we hope to see projects that not only meet but exceed these standards, contributing to a vibrant and sustainable architectural landscape in Malaysia, he said.



Ar Ooi Chin Lee, president of the Institute Malaysia (PAM) Architectural Awards

The PAM Awards, launched in 1990, honours architects, building owners and contractors who emphasise design ingenuity and contribute to a high-quality built environment.

This year, it received 107 submissions across 13 categories, with only 40 projects shortlisted.

The award categories include Single Residential, Multiple Residential (Low-Rise), Multiple Residential (High-Rise), Education, Industrial, Adaptive Re-use, Interior Design, Commercial/Retail, Commercial/Mixed Development, Special, Institutional, Development Collaborations, Special Category and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

Here are the list winners:

Category: Single Residential
Award: Silver

Project: House of Lime, Ruching, Sarawak

Architect: MNAC Architects

Award: Silver

Project: 3 Jones House, Ipoh, Perak

Architect: Ken Yeh Architect

Photo: Ken Yeh Architect

The 3 Jones House in Ipoh, Perak, is a contemporary tropical home that prioritises natural ventilation, shared spaces for family and a strong connection to the surrounding landscape. Its design ensures seamless integration with the landscape, fostering a harmonious blend between the home and its surroundings.

Category: Multiple Residential (High-rise)
Award: Silver

Project: Pearl Aquaria, Kuala Lumpur

Architect: Environmental Design Practice

Photo: Environmental Design Practice

Pearl Aquaria, a 36-storey residential development in Kuala Lumpur, boasts a unique design that integrates lush landscaping with its landscape. Photo: Environmental Design Practice

Category: Adaptive Re-use
Award: Silver

Project: Night Market, George Town, Penang

Architect: Jeffrey Cole Architect

Category: Industrial
Award: Commendation

Project: Accurate Printing Kang, Selangor

Architect: Ok Ong Architect

Award: Commendation

Project: Dubai, Warehouse Processing Plant, Endau, Johor

Architect: Pakatan Mahek

Photo: Pakatan Mahek

A stand-out feature of the Dubai, Warehouse Processing Plant (DWPP) development in Endau, Johor, PMAK's design is its distinctive roof structure, meticulously crafted to maximise natural ventilation and boost overall comfort within the facility.

Category: Interior Design
Award: Commendation

Project: MOA, Kelab Ally, Batu Berry, Johor

Architect: KDP, Selangor

Photo: KDP, Selangor

A standout aspect highlighting the Kelab Ally's design is evident in the ambitious use of natural light and ventilation, meticulously crafted to enhance the daily lifestyle of its members. Photo: KDP, Selangor

Category: Commercial/Retail
Award: Silver

Project: Tanah Millenia, Kuantan, Pahang

Architect: Zulal Architect

Award: Silver

Project: 1MRR Square, Kuala Lumpur

Architect: Tan Kwan Chong Architect (TKC& Architect)

Photo: Tan Kwan Chong Architect (TKC& Architect)

The facades of Lot 1MRR Square in Pingalan Pekan, which currently the dedicated transport connectivity hub for Kuala Lumpur's public transport system, boasts a unique design. Photo: Tan Kwan Chong Architect (TKC& Architect)

Category: Commercial/Mixed Development
Award: Silver

Project: Sprawl @ 25, Kuala Lumpur

Architect: MMW Architectures

Award: Silver

Project: DRM Cybercity, Cyberjaya, Selangor

Architect: Justin Lee Architects

Photo: Justin Lee Architects

Sprawl @ 25 in Kuala Lumpur's Jalan Ampang, with its distinctive roofscape, underscores a commitment to sustainable urban living. Photo: Justin Lee Architects

Category: Special
Award: Silver

Project: Studios Co Living Housing, Kuala Lumpur

Architect: Tan Kwan Chong Architect (TKC& Architect)

Category: SDG
Award: Silver

Project: Night Shelter, George Town, Penang

Architect: Jeffrey Cole Architect

Award: Silver

Project: Menara Alfa (Bangsar), PJX, Kuala Lumpur

Architect: Artlink Map

Photo: Artlink Map

Menara Alfa (Bangsar), PJX, Kuala Lumpur, Photo: Artlink Map

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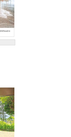

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