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GBA 2025
Nomination Kit

TOWARDS CARBON NEUTRALITY

Excellence In Sustainable Built Environment

NOMINATION DEADLINE

6:00pm (Hong Kong Time),

13 June 2025

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Introduction of Green Building Award

The **Green Building Award (GBA)** is co-organised by the **Hong Kong Green Building Council** (HKGBC) and the **Professional Green Building Council** (PGBC). Inaugurated by the PGBC in 2006, the Award aims to provide recognition to building-related projects and organisations with outstanding performances and contributions towards sustainability and encourage the wider adoption of sustainable planning, design, construction, management, operation, maintenance, renovation and decommissioning of buildings.

The **HKGBC** was co-founded by four major construction industry and environmental organisations:

- Construction Industry Council (CIC)
- Business Environment Council (BEC)
- BEAM Society Limited (BSL)
- Professional Green Building Council (PGBC)

The **PGBC** consists of five members which are major building-related professional institutes:

- The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA)
- The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE)
- The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects (HKILA)
- The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS)
- The Hong Kong Institute of Planners (HKIP)

While four professional institutes further joined the PGBC as affiliate members in 2022:

- The Chartered Institute of Transport and Logistics in Hong Kong (CILTHK)
- The Hong Kong Institute of Architectural Conservationists (HKICON)
- The Hong Kong Institute of Facility Management (HKIFM)
- The Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design (HKIUD)

The publications of the GBA winning projects and organisations in 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2019, 2021 and 2023 can be viewed at: https://www.hkgbc.org.hk/eng/engagement/industry-schemes-awards/green-building-award/index.jsp.

Towards Carbon Neutrality

Combating climate change is a pressing global issue. To signify Hong Kong's commitment, the Government has pledged to achieve carbon neutrality before 2050 and promulgated the Hong Kong's Climate Action Plan 2050. With buildings accounting for over 50% of greenhouse gas emissions in Hong Kong, professionals in the building industry play a pivotal role in this decarbonisation mission. Join us now in this vital endeavour and showcase your excellence in driving for a carbon-neutral built environment.

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1. Award Categories

As a major event in Hong Kong, GBA recognises projects and organisations that demonstrate elegantly, durably and/or innovatively the principles for a sustainable built environment. **The five award categories in GBA 2025 are as follows**:

Main Category	Sub-Category
New Buildings (NB)	**1. Completed Projects** (Obtained Occupation Permit or equivalent after 1 January 2022 and up till 12 June 2025) a. Residential b. Commercial c. Institutional **2. Projects Under Construction and/or Design** a. Residential b. Commercial c. Institutional
Existing Buildings (EB)	**1. Completed Projects** (Projects completed from 1 January 2021 to 12 June 2025) (Revitalisation, Renovation, Rehabilitation & Responsiveness) a. Residential b. Commercial c. Institutional **2. Projects under Planning/ Design** (Revitalisation, Renovation, Rehabilitation & Responsiveness) a. Residential b. Commercial c. Institutional **3. Facilities Management** (Carbon/ Energy Management, Engagement with Stakeholders) **4. Interiors** (For completed projects only)
Research & Planning (RP)	**1. Research** (For research projects completed with substantial findings/ results) **2. Planning**
Building Products & Technologies (BPT)	
Green Building Leadership (GBL)	**1. Developers** **2. Contractors** **3. Consultants** **4. Facilities Management** **5. Green Products & Technologies Business** **6. Government, Institutions & NGOs**

Special Citations

- **Special Citation on United Nations Sustainable Development Goals**
  The 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) represent the aspiration of the people on Earth to address the global problems we face together, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, peace and justice. The built environment, planning, architecture and design, interact with every goal.

  This Special Citation only applies to Completed Projects of the New Buildings (NB) Category & Completed Projects of the Existing Buildings (EB) Category, and may be bestowed to one or more Finalists/ Awarded Projects.

  This Special Citation honours distinguished local or overseas built environment projects that can positively contribute to realising one or more UN Sustainable Development Goals. Judging criteria shall be based on three key aspects: INSPIRATIONAL, CONTEXTUAL, & RESPONSIBLE, with due consideration of the sustainable outcomes and significant impacts achieved by the projects.

