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## **Congratulations for winning the 2021 Asian Townscape Award**

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We, the members of the Jury and organizers of the ATA, really appreciate and commend great works you have achieved to make the living environment truly inclusive, liveable and resilient.

We are now living in challenging times which altered the landscape of our everyday life, notably lockdown and restriction on movement of people and goods, new remote working and learning environment, social distancing all over the world. This change has also prompted all of us to rediscover the value of communities and neighbourhoods, such as buildings, public space, amenities and heritages, and most importantly community awareness, interpersonal relations and mutual aid.

The ATA has proven that well designed and managed townscape plays a catalytic role to enhance the value of space and people's sense of belonging and attachment. We remain committed to working together to make our living environment even more sustainable.

Despite challenges ahead of us, we remain hopeful. We are almost there. Let's hope we will get together to jointly celebrate Asian Townscape Awards next year.

I wish you all the best and happier 2022.

## 2021 Asian Townscape Award Projects



**Culture Festival of National Customs of Shang Yuyuan of Huazhong Town (Baoding, China)**

- Baoding Natural Resources and Municipal Planning Bureau
- The People's Government of Laiyuan County
- Laiyuan Huazhong Real Estate Development Co. LTD



**Korea's first Canal City, Gimpo's Gold light canal (Gimpo, Korea)**

- Gimpo City



**HSBC Rural Sustainability Programme (Hong Kong, China)**

- Centre for Civil Society and Governance at The University of Hong Kong



**Regeneration and Town Planning of JOHNSON TOWN (Iruma, Japan)**

- Isono Corporation
- Osamu Watanabe Architects



**Support Project for Miyakonojo City Central Area Core Facilities (Miyakonojo, Japan)**

- Miyakonojo City



**Kampong Tauhid, Yipilo, Wanggarasi, Pohuwato Regency, Gorontalo Province, Indonesia**

- Directorate of Self-Help Housing, Directorate General of Housing, Ministry of Public Works and Housing

## 2021 Asian Townscape Award Projects



**Seoul Landscape Documentation Project (Seoul, Korea)**

- Seoul



**The Spatial Vaccine in Pandemic Era, the Yangcheon Park (Yangcheon-gu, Seoul, Korea)**

- Yangcheon-gu



**Joint Efforts to Promote Sustainable Rural Development (Shaoguan, China)**

- Shaoguan City Agriculture and Rural Affairs Bureau
- Renhua County Agriculture and Rural Affairs Bureau
- Shaoguan Rural Revitalization Foundation



**Kuragaike Park Mirai Project (Toyota, Japan)**

- Toyota City, Kuragaike Park Mirai Project Joint Venture
- Daiwa Lease Co, Ltd.
- Snow Peak, Inc.
- Snow Peak Regional Revitalization Consulting, Inc.
- Kawai Landscape Construction Co, Ltd.
- Homex Co, Ltd.
- Elmeure Co, Ltd.



**Samgakji village (Yeongju, Korea)**

- Yeongju City

## Review of the 2021 Asian Townscape Awards

Chair Jury, the Asian Townscape Award  
SATO Masaru



Due to COVID-19, the 2021 Asian Townscape Awards judging was conducted online. Out of 24, 11 projects were selected: 3 from China, 4 from Korea, 3 from Japan, and 1 from Indonesia.

**Shaoguan, China** was highly evaluated for its realistic, warm and valuable living space in a rural area by utilizing the Public Welfare Fund for Rural Revitalization with the cooperation of the foundation, residents and experts.

**Baoding Huazhong Town, China** is a symbolic example of traditional Chinese culture with the nature, promoting dynamic and energetic cultural city. It was highly evaluated for its integrated approach to the landscape and the residents' activities.

**HSBC Rural Sustainability Programme, Hong Kong** is a project that revived a devastated rural village into an ideal farm. The various organizations brought out the vitality of the people. We also focused on the interaction between rural and urban areas to make it sustainable.

**Yangcheon Borough, Korea** is one of the few projects that have won an award on that scale. It is a park that meets the high level of functions expected by users of modern urban parks, and the use of groundwater for park facilities is also highly evaluated.

**Gimpo's Gold light canal, Korea** is an example of a waterfront space utilizes an agricultural canal to create an urban waterfront shopping area, park, river walk, and other fun activities. The project was highly evaluated for its beautiful landscape that adds color to people's lives.

**Samgakji village, Korea** is a triangular village surrounded by three railroad lines that was converted into a culturally vibrant space. The project is unique in its perspective. It turned what was considered to be a negative land condition into a positive one.

**The Seoul Landscape Documentation Project, Korea** is the ongoing project every five years since 1995, documenting and evaluating with many people involved. We pay tribute not only to the active development, but to the steady activities of documentation and evaluation.

**Kampong Tauhid, Indonesia**, caught our attention as a model housing project for low-income people. Residents not only live in a given place, but they also actively join to the construction of comfort space. The project also provides employment opportunities for prison inmates.

**Johnson Town, Japan** is renewing the cultural heritage of the U.S. military house to create a sustainable and unique cultural community while preserving historical memories. The diverse mixture of lifestyles, including young people, the elderly, and the departed, is appealing.

**Miyakonojo City, Japan** is a facility improve project for city center. Local cities in Japan are facing a declining population and the withdrawal of core facilities. This is an excellent project revitalized this area into a comfortable and cultural living space for the residents.

**Kuragaike Park, Japan** looked like any other park, but the more I looked at, the more I understood the deep insight of this mysterious project. We highly appreciated the design ability to bring out the nature and its view, and to imagine the rich activities in each place.

I congratulate the above eleven municipalities and everyone involved. I also respect for their efforts to enrich the lives of their communities, undaunted by the pandemic.

Through the presentations and the application materials of each projects, the points for evaluation became clearer. As a result of scores from a total of 16 juries from four countries and the host organization, there was only a small difference in the scores between the top and bottom, which is extremely rare. We had a lot of sympathy to every projects, as we went over the outstanding and questionable points and sustainability of each project. One of the characteristics of the projects was that many of them gave hints on the future of the local environment and cities, and also on the enhancement of cultural life centers. It made me reconsider the nature of those.

I would like to congratulate the winners of this award from the bottom of my heart.