

INNOVATOR WANTED

OPEN CALL FOR THE 6TH NIKKEI ASIA AWARD NOMINATIONS



GRAND PRIZE: 5 MILLION JPY!

DEADLINE: JUNE 14, 2026



Nonprofit Supporting Girl's STEM Education Wins the 5th Nikkei Asia Award

The NIKKEI ASIA AWARD, presented by Nikkei Inc., is a recognition program that honors diverse and creative initiatives emerging across Asia. By highlighting "Innovation from Asia" that shapes the future of the region and the world, the award aims to contribute to the realization of a more free and prosperous society.

The Grand Prize of the 5th NIKKEI ASIA AWARD goes to VigyanShala International, a non-profit organization promoting STEM education for girls in India. The organization has developed an innovative educational model that combines hands-on science labs equipped with experimental tools and a hybrid approach of online instruction and in-person support. This enables practical learning opportunities even for girls in rural areas with limited access to quality education. Their efforts help reduce gender- and region-based disparities in education, broaden future career pathways for young women, and contribute to sustainable development across Asia—leading to high recognition by the award committee.



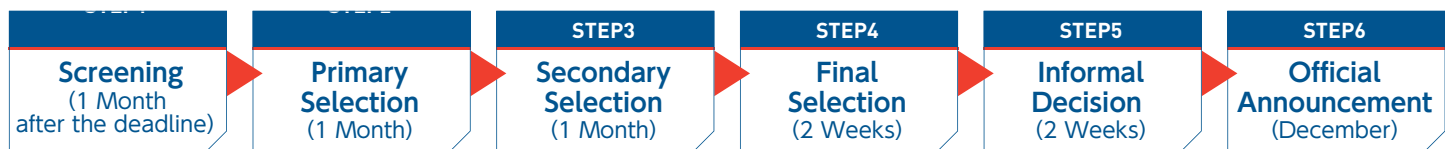
Winner 2025

Celebrate "INNOVATION from Asia" That Inspires the World

The 6TH NIKKEI ASIA AWARD Nomination Guidelines

HOW TO APPLY	<p>Call for nominations for the 6th NIKKEI ASIA AWARD are now open. You may nominate a candidate through the nomination form on our official website. Nominations will be accepted until Sunday, June 14, 2026. *Self-nominations are not allowed.</p>
QUALIFICATIONS	<p>Candidates MUST meet the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Candidates must be nominated by others. Self-nominations will not be accepted. •Candidates must be from or living in Asia. •Candidates must be contributors to Asian-based activities that have originated in Asia. <p>*Japanese individuals and groups consisting only of Japanese citizens are not eligible.</p> <p>With reference to the NIKKEI ASIA AWARD, the following regions are considered to constitute "Asia:"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •East Asia (Korean Peninsula, China, etc.) •Southeast Asia (ASEAN member countries, etc.) •Southwest Asia ((Indian subcontinent countries) •Nations in the Asia-Pacific region
EVALUATION CRITERIA	<p>Winner selection is a comprehensive evaluation of activities that meet the following evaluation criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Being novel and innovative •Creating a free and prosperous economic society by revitalizing the region and improving lives •Having continuity in activities and businesses, and expectations of future growth and expansion •Having social influence and expectations to expand globally
IDEAL CANDIDATE	<p>Ideal candidates are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Currently active •Young people are welcome, if their work has received recognition •Candidates need not be well known, as long as they have conducted steady and sincere efforts toward the betterment of people's lives, and contributed to prosperity <p>*Having already received such awards as the Nobel Prize or the Kyoto Prize would be of little significance</p>

Evaluation Process & Timeline



※Note:The above schedule is subject to change without notice.

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