

Saint-Gobain Gyproc National Trophy Thailand 2017 a key success for Thailand's gypsum industry, for Thai installers and Thai architects



The Saint-Gobain Gyproc National Trophy Thailand 2017 competition concluded for another successful year, culminating with the industry-anticipated reveal of its winners. The competition conclusion featured a high-profile winners' announcement press conference, where honorable mentions also highlighted the exceptional standard of entries in the Saint-Gobain Gyproc National Trophy Thailand 2017. The competition award ceremony held at Siam@Siam Design Hotel Bangkok marked the competition's overwhelming success with the great number of entries from contractors, owners and architects throughout Thailand. The spirited competition aims to celebrate craftsmanship and skills in traditional plastering and modern plasterboard systems, and is designed to recognize the contribution contractors make to the construction industry.

Winners of the Saint-Gobain Gyproc National Trophy Thailand 2017 include Bumrungrad International Hospital by Koncise Co., Ltd. and Task interior. Co.,Ltd. which was named as Winner of the Innovation and Sustainability award; The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Bangkok by Pace Interior Services Co., Ltd. took top honors in the Plaster category; Ibis Bangkok Impact Hotel by Bouygues-Thai Co., Ltd. was Winner of the Plasterboard category, and Terminal 21 Korat by Ritta Co., Ltd. was successfully named top entry in the Non-Residential category.

Richard Juggery, Managing Director, Thai Gypsum Products Public Company Limited, said, "We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Saint-Gobain National Trophy Thailand 2017. Massive congratulations to the winners from each category, which were best able to demonstrate the beautiful, sustainable, usable and cost-effective spaces and finished solutions that feature throughout beautiful architectures in Thailand. These amazing creations were achieved through the use of Gyproc's industry-leading range of products. Each project has its own identity, and so I think the competition this year was extremely intense. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this such a big success, and I wish that our entries from Thailand go on to achieve global success in the world final."

The Trophy, one of the largest gypsum industry competitions, attracted a high caliber of competing entries across its Plasterboard, Plaster, Innovation & Sustainability, and Non-Residential categories, with top performing entries chosen by an honorable committee of gypsum experts and representatives from the construction industry. The judging areas divide into three main focus points which include Craftsmanship emphasis on the quality of workmanship, Contractor's influence to encourage the use of Gypsum products as well as other solutions, and Overall project which looks at the quality of the whole building / project in terms of wellbeing and sustainability. The Judging Panel consists of representatives from the Council of Engineers, The Association of Siamese Architects, media and private sector representatives: Prof. Amorn Pimanmas, Ph.D., Secretary-General of Council of Engineers, Pol.Lt.Col. Bundit Pradabsook, Ph.D., Vice President of The Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage, Pratarn Teeratada, Managing Editor of ART4D magazine, Jeremiah Piternakwong, Managing Editor of Ban Lae Suan and Kittichai Chamjitr, Technical Director, Thai Gypsum Products Pcl.

Bundit Pradabsook, Ph.D., Vice President of The Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage, said "Saint-Gobain Gyproc National Trophy is one of the largest gypsum industry

competitions, which aims to discover standout developments in Thailand. It gives the opportunity to Thai architects to present their project on the world stage; this also raises the development standards of architectural designs in the Thai construction market. It was very challenging to select suitable projects which are destined to go on to achieve global recognition as the quality of all entries was very high. Our award-winners prove that the craftsmanship and skills of Thai architects and installers are among the best in the world."

The competition, open to a wide spectrum of gypsum industry stakeholders, attracted main contractors, owners, architects and installers, all of whom used Gyproc gypsum products in their selected entries to present outstanding and beautiful designs, as well as express the architectural value of Thai stakeholders to attract global acclaim. The winner in each of the four categories will go on to compete in the 11th Saint-Gobain Gypsum International Trophy (to be hosted in Lisbon, Portugal, on 23rd March, 2018) with other contractors coming from over 45 different countries to compete. The project winner will have an opportunity to travel to Europe in order to observe world architecture development and see the creative designs of projects from around the world.

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