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2026 AYDA AWARDS TERMS & CONDITIONS

By participating in AYDA Awards, you have expressly agreed to comply with and be bound by the terms and conditions of AYDA Awards in <https://www.asiayoungdesignerawards.com.my> without any limitation.

1.0 Definition

- 1.1 “AYDA Awards” – Asia Young Designer Awards.
- 1.2 “Design” – the Architectural or Interior Design drawing submitted by each Participant to the Organizer for the event.
- 1.3 “Entry Form” – official event entry form completed and submitted by the Participant pursuant to the event.
- 1.4 “Entry” or “Entries” – the Design or the event entry form of the Participant.
- 1.5 “Finalists” – all the participants whose respective entries have been shortlisted by the Organizer’s panel of judges as Top 12 Finalists.
- 1.6 NIPSEA – Nippon Paint South East Asia.
- 1.7 “Organizer” - Nippon Paint (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. (Company No. 196701000578)
- 1.8 “Participant” - students whose name and personal details appear in the event entry form and participate in AYDA Awards.
- 1.9 “Partner” - business partners, Ministry and associations who supports the 2026 AYDA Awards.

2.0 Eligibility

- 2.1 The 2026 AYDA Awards is divided into two (2) categories with the following education entry requirements:
 - a. **Architectural Category** – existing Architecture students who study in Malaysia. Minimum Level of education is Year 3 Diploma. Eligible for Diploma, Degree & Master students.
 - b. **Interior Design Category** – existing Interior Design/Interior Architecture students who study in Malaysia. Minimum Level of education is Year 2 Diploma. Eligible for Diploma, Degree & Master students.
- 2.2 Participants must be enrolled in Interior Design & Architecture and/or other relevant courses at an educational institution upon the time of submission.
- 2.3 Local winners from past years are allowed to participate in the local AYDA Awards as long as they are still a student. Only international grand title winners are not allowed to participate in future international AYDA Awards competition.
- 2.4 Employees and persons who are involved in organizing, promoting, marketing and/or implementing AYDA Awards are prohibited from participating in the design competition.
- 2.5 Participants will be disqualified if found to have graduated upon the time of entry submission.

3.0 Design Criteria

- 3.1 Entries for the 2026 AYDA Awards must be the Participants’ own original work and in accordance to the design theme of the year.



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3.2 Each design submission must meet the submission requirements; presentation criteria and category criteria as follow:

- (a) Presentation board (A2 portrait size) — minimum 3 boards and maximum 4 boards to be submitted in softcopies only.
- (b) Board 1 must show the existing site photo(s), property/site developer, floor plan(s), elevation(s), furniture layout plan(s) and/or site analysis.
- (c) Board 2, 3, 4 must show the 3D perspectives together with Nippon Paint colour chips and codes.
- (d) Presentation Boards must be designed in vertical layout format.
- (e) For each file — the design of the A2 board must be saved with the file name as “Board 1”, “Board 2”, “Board 3” & “Board 4” and uploaded in a folder named “Presentation Boards”.
- (f) For digital submissions, the individual’s perspective must be submitted in JPEG format, in high resolution (300dpi), in minimum A4 size and uploaded in a folder named "Perspectives". The file names of the JPEG shall be saved in the format as "area". For example: Living room/Lobby.
- (g) Design statement should not be more than 800 words in a PDF file format
- (h) Provide a recent personal photo in JPEG format.
- (i) All required image files must be in 300dpi in JPEG format ONLY.
- (j) All colours used in the project must be from the Nippon Paint's product range.
- (k) All colours used in the design must be clearly illustrated with the Nippon Paint's colour name, colour code and product range.
- (l) Colour chips can be downloaded from <https://www.asiayoungdesignerawards.com.my>
- (m) Label all areas on the floor plan.
- (n) For email and digital submissions, do not include the Participant's profile and the education institution's name on the presentation board to ensure the anonymous judgment of the competition.
- (o) For email submissions, Participants are required to fill in the Entry form provided by the lecturer or AYDA Awards crews, and all the particulars must be filled in and submitted to AYDA Awards crews digitally.
- (p) Make sure all the particulars of Participants are filled up correctly, especially their Full Name, Institution Name and Contact numbers.
- (q) Nippon Paint Malaysia will not bear the responsibility if the Participants’ particulars are incorrectly filled in by Participants.
- (r) Entries must strictly conform to the submission guidelines and submitted to the contest coordinator of each college / university (whenever applicable).



