

11 Local Chambers Compete for the 4th CACCI Chamber Awards



A total of 11 nominations from six Asian countries have been received for the 4th CACCI Local Chamber Awards. Of this number, six are vying under the Big Chamber Category and five under the Small Chamber Category.

Local Chamber Awards

The Local Chamber Awards, which CACCI first presented in 2004, aims to recognize local chambers for their outstanding achievement in promoting the industrial, commercial and social welfare of their respective communities. It is also intended to help promote CACCI awareness among members of local chambers in the region.

Winners will be selected from two categories – Category One for big local chambers (defined as chambers with membership of more than 200), and Category Two for small local chambers (defined as local chambers with membership of less than 200). By choosing a winner from each of the two categories, all local chambers are given a chance to win regardless of size.

Big Chamber Nominees

The six nominees competing under the Big Chamber Category include the following:

- **Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry** (Bangladesh)
- **Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture** (India)
- **Hindustan Chamber of Commerce** (India)
- **Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Orkhon-Bulgan Province** (Mongolia)
- **Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry**
- **Metro Naga Chamber of Commerce and Industry** (Philippines)

Small Chamber Nominees

The five nominees under the Small Chamber Category include the following:

- **Chittagong Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry** (Bangladesh)
- **Selenge Province Chamber of Commerce and Industry** (Mongolia)
- **Uvurhangai Chamber of Commerce** (Mongolia)
- **Parañaque Chamber of Commerce and Industry** (Philippines)
- **Anuradhapura District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture** (Sri Lanka)

Awards Committee

An Awards Committee has been constituted to evaluate all the nominations based on the following

agreed set of criteria:

- **Outstanding Services to Members** (policy advocacy efforts, training programs)
- **Outstanding Services to Community and to Country** (trade and investment promotion projects, employment-generating activities)
- **Participation in CACCI Activities and Projects** (attendance in CACCI meetings; involvement in membership drive)

Selection of Winners

Based on the evaluation of the Awards Committee, the CACCI Secretariat will make a short-list of the three top ranking local chambers under each category. The short-list will, in turn, be passed on to the Board of Judges for final evaluation and judging.

The short-listed nominees will be invited to Colombo for the final selection process to be held in conjunction with the 24th CACCI Conference. The final judging is scheduled on the morning of July 5.

Members of the Board of Judges will interview the short-listed nominees to obtain additional information or seek clarification on their achievements. Prior to the interview, each of the shortlisted nominees will be given at most 5 minutes to make a summary presentation of the Chamber's achievements in each of the agreed criteria, and another 10 minutes to answer questions from the Board of Judges.

Announcement of the winners and the presentation of the trophies to the winning chambers will be made during the Gala Dinner of the 24th CACCI on July 6, 2010. ■