

# AEJA 2017

## APPLICATION GUIDANCE NOTES

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### OVERVIEW

The Asian Environmental Journalism Awards (AEJA) programme aims to recognise and reward excellence in environmental journalism at all levels of society across Asia. The programme also highlights exceptional journalistic work and encourage sustained high-quality coverage of environmental issues in Asia.

Award categories open for AEJA 2017:

- Environmental Journalist of the Year
- Young Environmental Journalist of the Year
- Environmental Story of the Year
- Environmental Photograph of the Year
- Environmental Media Organisation of the Year

Details on criteria for the above categories can be found [here](#).

### WHO CAN APPLY?

- Professional and citizen journalists, reporters and photojournalists who are citizens or permanent residents of an Asian country
- Media organisations based in Asia

(Please refer to [Terms & Conditions](#) for more details)

For the Asian Environmental Journalism Awards, Asia is defined as the following countries which come under the continental bloc:

Afghanistan	Iraq	Mongolia	Sri Lanka
Armenia	Israel	Myanmar	Syria
Azerbaijan	Japan	Nepal	Republic of China (Taiwan)
Bahrain	Jordan	Oman	Tajikistan
Bangladesh	Kazakhstan	Pakistan	Thailand
Bhutan	Democratic People's	People's Republic of China	Timor-Leste
Brunei	Republic of Korea	Philippines	Turkey
Cambodia	Republic of Korea	Qatar	Turkmenistan
Cyprus	Kuwait	Russia	United Arab Emirates
Georgia	Kyrgyzstan	Saudi Arabia	Uzbekistan
India	Laos	Singapore	Vietnam
Indonesia	Malaysia		Yemen
Iran	Maldives		

## HOW TO APPLY?

1. Log on to [www.sec.org.sg/aeja](http://www.sec.org.sg/aeja)

2. Click

Get Started Now



3. Fill in the Sign Up form on the left:

### Sign Up

Please fill up all the fields below in order to sign up for an account.

Note: All fields are mandatory.

Email Address:	<input type="text"/>
Password (max 10 characters):	<input type="password"/>
Re-type Password :	<input type="password"/>
Full Name:	<input type="text"/>
Contact Number:	<input type="text"/>

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4. Sign in with your email address and password and get started! Remember to upload relevant articles and supporting documents.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Dates**

<b>17 March 2017</b>	Launch of Online Portal
<b>12 January 2018</b>	Closing date of applications

- **Period of assessment**

ALL articles submitted should have been published during the period of assessment, which is from **1 July 2016 – 31 December 2017**

- **Supporting documents**

These are optional but are encouraged to help strengthen and provide extra credibility to your submission, and may include (but are not limited to):

- Letters of commendation from colleagues, editors or supervisors
- Other journalistic works that cite your submitted article as a source or point of inspiration
- Positive feedback addressed to applicant to commend their work (must be dated and non-anonymous)
- Reports on environmental initiatives undertaken by individual or media organisations (e.g. environmental-related certifications and volunteer activities that show continued environmental commitment)

## TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. **“Environmental issues”** includes, but is not strictly limited to: water, climate change, biodiversity, energy, land degradation, air quality, ozone depletion, depletion of marine, forest or mineral resources, waste management, green living, environmental policy, green manufacturing, corporate environmental responsibility, green investments, ethical banking, environmental insurance, green consumerism, greening service industries (e.g. F&B, hospitality, tourism), Green IT, environmental marketing, environmental design and innovation, and green jobs and employment
2. **“Professional journalists”** refers to journalists who are employed by accredited news organisations or publications, on a part-time or full-time basis. For freelance professional journalists, they must have had at least three articles published in official news publications in a year.
3. **“Citizen Journalists”** refers to writers who are not employed by news organisations, and whose works are published in widely recognised news portals, community publications, or self-published on personal blogs.
4. Professional and citizen journalists, photojournalists and reporters must be citizens or permanent residents of any country within Asia, as listed in the award description. They can be based anywhere in the world, as long as the submitted story focuses on an environmental issue in Asia.

**OR** Journalists, photojournalists and reporters who have been working and living in Asia for at least a year, and have a specific interest and passion for environmental issues in Asia. In this case, proof of residence such as an official letter from employers, or other documents that will support their application is required.

5. There are no application fees for the AEJA 2017.
6. Applicants can apply for more than one category as long as they meet the relevant criteria.
7. A high standard of working English is a requirement for all applicants and the application form should be filled out in English. If the original article is in another language, a certified English translation is required.
8. Applicants may submit written or broadcast pieces for the relevant categories.
9. Digital or film photographs will be accepted for the Environmental Photograph of the Year category. All submissions must be high resolution (300DPI) images, and at least 2000 px on the shortest side.
10. The applicant warrants that he/she is the sole owner of all intellectual property rights (including copyright) to the photograph and the intellectual property rights have not been licensed or assigned to any other person.
11. In submitting the photograph(s), the applicant grants to SEC a non-exclusive, royalty-free and transferable right to use (including the right to reproduce, edit or distribute) all photographs submitted for the “Environmental Photograph of the Year” category for production of SEC’s annual calendar, to be distributed to partners and clients, and for the publicity of AEJA. The applicant will be acknowledged accordingly when their photograph is used.
12. For all other categories, the applicant grants to SEC a non-exclusive, royalty-free and transferable right to use (including the right to reproduce, edit or distribute) all photographs and articles submitted for the publicity of AEJA. The applicant will be acknowledged accordingly when their photograph or article is used.

13. Incomplete applications will not be considered. All supporting documents, where applicable, must be submitted with the application form.
14. The judges' decision is final, and no further correspondence on their decision will be entertained.
15. The Singapore Environment Council, the organisers of the Asian Environmental Journalism Awards 2017 reserves the right to change these terms and conditions at any time, at its sole discretion, without prior notice.

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