  More information about UN SDGs can be viewed at: https://sdgs.un.org/goals

- **Special Citation on Green Financing *(newly added for GBA 2025)***
  Green financing gains heightened significance in fostering sustainable building innovations, practices and addressing climate change in Hong Kong's built environment. It serves as a conduit for channelling funds into green building projects, enabling enhanced sustainability throughout the entire building lifecycle and improving overall environmental performance and effectiveness.

  This Special Citation honours distinguished local or overseas built environment projects that substantially contribute to driving decarbonisation and developing a sustainable built environment. Judging criteria shall primarily be based on the sustainable outcomes and significant impacts achieved by the projects.

  This Special Citation only applies to Finalists of Completed Projects of the New Buildings (NB) Category & Completed Projects of the Existing Buildings (EB) Category, and it may be bestowed to one or more Finalists/ Awarded Projects. Further information will be announced in early August 2025 after the announcement of Finalists.

Notes

- The 4 categories of NB, EB, RP and BPT apply to building projects, and winners will be bestowed with either Grand Award or Merit Award; whilst the GBL category applies to organisations, and winners will be bestowed with Pioneer Award.
- Industrial Buildings are included in the Commercial Building Category.
- For detailed assessment criteria for each award category, please refer to Appendix I.

2. Key Dates

13 March 2025	Nomination starts
22 April 2025	Open for Online Submission
13 June 2025 at 6:00pm	Nomination closes
July 2025	Selection of Finalists by Scientific Committee
Early August 2025	Finalists announced
6-7 September 2025 *(or 13-14 Sep in case of adverse weather conditions on 6-7 Sep)*	**Final Judging:** Site visit and presentation to Jury Panel *- For Finalists of completed NB and EB in Hong Kong* Presentation to Jury Panel *- For Finalists of other NB, EB, RP, BPT & GBL*
Early/Mid November 2025	GBA 2025 Award Presentation Ceremony

3. Nomination Fee

Main Category	Nomination Fee
New Buildings (NB)	HK$ 8,000
Existing Buildings (EB)	HK$ 6,500
Research & Planning (RP)	HK$ 6,500
Building Products & Technologies (BPT)	HK$ 6,500
Green Building Leadership (GBL)	HK$ 8,000

Payment of the nomination fee should be made either by Cheque or Bank Transfer as indicated below:

- **By Cheque**
  A crossed cheque made payable to "**Hong Kong Green Building Council Limited**" and delivered to the GBA 2025 Secretariat Office **by 6:00pm, 13 June 2025**.

  GBA 2025 Secretariat Office
  Hong Kong Green Building Council
  1/F, Jockey Club Environmental Building, 77 Tat Chee Avenue,
  Kowloon Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong

- **By Bank Transfer**
  The amount is payable to the following bank account. Upload the payment slip to the GBA 2025 Online Nomination System **by 6:00pm, 13 June 2025**.

  Beneficiary Account Name: **Hong Kong Green Building Council Limited**
  Beneficiary Bank Name: HSBC
  Bank code: 004
  Bank account no.: 808-768949-292
  Beneficiary Bank Address: 1 Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong
  SWIFT Code: HSBCHKHHHKH

The nomination fee will not be refunded in any case.

4. Eligibility

- Nominated projects are not subject to any size or cost limitation.
- Any project can be nominated, provided it has never received any Grand Award in the **past 2 editions** under the same Sub-Category from the previous Green Building Awards.
- Any organisation can be nominated, provided it has never received any Pioneer Award in the **past 2 editions** under the same Sub-Category from the previous Green Building Awards.
- Each Project Team can submit more than one nomination for different projects.
- The organiser's decision on the Main Category and Sub-Category for a nominated project shall be final.
- Applicant should be a Hong Kong-based organisation, institution, government department, registered company, or individual who is a permanent resident in Hong Kong. All applicants should have direct involvement in the nominated project, research or product.
- For the Green Building Leadership (GBL) category, the core business of the organisation must directly contribute to the building industry of Hong Kong.

5. Required Documents & Submission Details

To embrace green and paperless actions, GBA 2025 nominations shall be submitted online via the **GBA 2025 website** (www.gba.org.hk). Online submission is available starting from **22 April 2025.**

Each applicant should register to create **ONE Login Account**. Multiple nominations could be managed under one login account.

Once you have obtained the login account, you may fill in the **Online Nomination Form** according to the instructions on the website and submit the following documents by **6:00pm, 13 June 2025**. An auto email will be sent to all contact persons of the nomination upon successful submission.

