

Special Regulation No. 14

Concerning Awards

Beijing International Horticultural Exhibition

Coordination Bureau

Article 1 Purpose

The purpose of this *Special Regulation* is, in accordance with the *Paris Convention relating to International Exhibitions* signed on November 22nd, 1928 as amended and supplemented, *the Regulations of the International Association of Horticultural Producers* (hereinafter referred to as the “AIPH”), Articles 36 and 37 of the *General Regulations* of the International Horticultural Exhibition 2019, Beijing, China (hereinafter referred to as the “Expo”), to specify the attribution of awards for the Official Participants at the Expo.

Article 2 Definition

1. **Outdoor Gardens** refers to the outdoor areas within the Expo site assigned by the Organizer free of charge, where the Official Participant may build and display its garden, presenting the typical culture and landscape of each country, enabling the visitors to recognize and appreciate its unique horticultural art and development.

2. **Indoor Exhibition Areas** refers to the indoor areas within the Expo Site assigned by the Organizer free of charge, where the Official Participant may design and set up stands and small-scale landscapes to hold the indoor exhibition of flowers and plants.

Article 3 Compliance with Laws and Regulations

1. All Official Participants shall comply with the *Paris Convention relating to International Exhibitions* signed on November 22nd, 1928 as amended and supplemented, the AIPH Regulations, the *General Regulations* and the *Special Regulations* of the Expo, the relevant laws, regulations and rules of China, and the additional instructions and directives issued by the Organizer pursuant to the *General Regulations* and the *Special Regulations* of the Expo (hereinafter jointly referred to as “the Laws and Regulations”).

2. The additional instructions and directives are issued by the Organizer to provide more information on related subjects and further specify the rights and obligations of the Organizer and the Official Participants and shall be in conformity with the *General Regulations* and *Special Regulations*.

Article 4 Awards

1. The Organizer shall attribute the following categories of awards to Official Participants who will best demonstrate and contribute to the theme of the Expo, “Live Green, Live Better”:

(1) Outdoor Gardens Awards: different levels of the awards will be set and the detailed arrangement will be announced to Official Participants by the Organizer later.

(2) Indoor Exhibition Areas Awards: different levels of the awards

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(3) Special Awards: different levels of the awards will be set and details of the categories of competitions, prizes and plans of competitions will be announced to Official Participants by the Organizer later.

2. All the awards mentioned in Paragraph 1 may be attributed before the end of the Expo in batches, or at the award ceremony or closing ceremony.

3. The Jury, established in accordance with Article 6 of this *Special Regulation*, has the right to make adjustments, where required by the actual participation, to the categorization of participants and the dispensation of awards.

4. Detailed information regarding the evaluation and the attribution of awards, especially the evaluation criteria will be notified to the Official Participants 6 months before the opening of the Expo.

5. The Organizer may attribute profession awards according to the concrete circumstances of the participants, and shall invite the participants (including Official Participants and non-official participants) to participate in the product competitions (concerning specific plant species, etc.). The details will be announced by the Organizer later.

Article 5 Evaluation (International Competition)

The Jury, established in accordance with Article 6 shall select the winners of the awards (international competition) specified in Article 4. The decisions of the Jury shall be final. The specific rules of the evaluation will be announced by the Organizer later.

Article 6 Composition of the Jury

1. The Jury shall consist of juries invited by the AIPH and juries nominated by the Organizer. The Jury shall be composed of an uneven number. The juries invited by AIPH shall be one more than that nominated by the Organizer. President of the Jury and most members of the Jury shall be from countries other than China. The members of the Jury will be determined 3 months prior to the opening of the Expo.

2. Members nominated by the Organizer shall be eminent figures in the field of horticultural exhibition or theme development of World Exposition. The Organizer shall ensure that the juries have professional knowledge and know-how of the horticultural exhibition. The jury members do not represent their own countries or organizations, and shall perform their duties in their individual capacities.

3. The jury members shall participate in the selection process in person. In case of force majeure or other special circumstances, he/she may entrust another jury member to act on his/her behalf.

4. The Organizer will also invite other relevant experts to compose

the Jury for special awards.

Article 7 Organization and Operation of the Jury

1. The President of the Jury will be elected by the members of the Jury.

2. The jury meeting shall be convened and presided over by the president and the Organizer shall provide assistance where necessary.

3. The schedule of the jury meetings, the categorization of participants, the dispensation of awards and other matters regarding the evaluation, shall be decided before the opening of the Expo.

4. The jury members shall keep confidential the evaluation and selection process.

Article 8 Rewards

1. Awards shall be in no case of a financial nature.

2. All Official Participants, not having declared to abstain from competing (international competition) in writing, shall be considered eligible for the awards (international competition).

Article 9 Announcement of Award Winners

The Jury shall officially announce, prior to the conclusion of Expo, the award (international competition) winners. The list of award winners

shall be maintained by the BIE and the AIPH.

Article 10 Other Awards

During the running of Expo, the Organizer may attribute other types of awards to non-official participants and individuals and organizations involved in the organization and operation of the Expo. The detailed procedures shall be separately released by the Organizer.