- Science, Technology, and Innovation for Sustainable Development Goals (STI for SDGs) -
The Hitachi Global Foundation Asia Innovation Award 2022

Application Guidelines

1. Purpose

The Hitachi Global Foundation Asia Innovation Award was launched in fiscal year 2020 to promote science, technology and innovation that will solve social issues and achieve a sustainable society in the ASEAN region. This Award recognizes individuals and groups that served public interests through their outstanding achievements in research and development in the fields of science and technology, including their visions of an ideal future society and social implementation plans for R&D as a means of achieving the UN's SDGs.

2. SDGs, targets, and R&D theme

Each year, two goals and several relevant targets are selected from the 17 goals and 169 targets. Applicants are asked to choose one of the year's goals as well as targets and decide their R&D theme. Examples of R&D themes are shown in Appendix 1.

3. Eligible countries, universities, and research institutes

Each year, eligible countries are selected from the ASEAN countries, and then eligible universities in the countries are selected based on the two goals and relevant targets for the year. You can see the list of the eligible universities for 2022 in Appendix 2.

4. Applicants

Applicants may be an individual or a group. If a group, a group representative must be distinguished. Applicants shall meet the following criteria.

1) The applicant shall be a faculty member, researcher or student who belongs to one of the eligible universities and conduct research in the country where the affiliation is located.

2) The applicant shall have made an outstanding achievement in R&D in the fields of science and technologies, including published research papers, conference presentations, acquired patent,

and an accompanying social implementation plan.

3) The applicant shall be endorsed by his or her affiliation.

5. Application documents

Applicants shall prepare the following documents in English, and English translation shall be attached if any submitted document is written in your local language.

1) Application form

- Please complete the application form, and any application missing required information will not be accepted.
- Please create an R&D introduction video, up to five minutes, upload the video to Google Drive, and indicate a web link of the video in the application form.
- Please update the browser to the latest version as old versions may cause an error.
- Please make sure that the video does not have any issues of copyrights or portrait rights.
- The application form shall be submitted in the Word format.
- Please make sure that the applicant reads the precautions for handling personal information at the end of the application form and check the box if the applicant agrees.
- Please refer to the "How to fill in the application form" document for further details.

2) Recommendation letter

- Please have the letter prepared and signed by the head (director or above position) of the department of the applicant. The letter shall include the reason of the recommendation, the selection process (whether it is an institutional or individual nomination), and expectation to the applicant's R&D and social implementation plan.
- The letter shall be submitted in PDF.

3) Attachments

- Please submit up to three kinds of the evidence of the applicant's R&D achievement.
- It is recommended that at least one research paper to be submitted as the evidence of the applicant's R&D achievement.
- The attachments shall be submitted in PDF.

6. How to apply

The application documents shall be authorized and submitted through the online application system by the designated office of the applicant's affiliation. The maximum number of applications per university is five for 2022.

An application shall be made with all the required documents. The Hitachi Global Foundation may request additional documents or information if necessary.

7. Selection and evaluation criteria

The selection has two parts – document screening and online interviews by an external selection committee. The following items are evaluated in both parts.

1) Relevance of the R&D achievement and an ideal future society

2) Contribution to the relevant goals of the SDGs

3) Inclusiveness

4) Utilization of science and technology

5) Innovativeness

6) Feasibility of the social implementation plan

7) Sustainability and scalability of the social implementation plan

8. **Schedule**

April 1 - June 30   <call for applications>

July - August   <document screening>

September – October <online interviews and selection committee>

9. **Notification of results**

The result will be sent to the designated office of each of the eligible universities by email in November 2022.

10. **Awards**

● Best Innovation Award: monetary prize of 3,000,000 JPY per awardee

● Outstanding Innovation Award: monetary prize of 1,000,000 JPY per awardee

If applicable, the Encouragement Award(s) with approximately 500,000 JPY per awardee will be presented.

11. **Announcement of the awardees**

The awardees will be requested to prepare the research overview, which will be introduced on the Hitachi Global Foundation's website in January 2023.

The awardees of 2020 and 2021 can be found from the URL below:

https://www.hitachi-zaidan.org/global/topics/topics002.html

https://www.hitachi-zaidan.org/global/topics/topics005.html

12. **Conferment of the awards**

The prize money will be remitted directly to the awardee's bank account. The award certificate and plaque will also be mailed to the awardee's postal address in January 2023.

13. **Important note**

The Hitachi Global Foundation will cancel the application when a false statement in the submitted documents or the award when an illegal activity by an awardee is found.

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