1. **Technical presentation** in PDF format (maximum 10 slides with a file size less than 30MB) to describe the project/organisation (the cover slide, not counted in the 10-page limit, should state clearly the project name/organisation); and
2. **Ten (10) electronic image files** showing the project/organisation (in "jpg" or "png" format with a file size of less than 3MB each, resolution of 350 dpi or above) for future publication use.
3. **Consent Form in "PDF" Format** (with company chop(s) and signature(s))

Notes:

- The Finalists will be announced in **Early August 2025.** Finalists will be invited to submit the **Final Technical Presentation** in both PowerPoint and PDF format (maximum 30 slides with file size less than 50MB) for a 15-minute presentation (tentative) during the Final Judging**.** For **non-HK NB and EB Completed Projects**, since site visits will not be conducted, submission could also include a **video** to demonstrate the building features (optional) and the total presentation time would be 30 minutes (tentative).

- All submissions should be written in English unless otherwise specified.
- GBA 2025 Organising Committee reserves the right to reproduce, print and publish the materials submitted in either paper or electronic format, and for any use in association with GBA, the HKGBC and the PGBC.
- For GBA 2025, an e-booklet will be produced in English and Traditional Chinese.
- GBA 2025 Organising Committee reserves the ultimate right to make final and binding decisions on the eligibility of all applications.
- The Awardees of GBA 2025 may be nominated by GBA 2025 Organising Committee to participate in the next edition of the World Green Building Council (WorldGBC) Asia Pacific Leadership in Green Building Awards. Information of the recent 2024 edition of the WorldGBC Asia Pacific Leadership in Green Building Awards can be viewed at: https://worldgbc.org/ap-leadership-awards/.

6. Jury Panel

For each category, the Organiser will invite a Jury Panel to grant projects/ organisations with Grand Award, Pioneer Award, Merit Award, and/or Special Citation. GBA 2025 Organising Committee reserves the right not to bestow an award if the Jury Panel considers no nomination is worth receiving an award. The decision of the Jury Panel shall be final.

7. GBA 2025 Secretariat Office

For enquiries, please contact the GBA 2025 Secretariat at:
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Appendix 1 - Assessment Criteria

A) New Buildings & Existing Buildings Categories

1. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (25%)

Environmental Quality and Wellbeing: Quality indoor and outdoor built environment promotes health, safety, comfort and wellbeing by integrating architecture, natural systems and appropriate technologies to meet users' satisfaction with respect to users' behaviour, thermal comfort, indoor–outdoor environment, greenery and biophilia, daylight, air, views, acoustics, accessibility, etc.

Site, Neighbourhood, Landscape and Ecology: Quality built environment values many factors, including but not limited to the ecological, biodiversity, environmental (e.g. water quality, microclimate, lighting, shadow effect and visual amenity, etc.), inclusive social and cultural interaction aspects, and provision of community facilities and placemaking, etc. where applicable to the development of the site and its surrounding areas.

A holistic design approach of hard and soft landscapes provides blue/green infrastructure that can maximise the amenity values for users, create a comfortable and liveable environment, connect the surrounding rural/urban ecology and enrich the biodiversity. Good landscape design and maintenance are essential, as well as regular tree management and assessment.

2. RESOURCES (30%)

Energy & Towards Zero Carbon: A sustainable built environment promotes good architectural design towards zero net energy consumption and zero/low carbon emission; reduces overall energy loading and is able to harvest on renewable/ alternative energy sources, such as solar, wind, and biomass; and with effective use of energy and application of ultra-efficient technologies.

Consumption & Conservation: Reduction in material and resource consumption from a life-cycle perspective. Use reusable/ recyclable/ recycled materials and natural resources to promote clean energy and affordability.

Waste Management & Pollution Control: Design, construction and operations to adopt effective practices in waste management (sorting, recycling, disposal); minimise material wastes, air, noise and water pollution.

3. SUSTAINABILITY (25%)

Sustainability Policy & Engagement: Strategic policy and commitments to battle climate change and its impacts; encouraging stakeholders' engagement & public/user participation to build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable design and foster innovation in building/neighbourhood design and performance. This includes post-occupancy evaluations on user satisfaction, the effectiveness of sustainable measures, and improvements thereof.

