TOKYO HARVEST CLUB KYOTO TAKAGAMINE & VIALA
HONORED WITH IALD AWARD OF MERIT
LIGHTING DESIGN BY IRIS ASSOCIATES

SAN DIEGO, CA USA, 28 APRIL | Luminaries of the lighting profession gathered at the San Diego Air and Space Museum on 27 April to honor the winners of the 33rd Annual International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) International Lighting Design Awards. Seventeen projects from eight countries were on display – including religious spaces, memorials, façades, and even a gas station. Taken together, the winners represent some of the most innovative and inspiring work found anywhere in the world of architectural lighting design.

The Tokyu Harvest Club in Kyoto, Japan, with lighting design by Iris Associates, took home an Award of Merit, accepted in person by lead lighting designer Yukio Onoda, IALD.

The Tokyu Harvest Club is located in a mountainous area of historical Kyoto city. The architecture and interior design feature traditional Japanese details, but also infuse modern Japan and current trends. The lighting designed by Iris Associates is similarly refined, blending grace and tranquility with the interiors.

The wood ceiling illuminated by buried LED lights welcomes visitors to the entrance lobby. The central art object of the space is lit by fiber optic illumination like scattered stars, and floodlighting of the custom-made super narrow spotlight focuses only on the object.

“This lighting is playful, quiet, dramatic and concealed all at once,” one judge wrote.

In the lobby, designers worked to evoke the scenery outside. Illuminating slits along the pillar connects the spaces outside and inside, while the motif of the moon is used for focal points of light.

The illumination integrated into the 110-meter long Japanese transom plays an important part in the lounge. LED strips are placed between the lattice of double layers, lighting up the back side and silhouetting the front to add a layer of light and shadow. In spite of its length, the total power consumption for the transom is 1.3kW. The lounge’s lighting control system plays several preset scenes throughout the day, adapting to the natural light and corresponding with various purposes.

“With this project, the designers were able to demonstrate their sensitivity when dealing with light as an architectural medium,” another judge shared.

The confetti-like artwork in the restaurant is illuminated by controlled lighting under the theme of the four seasons, changing throughout the year. Outside, wooden walls and bamboo surfaces are lit up, reflecting in the water surface. The egg-like structure floating in the pond is illuminated by optical fibers from under the water, and from above by floodlights that wax and wane. Variable color temperature LEDs give visual comfort and create a meditative quality to the space.

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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.

For complete details and high resolution photos of this year’s award-winning projects, visit iald.org.

The International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD), established in 1969, is an international organization supporting a network of more than 1,250 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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