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SABAH LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

SLAA 2026

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

15 APRIL 2026 - 30 JUNE 2026

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Inaugurated in 2024 by the Sabah Ministry of Local Government and Housing in collaboration with the Institute of Landscape Architects Malaysia (ILAM), the Sabah Landscape Architecture Awards (SLAA) celebrates excellence in landscape architecture across the state.

The award recognises projects that exemplify sustainability, environmental stewardship, biodiversity enhancement, and a strong connection to Sabah's unique natural and cultural identity. It also showcases innovative landscape solutions across various sectors, including environmental design and developer-led initiatives—positioning Sabah as a leader in ecologically resilient design.

This edition places special emphasis on the 3P approach — People, Private, and Public —highlighting the importance of collaborative efforts in shaping sustainable and inclusive landscapes for the future.

AWARD FOCUS

The Sabah Landscape Architecture Awards place strong emphasis on **Nature-based Solutions (NBS)** and **the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 2030)** as key drivers shaping the future of the landscape architecture industry in Malaysia.

Projects will be evaluated not only for their design excellence and planning quality, but also for the meaningful integration of NBS and SDG principles across all scales. This approach highlights efforts that prioritise sustainability, contributing to a greener, more resilient future.

INSTITUTE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS MALAYSIA (ILAM)

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Nature-based Solutions

**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**

CLOSING DATE

30 JUNE 2026 (6:00pm sharp)

ENQUIRIES

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CATEGORIES

01 Government Categories

(Public Sector)

- 1A Local Authority Category
- 1B Government Agency Category

02 Landscape Industry Categories

(Private Sector)

- 2A Master Planning (Unbuilt)
- 2B Residential, Commercial and Public Realm
- 2C Cultural and Natural Heritage
- 2D Hotel, Resort, Homestay, Glamping & Camping

03 Community Categories

(People Sector)

- 3A Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO)
- 3B Individual
- 3C Community

TIMELINE

STAGE 1: SUBMISSION (15 April - 30 June 2026)

15 APRIL 2026
(Wednesday)

SLAA2026
Calling for
Submissions

11 MAY 2026
(Monday)

SLAA2026 Open Day
& Knowledge Lab

30 JUNE 2026 (6:00pm)
(Tuesday)

SLAA2026
Closing Date

STAGE 2: EVALUATION (1 - 20 July 2026)

1-7 JULY 2026

SLAA2026
Secretariat Review

15-17 JULY 2026
(Wednesday - Friday)

SLAA2026 Judging
Part 1:
Live Presentation

18-20 JULY 2026
(Saturday - Monday)

SLAA2026 Judging
Part 2:
Site Visit (if applicable)

STAGE 3: RESULT & AWARD CEREMONY (August - October 2026)

1-14 AUGUST 2026

SLAA2026
Result
Endorsement

15-23 AUGUST 2026

SLAA2026
Result
Announcement

9 OCTOBER 2026
(Friday)

SLAA2026 Awards
@SICC Kota Kinabalu



HOW TO SUBMIT?

01 FILL IN REGISTRATION FORM

(One form per submission)

02 Prepare Your Submission

- Submission should be in PPT or PDF format
- A4 size (landscape format)
- Maximum 30 slides
(participants are required to use the same submission file for live presentation during judging)

03 Organise the submission files



Folder 1

- Submission Document: PPT or PDF
- Executive Summary (DOC format, max 300 words)
- Video (max 3 minutes, if applicable)



Folder 2

- Registration Form



Folder 3

- Insert all individual photos that used in submission (JPG Format)

04 Submission via email

- Upload all folder 1,2 and 3 to an online cloud storage platform such as WeTransfer, Google Drive, etc.
- Email the download link to:
sabah.la.award26@gmail.com

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IMPORTANT NOTE

15-17 JULY 2026

(Wednesday - Friday)

SLAA2026 Judging

Shortlisted entries will be required to attend a live presentation

(Participants will present before the jury panel)

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SLAA 2026 Secretariat

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Government Categories (Public Sector)

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- 1B** Government Agency Category

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INTRODUCTION

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- 01 Landscape architectural project:** parks, plazas, courtyards, gardens, streetscape, waterfront, promenade, thematic attraction, etc.
- 02** Natural and landscape resources **planning and management plan.**
- 03 Programs, events, campaigns** that contribute to the local environment, landscape and community well-being.
- 04 Placemaking** initiatives.

ENTRY CRITERIAS

- Open to all PBT in Sabah
- LIMITED TO 2 SUBMISSIONS per PBT
- Failure to comply with submission requirements may resulted in disqualification

JUDGING CRITERIAS

- Enhancing local image, progress and growth (20%)
- Enhancing local environmental quality or community awareness (20%)
- Enhancing for local community needs & well-being (15%)
- Community Participation (10%)
- SDG2030 & ESG fulfillment (10%)
- Application of Nature-based Solutions (NBS) or any effort that contributed to NBS initiatives (15%)
- Video (10%)





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ENTRY CRITERIAS

- Open to all Government Agency in Sabah
- LIMITED TO 2 SUBMISSIONS per government agency
- Failure to comply with submission requirements may resulted in disqualification

JUDGING CRITERIAS

- Enhancing local image, progress and growth (20%)
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Landscape Industry Categories (Private Sector)

- 2A** Master Planning (Unbuilt)
- 2B** Residential, Commercial and Public Realm
- 2C** Cultural and Natural Heritage
- 2D** Hotel, Resort, Homestay, Glamping & Camping

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The forest has 1380 trees which has a variety of 113 species, effective as carbon sequestration plants

Increasing 50.5% of the green coverage for the overall site

Enhanced Carbon Absorption

Larger green areas allow for the accumulation of biomass and soil organic carbon, creating long-term storage of



Mitigation of Urban Heat Island

The increased green coverage cools the site and its surroundings by providing shade and releasing moisture through transpiration.



