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BRANZ KOSHIEN HONORED WITH IALD AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
LIGHTING DESIGN BY AKARI+DESIGN ASSOCIATES

LAS VEGAS, NV USA, 4 JUNE 2014 | Sixteen award winners representing architectural lighting design projects from ten countries—representing an increasingly diverse group of award-winning projects for the IALD awards—comprise the winners of the 31st Annual International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) International Lighting Design Awards, recognized at a presentation held 4 June at the Renaissance Las Vegas Hotel in Las Vegas, NV USA. Of the sixteen projects recognized, four entries earned a Special Citation, five earned Awards of Merit and seven earned Awards of Excellence.

Accepting the IALD Award of Excellence for BRANZ KOSHIEN was Hiroyasu Yoshino of Akari+DESIGN Associates.

This apartment complex was built in Koshien, a historic town near Osaka, Japan. The walls of tile and stone visually represent the natural beauty of the area, and the lighting design conveys the prefecture’s rich history. Visual continuity in the lobby is achieved by using tiles from the walls in bespoke pendants. All light sources are LED.

“A simple building is transformed by the connections between lighting, texture and materials,” one judge praised of the project.

On the building’s exterior, long linear LEDs buried in the ground light up the walls and benches, highlighting the building’s form and the impressive materials used. LEDs are sealed in a waterproof plastic clear case. On residence floors, 75mm-diameter cylinders house 5-Watt LEDs to illuminate the floor rhythmically.

“Restraint [and] integration,” one judge conveyed as highlights of the project. “The judicious use of light guides and reveals the careful selection of stone and masonry used to create this welcoming residential environment.”

The IALD Lighting Design Awards program, established in 1983, honors lighting projects that display high aesthetic achievement backed by technical expertise. Additionally, projects can also be submitted for consideration in the sustainable design award category, which means the project undergoes an additional round of judging keyed solely to the fulfillment of sustainable design principles. A panel of award-winning lighting designers, architects and interior designers review the projects.

The International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD), established in 1969, is an international organization supporting a network of 800 lighting design professionals who satisfy its rigorous qualification process. Its members are distinguished by a unique blend of aesthetic and technical expertise, and operate at the highest level of integrity to create a better world through leadership and excellence in lighting design; to cultivate the universal acknowledgement and appreciation of the Power of Light in human life.

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