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4.0 Use of Participants' Design

- 4.1 Each Participant irrevocably agrees to permit the Organizer or any of its nominees for the Event to use, display and/or publish the Design (whether in part or in full) at any time and in such manner as they deem fit at no cost whatsoever to the Organizer or any of its nominees.
- 4.2 Nippon Paint Group of Companies reserve the right to use the entries for promotional purposes in the various platform, both online to offline. This clause shall survive the completion, expiry or termination of the Event.

5.0 Submission Criteria

- 5.1 The work submitted is intended solely for the 2026 Asia Young Designer Awards (AYDA Awards) competition.
- 5.2 Participants must ensure that their Design (or any part thereof) does not infringe the intellectual property rights of others.
- 5.3 Subject to any revision by the Organizer, all Entries must reach the Organizer by **Friday, 9th October 2026**.
- 5.4 Late Entries will be rejected.

6.0 Notification of Finalists & Winners

- 6.1 Shortlisted finalists will be notified via voice call, WhatsApp or email based on the contact number and email address stated in the Event Entry Form.
- 6.2 Shortlisted finalists are required to participate in the workshops and coaching session organized by Nippon Paint Malaysia and conduct a presentation of his or her Design as part of the final judging procurement. All event dates will be advised later.
- 6.3 The top 12 Finalists from each category will be required to attend the workshops, coaching and awards ceremony. Winning entries may be featured in marketing and promotional materials as deemed appropriate by the Organizer.
- 6.4 The Organizer will bear the travel costs and accommodation for all outstation Finalists and Winners who travel to Klang Valley in connection with the Event (including but not limiting to workshops, press conference, ceremonies, etc.).
- 6.5 The entries for 2026 AYDA Awards must be the Participant's own original work.
- 6.6 Each design submission must meet the submissions requirement, presentation criteria and category criteria.
- 6.7 Previous entries that have been awarded the grand international title of Asia Young Designer of the Year are ineligible for entry in 2026 International AYDA Awards.
- 6.8 Submissions that do not comply with the requirements will not be accepted.
- 6.9 Nippon Paint Malaysia reserves the right to cancel or forfeit a winner's prize entitlement if the Nippon Paint Malaysia is unable to reach any of such winner after three (3) voice calls and three (3) emails. Thereafter, the Nippon Paint Malaysia shall be entitled to deal with such prize in any manner as the Nippon Paint Malaysia deems fit. In this regard, the non-contactable winner irrevocably agrees not to claim for any loss or damage that he or she may suffer or incur from the Nippon Paint Malaysia or its affiliates for such cancellation or forfeiture.



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7.0 Participant's Personal Information

- 7.1 Each Participant hereby expressly and irrevocably authorizes the Organizer to use their personal information as contained in the entry form for record keeping and for promotional and marketing purposes. For avoidance of doubt, "personal information" shall include their name, NRIC number, address, contact details, photograph, etc. The Organizer reserves the right to verify the truth or accuracy of any information provided by the Participant.
- 7.2 All Participants must certify that the information given as true, current and complete and shall remain so throughout the duration of the Event.
- 7.3 In compliance with the Personal Data Protection Act 2010 (PDPA), all the personal data will not be disclosed to third parties except for companies and/or brands collaborating with Nippon Paint Malaysia. By submitting your data, all Participants agree to have Nippon Paint Malaysia to process your data and access them for future use. You shall not in any way hold Nippon Paint Malaysia liable for any breach of its obligations under the PDPA.