Building Passive Design: Comprehensive adoption of Building Passive Low Carbon and Energy Architecture Design principles and utilisation of natural resources, namely sunlight, water and wind, to reduce the demand for mechanical heating, cooling or lighting, and in turn, reduce the potential demand for energy consumption.

Life Cycle Perspective: Design promotes sustainability principles during the building life, "long life, loose fit", including durability, flexibility and adaptability in the long term and the potential of adaptive reuse and disassembly at the expiry of its original use.

Building Amenities: Design promotes build-ability and industrialisation during construction as well as controllability and serviceability during the building's management, operation and maintenance.

Sustainable Lifestyle: Sustainable building and neighbourhood provide opportunities to promote public/users' awareness and living towards a resource-conscious and sustainable lifestyle.

Inspirational: Ability to inspire the general public, designers or users towards Sustainability at different levels, demonstrate responsible and sensible use of the Earth's resources in creating a sustainable built environment using passive or active means, including but not limited to vision, design, research, practice, execution and impact.

4. UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (10%)

Green Building should address as far as possible the UN SDGs and integrate sustainable design, an inherent aspect of design excellence.

5. INNOVATIONS (10%)

Green Building should take advantage of innovative design solutions as well as other innovations at various stages of the project life cycle including construction stage, commissioning stage and operation stage.

Note 1: For the **Existing Buildings** Category, presentations should benchmark against the building and neighbourhood conditions, building performances and liveability, etc. before the alteration/renovation/improvement works to demonstrate the benefits and merits brought about by the project design and innovations.

Note 2: General reference can be made to the BEAM Plus standards,
New Buildings: https://www.hkgbc.org.hk/eng/beam-plus/beam-plus-new-buildings/index.jsp
Existing Buildings: https://www.hkgbc.org.hk/eng/beam-plus/beam-plus-existing-buildings/index.jsp

Note3: More information about the UN SDGs can be viewed at: https://sdgs.un.org/goals.

B) Research & Planning Category

1. CARBON NEUTRALITY (20%) The project should focus on decarbonisation strategies in terms of net-zero electricity generation, energy saving and green buildings, green transport and waste reduction.
2. ORIGINALITY (20%) The project should be a fundamental research/planning study that enhances the advancement in sustainability in relation to the built environment, or incorporate a new and broader framework of urban sustainability principles at the early planning stage for subsequent project implementation.
3. PRACTICALITY (20%) The project should offer the scope of generalisation or its effective implementation, with beneficial applicability in the industry in terms of inclusive and sustainable planning, neighbourhood/community development, design, construction and/or operations of the built environment.
4. QUALITY (20%) The project should demonstrate rigour and validity in research, study or design methodology.
5. INNOVATION (20%) The project should demonstrate innovation in research or design through the process and/ or findings.

C) Building Products & Technologies Category

1. QUALITY (20%) Building products and technologies that enhance indoor and neighbourhood environmental quality in health, safety and liveability.
2. RESOURCES (30%) Building products that are manufactured with the optimal use of raw materials; efficient management and conservation of resources with low embodied carbon; and minimised the associated environmental impact. Building technologies that serve to achieve the above.
3. IMPLEMENTATION (25%) Successful application of building products and technologies to achieve the intended results is illustrated with usability, ease of maintenance, training and leadership engagement for the process change.
4. INNOVATION (25%) Building products and technologies that demonstrate innovation in design and implementation with quantifiable benefits and demonstrated influence on the building industry through their application.

D) Green Building Leadership Category

1. POLICY & GOAL (20%) An organisation should integrate sustainability into its corporate policy and business strategy, set its short and long-term corporate sustainability goals and establish its business plan to achieve these goals with reference to the UN SDGs.
2. INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP (30%) An organisation should go above and beyond the green building industry's best practices and lead by example to demonstrate the impact of its sustainability leadership to progress the UN SDGs and make an outstanding contribution to the sustainable built environment in Hong Kong.
3. COMMUNICATION & ADVOCACY (30%) An organisation should communicate its environmental and social impacts, advocate sustainability literacy and green building initiatives as well as educate employees, community and the industry about best practices for a sustainable built environment.
4. INNOVATION & PARTNERSHIP (20%) An organisation that pushes boundaries through innovation, collaboration or cross-sectoral and multi-stakeholder partnership to tackle sustainability challenges in the built environment and transform business as usual.