INTRODUCTION

Submissions for this category include **large scale landscape planning and urban design** based on a comprehensive landscape analysis exercise. The entries for this category are **not required to be completed or can be partially constructed**.

Master plan for educational and training campus, urban areas, new township, natural resources areas (eg. river and wetlands corridors and forested areas), green infrastructures, rural areas, greenways, tourism areas, as well as urban and regional parks. A comprehensive study for cultural/historical landscape, municipality structure and local plan as well as a city landscape master plan is also accepted. The landscape planning and design solution must have likelihood to be implemented successfully and able to contribute to the expansion of landscape architecture knowledge and values Malaysian

ENTRY CRITERIAS

- The official entrant must be from a **Developer / Landscape Consultant Firm / Private Sector**.
- Project **not required to be completed** and **located in Sabah**.

JUDGING CRITERIAS

- **Inventory & Analysis** (20%)
- **Environmental Sensitivity** (20%)
- **Users' & Social Needs** (20%)
- **Economic Consideration** (15%)
- **Application of Nature-based Solutions** (15%)
- **Fulfillment of SDG2030 approaches** (10%)





INTRODUCTION

This award is given to landscape and garden projects within commercial, public realm, and residential environments, across a wide range of landscape contexts.

The jury will assess the quality of design, including the originality of ideas and concepts in addressing design challenges, with consideration for environmental sensitivity and user needs through both hard and soft landscape elements. The jury will also evaluate how the project contributes to the advancement of landscape architecture practice and knowledge, as well as its alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 2030) and the application of Nature-based Solutions.

ENTRY CRITERIAS

- The official entrant must be from a **Developer / Landscape Consultant Firm / Private Sector**.
- Project **should be completed** and **located in Sabah**.

JUDGING CRITERIAS

- **Philosophy, Idea and Concept of Landscape Planning** (20%)
- **Environmental Sensitivity** (20%)
- **Users' & Social Needs** (20%)
- **Application of Nature-based Solutions** (20%)
- **Fulfillment of SDG2030 approaches** (10%)
- **Video** (10%)





INTRODUCTION

Honouring initiatives that safeguard cultural identity, celebrate heritage, and promote nature conservation through landscape architecture.

This category recognises landscape architectural projects that protect, restore, or promote cultural and historical heritage, including tourism attractions rooted in local traditions, indigenous identity, or heritage interpretation.

ENTRY CRITERIAS

- Submission must feature projects or initiatives that actively **conserve or promote cultural or natural heritage values** through landscape architecture or placemaking.
- The entrant must be **a completed project**.

JUDGING CRITERIAS

- **Contribution to preserving cultural identity or natural heritage narratives** (20%)
- **Community participation and inclusivity, especially with local/indigenous groups** (25%)
- **Creative interpretation of culture through landscape design or programme** (20%)
- **Sustainability and continuity of cultural value for future generations** (15%)
- **Impact on tourism, education or intergenerational learning** (10%)
- **Video** (10%)





INTRODUCTION

This award recognises outstanding landscape design and planning in the hospitality sector, including resorts, hotels, homestays, glamping sites, and camp sites, that elevate the guest experience while harmonising with nature and local culture.

From lush resort grounds to thoughtfully curated glamping retreats, this category honours projects that seamlessly blend aesthetics, sustainability, functionality, and a strong sense of place.

Demonstrate how landscape architecture can transform hospitality destinations into immersive, memorable, and environmentally responsible experiences.

ENTRY CRITERIAS

- The official entrant must be from a **Developer / Landscape Consultant Firm / Private Sector**.
- Project should be **completed** and **located in Sabah**.
- All submitted projects **must be legally established and registered with the relevant local authority or council**, ensuring compliance with local regulations and operating standards.

JUDGING CRITERIAS

- **Philosophy, Idea and Concept of Landscape Planning** (20%)
- **Environmental Sensitivity** (20%)
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INTRODUCTION

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ENTRY CRITERIAS

- **Open to public** with the condition of **projects or initiatives must be legally registered / recognised with the relevant local authority** or entity (such as Local Councils, Resident Associations Registry, or ROS) to ensure legitimacy, accountability, and sustained impact.
- **Limited to 1 submission** per NGO / Individual / Community
- Failure to comply with submission requirements may resulted in disqualification

JUDGING CRITERIAS

- **Enhancing local image, progress and growth** (25%)
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SUBMISSION FORM

Closing Date **30 JUNE 2026** (6:00pm sharp)

ENTRANT DETAILS

* **COMPULSORY FIELD**

Submitted by*

Firm/Agency/Developer
Organisation/Individual

Address*

Contact Person*

(Person in charge of submission)

Designation*

Tel / Mobile No*

Submission Category*

(Choose ONE X)

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3. Community Categories

- 3A** NGO
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PROJECT DETAILS

Project / Event

(keep it short,
max 8 words)

Title

**Project/Event
Nature***

Scale*

(Acres)

**Project Client
or Owner***

**Project
Partner/s**

**Landscape
Architect**

**Photography
Credit**

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