8.0 Awards & Prizes:

- 8.1 Prizes are non-transferable and non-exchangeable for cash or credit and solely given to the respective winners.
- 8.2 Nippon Paint Malaysia shall reserve the right to substitute any prize with another product of similar retail value without prior notice.
- 8.3 Decisions by the AYDA Awards panel of judges from the Architectural & Interior Design categories shall be final and conclusive. No appeal, correspondences, or claims will be entertained.
- 8.4 Nippon Paint Malaysia reserves the right to disqualify or reject any entries at any time if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the relevant Participant has breached any of the terms and/or conditions stipulated herein.
- 8.5 Below is the breakdown of the prizes for each award:

Award Category	Number of Winners	Prize Description
Gold	1x Participant from Architectural Category and 1x Participant from Interior Design Category	(i) Cash Prize of RM 6,000.00, Certificate and a Trophy per winner. (ii) Represent Malaysia to compete in AYDA International Awards 2026/2027.
Silver	1x Participant from Architectural Category and 1x Participant from Interior Design Category	Cash Prize of RM 4,000.00, Certificate & a Trophy per winner.



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Honorary Mention	2x Participants from Architectural Category and 2x Participants from Interior Design Category	Cash Prize of RM 2,500.00, Certificate & a Trophy per winner.
Consolation	Remaining Finalists* from Architectural Category and Remaining Finalists* from Interior Design Category <i>*subject to the number of finalists being selected and have presented in the Final Presentation stage.</i>	Cash Prize of RM 500.00 & Certificate per Finalist.
Best Colour Choice	1x Participant from Architectural Category and 1x Participant from Interior Design Category	Cash Prize of RM 1,000.00 & a Certificate per winner.
Best Green Innovation	1x Participant from Architectural Category and 1x Participant from Interior Design Category	Cash Prize of RM 1,500.00 & a Certificate per winner.
Best Mentor	1x Lecturer who mentored the Gold Award Winner from Architectural Category and 1x Lecturer who mentored the Gold Award Winner from Interior Design Category .	Cash Prize of RM 1,500.00, Certificate & a Trophy per winning Lecturer.
Best University / College	1x University / College from the Gold Award Winner (Architectural Category). 1x University / College from the Gold Award Winner (Interior Design Category).	Cash Prize of RM 1,500.00, Certificate & a Trophy per winner.
People's Choice Award	1x Participant from either Architectural / Interior Design Category .	Cash Prize of RM 500.00 & Certificate per winner.
Best Supporting College / University	An Architecture or Interior Design educational institution which is deemed to be the most supportive in 2026 AYDA Awards (<i>please refer to section 8.6 on the criteria</i>).	Cash Prize of RM 1,500.00, Certificate & a Trophy per winner.



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8.6 For Best Supporting College / University award, the Architecture or Interior Design College / University must achieve the highest points on fulfilling the below requirements:

Criteria	Points
Post AYDA Awards related materials on their official Facebook page	1
Post AYDA Awards related materials on their website	1
Post AYDA Awards related materials on their university/college notice board	2
Percentage of student submission in the student population. Calculation: <u>Total Submissions</u> Total no. of students (The highest % will get 2 points)	2
Attend physical/online AYDA Awards roadshow	2
Set AYDA Awards as a compulsory project in course assignment	2

9.0 Prizes for AYDA Designer of the Year

- 9.1 All participating students will need to have a valid passport at the time of application.
- 9.2 The prize for being the title winner is a 3-weeks, all-expenses paid Design Discovery Program at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design (GSD), USA.
- 9.3 Upon successful acceptance of winners' application by the Harvard GSD, Visa approval by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and/or approvals required of the Gold Winner and any other Government or Institutional authorities; Organizers of AYDA Awards, NIPSEA Management Co. Pte. Ltd. (NIPSEA) and/or any other approvals required of the winner.
- 9.4 Organizers of AYDA Awards, Nippon Paint Holdings Singapore Pte Ltd (NIPSEA) and/or your local AYDA Awards representatives will assist winners with all other matters to prepare for the program at Harvard GSD tentatively in June 2026* cohort (date may be subjected to change depending on the status of the Covid-19 pandemic).
- 9.5 AYDA/NIPSEA will undertake the following cost with a total of not more than USD10,000.00:
 - (a) ONE (1) return air ticket inclusive of all taxes and airport charges (additional luggage charges, other than what's included in the fare, are not included and will not be covered by AYDA/NIPSEA).
 - (b) Transfer to and fro the airport to Harvard GSD's Admission Office/Campus Housing.
 - (c) Tuition fees, material fees and accommodation are fully paid for.
 - (d) Application fees, SEVIS fee for Visa processing, UEMS fee, Duolingo/ TOEFL examination fee, program/ tuition fees and material fees will be fully paid for (this does not include optional study/ field trips).
 - (e) Travel insurance with health insurance will be fully paid for (this does not include fee-for-service fees at Harvard University's Health Services).
 - (f) Per Diem will be provided at the discretion of AYDA/NIPSEA.



