

Proposal for Revision of the ACECC Code of Awarding

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1. Intent

The ACECC Award is an awarding system that started on the occasion of the 4th CECAR held in Taiwan in 2007. The intent of this proposal is, based on the outcome of the Taiwan CECAR, by reviewing the selection procedure of the award nominee persons and projects, to establish a system that have more clarified segmentalized items for screening to make it possible to asses the nominees' contribution to the development of Asia and so on.

The necessity of revision was pointed out by Engineers Australia in the 16th ECM held in Sydney in February 25, 2008. Especially in the criteria for the Award for Achievement, there was no wording as “contribution to Asia”, so it was recognized that it would be necessary to add those words in the selection criteria. Since JSCE was assigned to make a draft for revision, this proposal is the draft prepared in response to our assignment.

2. The current selection procedure for the recommended awardees.

(1) The Award for Technology

- Selection criterion: A project which has been accomplished in the past three years and is judged to have achieved a remarkable contribution to the progress of civil engineering and development within Asia.
- Application requirements: (1) the outline of the project, (2) the name of the project representatives, (3) photographs, (4) reason for recommendation, and (5) project reports of articles in journals or magazines, if any.

(2) Award for Achievement

- Selection criterion: A person belonging to a member society of ACECC who has made a significant contribution to the progress of international civil engineering or to the development of social infrastructure, and who has gained recognition for that contribution from the community for which he/she worked.
- Application requirements: (1) the nominee’s profile, (2) reason for recommendation, and (3) presented paper(s) authored by the nominee, if any.

(3) Voting procedure

Article 17 of the current Code of Awarding stipulates that “as many as five awards of ACECC Award for Technology and three awards of ACECC Award for Achievement shall be made at any one commendation.” In the case of the Taiwan CECAR, there were five nominees for Award for Technology in all, so all of them

automatically became the recommended awardees without voting. For the Award for Achievement, there were seven nominees in total, and each member country chose the 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place respectively, and the 1st place was given 3 points, 2nd place was given 2 points and 3rd place was given 1 point, then, after tallying all of them, the top three nominees were selected as the recommended awardees.

3. Revision plan

(1) Award for Technology

In addition to the current application requirements, the “reason for recommendation”, which is to be written in the nomination form should be segmentalized into (1) contribution to the progress of civil engineering, (2) contribution to the nation where the project was undertaken, (3) how the project will give impacts on or spread through other Asian nations (whether it is a project to be regarded as a model for other Asian nations), and (4) any other special remarks to be made, if any.

Each item of reason for recommendation shall be given 3 points, 2 points or 1 point by each member, and after tallying them, top five projects shall be selected as recommended awardees.

As well, since the statement in the current code saying “a project which has been accomplished in the past three years” does not give a clear definition of the period of three years, it should be replaced with the statement that says “the service of which to the public was started in the past three years, in principle, from the deadline day of the application for the Award previous time to that of the application for the Award present time”, which can give a clearer definition.

(2) Award for Achievement

In the current Article 8, the wording of “in Asia” should be added, and in addition, the “reason for recommendation” in the nomination form should be segmentalized into (1) contribution to the progress of civil engineering, (2) contribution to international cooperation and support, (3) contribution to the Asian region, and (4) any other special remarks to be made, if any.

Each member shall give 3 points, 2 points and 1 point respectively to each item of the three nominees they consider to be the best three (no point to other nominees), and after tallying them, top three nominees shall be selected as recommended awardees.

4. Schedule toward the awarding

The schedule outline toward the awarding is as follows:

1. April 2009: Approval for the revision at PCM and ECM

2. May 2009: Send the application guideline in accordance with the revision to the ACECC members.

3. December-end 2009: Close the acceptance of applications.

4. February 2010: Selection of the Award nominees by the Subcommittee on ACECC Awards.

5. March 2010: Approval for the Award nominees at PCM and ECM.

6. August 2010: Awarding at the 5th CECAR.

If this proposal is approved at the 17th ECM in April 2009, we will send the application guideline in accordance with the revision to the ACECC members. We would like to request that each member society advance preparations toward the goal.

*Note 1:

The reason why we differentiated the evaluation methods between the two awards is that we consider it rather improper to give ranking points to each individual, and it is only necessary and enough to select top three.

*Note 2:

The revision draft was made based on the JSCE Awarding Code. If you have any ideas to make it simplify or better, we would be glad to have your advice.

*Note3: The boxed articles in the revised Awarding Code, which is attached hereto, shows the newly added articles to make them easily noticeable. The boxes are to be removed after formal approval.