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### PRESS RELEASE

#### Call for Entries: 2010 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards for Culture Heritage Conservation

**Bangkok, 1 November 2009 – Entries are now being accepted for the 2010 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards for Culture Heritage Conservation. The awards programme, now in its eleventh 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 2010.**

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 2010 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 2010, with a selected number of entries receiving the "Award of Excellence", "Award of Distinction", "Award of Merit", "Honourable Mention" and "Jury Commendation".

In 2009, **Sangiin Dalai Monastery** in South Gobi Aimaq, Mongolia was given the Award of Excellence. The three Awards of Distinction went to **M24 Midget Submarine Wreck** in Sydney, Australia; **Ali Gohar House** in Hunza, Pakistan and **Hanok Regeneration in Bukchon** in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

The four Awards of Merit were given to **Huai Hai Lu 796** in Shanghai, China; **YMCA Student Branch** in Mumbai, India; **Waterworks Building** in Auckland, New Zealand and **Samchuk Community and Old Market District** in Suphanburi Province, Thailand.

Four Honourable Mentions were also announced. These are **the Academy of Visual Arts (Former Royal Air Force Officers' Mess) at the Hong Kong Baptist University** in Hong Kong SAR, China; **Heritage Buildings in Cicheng Historic Town** in Zhejiang Province, China; **YWCA Lady Willingdon Hotel** in Mumbai, India and **Tang Family Chapel** in Hoi An, Viet Nam.

The 2009 Heritage Awards Jury Commendation for Innovation was awarded to **Maosi Ecological Demonstration Primary School** in Gansu Province, China.

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