



I. INTRODUCTION

Endowed with the world's greatest water towers and with its resplendent biological diversity, South Asia has huge potential for Asia's food and water security if it is effectively mobilized and used.

Energy is the underbelly of any region's progress, with lack of water and environmental considerations a real threat to regional peace and security. There is, therefore, a need to seriously discuss, educate, advocate, encourage, prepare and plan for issues related to energy and water security and the imminent agenda for increased use of environment friendly clean renewable form of energy, now made even important due to the global warming menace.

Lots of efforts and best practices cases exist in the realm of hydropower and clean energy in the Asia Pacific region. There are many people and/or institutions who have rendered their services in pursuit of their contribution in the field of water and energy. It is now time to recognize their efforts and to honor them.

II. OBJECTIVE

Initiated by CACCI Lifetime Special Member Hydro Solutions Pvt. Ltd, an organization contributing to sustainable hydropower development in Nepal, the Asia-Pacific Hydropower and Clean Energy Excellence Award will be presented jointly with CACCI as a mark of appreciation and recognition to those person or institution that has contributed significantly to the sustainable promotion, support and development of Hydropower and clean energy in the Asia Pacific region.

The nominees could be individuals in the domain industry (entrepreneurs, subject specialists/experts, researchers, academicians, advocates/activists, Independent Power Producers, inventors, media personnel, bankers, authors) or institutions (private organization, Public corporation/agency, financial institution, research institution, Civil Society organization or media agency).

To be conferred annually, this award is an encouragement to recognize their efforts and to honor them for encouraging further endeavors. The winner of the 4th Asia-Pacific Hydropower and Clean Energy Excellence Award will be announced during the Gala Dinner of the 40th CACCI Conference to be held in the latter part of 2026 in Manila, Philippines.

III. JUDGING CRITERIA

Strategic forethought, technical know-how and a determination never to let the customer down will be the hallmarks of the company/Projects that wins this award. Judges will evaluate nominees' successful development and implementation of a strategic plan that optimizes performance and growth while taking an aggressive, proactive approach toward a radically altered business and trading environment that moves to replace carbon content.

In addition to considering the past track record of an entrant, judges will be looking for evidence of industry-wide impact in the following areas:

- ⤴ Achievements
- ⤴ Challenges
- ⤴ Financial Results
- ⤴ Innovation
- ⤴ Operational Excellence
- ⤴ Safety
- ⤴ Strategic Vision

A. Achievements

Judges will expect to review a resumé of notable business, or other achievements by the company/individual.

B. Challenges

In assessing challenges, judges will want to know about:

- Technical complexity
- Technical innovation
- Environmental, social or political difficulties in the path of completing a project
- Complexity of access to finance

C. Financial Results

Judges would like to see:

- A detailed summary of revenue and net operating income (profits) for the different divisions of a business and the business as a whole over five years
- Growth figures and forward growth projections
- Customer growth figures where appropriate
- Figures for debt, credit-rating, market capitalization, and capital assets
- Specifically sound financing, In the case of energy-producing companies, reserve replacement figures
- A copy of the latest company or annual report

D. Innovation

A project, piece of technology, or business process will be judged innovative using the following criteria:

- Creativity: Does the entry represent a clear "break" with previously established methods or processes? Or is it simply an adaptation of existing techniques?
- Does the entry radically simplify or improve something? Or does the "innovation" simply consist of novelty?
- Is the innovation cost-effective and sustainable?
- Is the innovation likely to establish itself as standard industry practice within five years?

In the case of an individual, judges will look at the management style of the candidate:

- Does he or she propel their business through inventiveness?

- Does the individual encourage new ideas and risk-taking in their organization?
- How has the candidate demonstrated an ability to implement change?

E. Operational Excellence

Judges will look, where appropriate, for:

- Evidence of sustainable corporate growth
- Timely completion of projects
- Overall quality of project management
- Meeting of financial, business, construction and other targets
- Technical excellence
- Staff retention and turnover
- Safety record
- Environmental stewardship record

F. Safety

Judges will look, where appropriate, for

- Commitment to employee safety
- Commitment to community safety
- Commitment to environmental safety (Demonstrable benefit to the environment, good prospects for wider application, Sustainable benefit)

G. Strategic Vision

In judging the "vision" of a person, company or project, judges will look for:

- Evidence of a long-term, coherent set of aspired goals
- Evidence of a planned series of steps leading to achievement of the vision
- Evidence of real transformation as a result of the "vision"

In the case of a person, judges will look for ability to communicate the vision and inspire others with it.