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- (g) Miscellaneous expenditures (e.g. personal shopping, personal care products, entertainment, sightseeing, tours, etc.) are NOT included. Kindly prepare sufficient USD for your personal use.
 - (h) Family members or friends are NOT allowed to accompany you on this program nor share the housing facility that is provided to you by AYDA/NIPSEA.
 - (i) If the total cost mentioned above exceeds USD 10,000.00, you will be responsible to pay for any additional cost incurred such as pre-departure and arrival medical tests and any other miscellaneous cost that may arise.
- 9.6 Acceptance into the Harvard GSD is subject to the Terms and Acceptance determined in entirety and solely by the Harvard GSD's Admission Authorities and/or it's faculties.
- 9.7 Any and/or all decisions on entry acceptance and/or non-acceptance to its program decided by the Harvard GSD is final. Responses and/or reasons may or may not be offered at the sole discretion of the Harvard GSD.
- 9.8 AYDA Awards and/or its associated Organizers, Partners, agencies and/or its employees will not be held responsible for non-acceptance of the winner(s) of AYDA Awards due to circumstances that are not within its control and/or scope of authorisation, for whatsoever reason.
- 9.9 AYDA Awards, its associated Organizers and/or its employees will endeavour to assist the winner(s) to submit and provide additional information within its scope to support their application towards the Design Discovery Program at Harvard GSD. However, the student must be responsible in finding out the requirements to apply for the program as well as to prepare and submit all necessary documents to Harvard GSD.
- 9.10 AYDA Awards is not responsible for applying for the required visa for the winner(s). The winner(s) is solely responsible to own a valid visa and/or apply for their own visa as part of their application to Harvard GSD. However, the winner(s) can request certification and support from the Organizer.
- 9.11 Should your application be rejected by Harvard University GSD or you are denied/ fail to obtain a US entry visa, the compensation may be offered in lieu. Quantum of the compensation will be at the sole discretion of the organizers of AYDA/ NIPSEA limited up to USD5,000.00 only which includes all cost incurred during the application process.
- 9.12 Winner(s) is granted a maximum of two (2) years of grace period to either accept or deny the offer to either attend the Harvard GSD Design Discovery Program or accept the compensation of USD \$5,000.
- 9.13 AYDA / NIPSEA shall reserve the right to substitute any prize with another of similar or better value without prior notice.

10.0 Liability

- 10.1 All Participants hereby irrevocably agree to waive all their rights against the Organizers for any damage, loss or injury suffered that may incurred as a result of participating in the Event.

11.0 Costs and Expenses

- 11.1 All costs incurred in connection with the participation in AYDA Awards and collection of prizes herein (if any) shall be borne by the Participant.



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12.0 Jurisdiction

12.1 The terms and conditions herein shall be governed by the laws of Malaysia and any disputes arising as a result of the Event shall be resolved by any court of competent jurisdiction in Malaysia.

13.0 Warranties, Representations & Undertaking

13.1 Each Participant hereby expressly warrants, represents and undertakes as follows:

- (a) that they will not (whether directly or indirectly) under any circumstances do or allow to be done anything that may jeopardize, harm, destroy and/or damage the reputation, goodwill or image of the Organizer or its Partners.
- (b) that they will not (directly or indirectly) ridicule or disparage the Organizer or any of its officers, directors, employees, shareholders, sponsors and/or agents, in any manner that is likely to be harmful to them or their business, business reputation or personal reputation

14.0 Indemnity

14.1 Each Participant shall fully indemnify and keep the Organizer and its Partners fully indemnified always against any loss or damage which the Organizer and its Partners suffers or incurs as a result of such Participant's breach of the terms and conditions herein.

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