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PRESS RELEASE

Call for Entries: 2011 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards for Culture Heritage Conservation

Bangkok, 15 November 2010 – Entries are now being accepted for the 2011 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards for Culture Heritage Conservation. The awards programme, now in its twelfth year, recognizes the achievement of individuals and organizations within the private sector, and public-private initiatives, in successfully restoring structures of heritage value in the Asia-Pacific region. The deadline for receipt of materials is 31 March 2011.

Projects involving buildings more than fifty years old, which were completed within the last ten years are eligible for consideration. Houses, commercial, cultural, religious, industrial or institutional buildings, gardens and bridges, for example, are all suitable for entry. Public-private partnership projects such as historic towns, urban quarters and rural settlements where the essential elements are more than 50 years old can also be submitted.

In addition to the established awards, the "Jury Commendation for Innovation", introduced in 2005, will also be judged. The Jury Commendation recognizes newly-built structures which demonstrate outstanding standards for contemporary architectural design which are well integrated into historic contexts.

Entries for the 2011 awards programme must be submitted with an official entry form, drawings, photographs and a project description to UNESCO Bangkok. Complete programme information, including an entry form, is available on the web at: <http://www.unescobkk.org/culture/heritageawards>.

Winners will be announced in September 2011, with a selected number of entries receiving the "Award of Excellence", "Award of Distinction", "Award of Merit", "Honourable Mention" and "Jury Commendation".

In 2010, **Hong San See Temple** in Singapore was given the Award of Excellence. The two Awards of Distinction went to the **Red Brick Warehouse** in Yokohama, Japan and **Gulabpur Khanqah** in Skardu, Pakistan.

The three Awards of Merit were given to the **Fu'long Taoist Temple** in Sichuan, China; the **Chowmahalla Palace** in Hyderabad, India and the **Old Houses in the Galle Fort** in Sri Lanka.

Three Honourable Mentions were also announced. They are the **Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute** in Ballaarat, Australia; **North Xinjiao Street** in Zhejiang, China and the **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (formerly Prince of Wales Museum)** in Mumbai, India.

No projects were selected for the 2010 Jury Commendation for Innovation.

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