Judging Criteria for Individual

The award aims to recognize the valuable and demonstrable contribution that individuals, particularly those who don't otherwise have a high public profile, make to their workplace, business, colleagues or the wider community. It is open only to energy professional members or domain players.

The nominee must:

- Show demonstrable individual achievement within the energy industry, either through work or charitable endeavors that go 'beyond the call of duty'
- Show a commitment to the energy industry and its future
- Be a recognized as a leader, innovator, motivator or high achiever

IV. NOMINATION PROCEDURE

The CACCI Secretariat shall notify all CACCI Primary Members of the Award and the judging criteria and encourage them to submit their respective nominations.

Nominations shall be submitted through a CACCI Primary Member. No self-nominations by individuals or organizations shall be allowed. The Primary Member must complete and sign the **Official Nomination Form**. Please note that Primary Members must be up to date on their dues to be eligible to nominate.

Nominees will be requested to submit a 1,000-word synopsis on each project under the following five headings:

- Background - reasons behind the project concept
- Aims - what the project was designed to achieve
- Description and development - actions taken to carry out the project
- Impact and benefits - goal achieved through completion of project
- Reasons why the project should be considered for the appropriate award.

The timeframe of achievement shall cover the period from **January to December** of the year prior to the presentation of the Award.

The nominee must:

- ⤴ Agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Judging Committee
- ⤴ Be willing to give additional information required by the Judging Committee
- ⤴ Be willing to attend an online interview and receive the Award, if selected.

The Official Nomination Form – along with the supporting documents as stated above -

must be received by the CACCI Secretariat by **August 31, 2026** and delivered to the Judging Committee by **September 15, 2026**.

V. JUDGING COMMITTEE

A minimum three-member Judging Committee shall be constituted to choose one winner. One member of the Judging Committee shall come from Hydro Solutions Pvt. Ltd, and the other two will be selected from any of the CACCI members who have not submitted any nomination, are deemed qualified by the CACCI Secretariat, and are willing to serve in the Committee.

The nominees shall be evaluated by the Judging Committee using a weighted grading system. The Committee's evaluation shall be made based on the supporting documents submitted by the nominees and, if necessary, through interviews of the nominees.

The nominee who receives the highest weighted grade shall be declared the winner.

The decision of the Judging Committee shall be final.

VI. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE 4th ASIA-PACIFIC HYDROPOWER AND CLEAN ENERGY EXCELLENCE AWARD

Jan 26, 2026	Sending of first circular to the Primary Members announcing of the Launching of the 1 st Asia-Pacific Hydropower and Clean Energy excellence Award and seeking nominations
Feb 27, 2026	Sending of second circular to the Primary Members on the 4 th Asia-Pacific Hydropower and Clean Energy Excellence Award
Mar 31, 2026	Sending of third circular to the Primary Members on the 4 th Asia-Pacific Hydropower and Clean Energy Excellence Award
May 29, 2026	Sending of fourth circular to the Primary Members on the 4 th Asia-Pacific Hydropower and Clean Energy Excellence Award
Jul 31, 2026	Sending of fifth circular to the Primary Members on the 4 th Asia-Pacific Hydropower and Clean Energy Excellence Award
Aug 31, 2026	Deadline for Submission by Primary Members of their nominee to the CACCI Secretariat
Sept 4, 2026	Constitution of the Judging Committee
Sept 15, 2026	Secretariat submits nominees from Primary Members to the Judging Committee for evaluation and grading.
Oct 9, 2026	Judging Committee to Select Winner
Oct 16, 2026	Announcement of winner
Nov, 2026 (tbc)	Presentation of the Award to the Winner at the Gala Dinner of the 40 th CACCI Conference

VII. THE AWARD

1. The winner of 4th Asia-Pacific Hydropower and Clean Excellence Award shall receive a trophy plus US\$2,000 cash.
2. The winner or a duly authorized representative must receive the award and prizes in person during the Gala dinner of the 40th CACCI Conference in Manila on November 2026 (tbc).



NOMINATION FORM

4th ASIA-PACIFIC HYDROPOWER AND CLEAN ENERGY EXCELLENCE AWARD

Official Nomination and Entry Form

Nominee _____

Address _____

Email _____

Address _____

Telephone Numbers _____

Fax Numbers _____

Enclosed is a short write-up (not more than 1,000 words) giving the reasons for the nomination.

Name of Nominee (for Individual) /
Representative of Nominee (for Organization)

Signature/Date

Endorsed By:

CACCI Primary Member Chairman/President

Signature/Date

AGREEMENT OF THE NOMINEE:

I/We hereby agree:

3. To abide by the rules and regulations of the Judging Committee.
4. To give additional information as may be required by the Judging Committee.

Signature of Nominee

Date