

2025 Best AI Awards – Competition Guidelines

I. Statement of Purpose

The **Best AI Awards** aims to showcase a diverse range of innovative AI applications that drive industry development and cultivate talent for businesses. The competition features two categories: **AI Applications** and **IC Design**. Participants are encouraged to submit proposals featuring innovative ideas with strong potential for real-world industry adoption.

II. Event Schedule (Taiwan Time GMT+8)

- a. **Online Registration Deadline:** April 8, 2025 (Tue) 17:00 PM
- b. **Preliminary Round (Proposal Review):** April 14, 2025 (Mon) - April 18, 2025 (Fri)
- c. **Final Round (Presentation):** May 3, 2025 (Sat) 8:00AM-17:00PM@Taipei World Trade Center, Taiwan (No. 5-5, Section 5, Xinyi Rd, Taipei City).

III. Organizers

- a. **Advisor:** Ministry of Economic Affairs
- b. **Organizer:** Department of Industrial Technology, MOEA
- c. **Hosting Organization:** Taipei Computer Association

IV. Competition Categories

Category	Description
AI Application	This category accepts <u>proposal IDEAS</u> utilizing AI technologies, such as Generative AI or Discriminative AI, to develop innovative applications or services.
IC Design	This category accepts <u>proposal IDEAS</u> integrating AI technology into IC design or applications, leveraging innovative technological approaches.

※Encourage contestants to use open source platform, such as GitHub, Stack Overflow, Hugging Face, etc.

V. Eligibility

- a. The competition is open to professionals from ICT industry, academia, and research sectors, participating either as individuals or in teams. Each team may have 1 to 8 members.
- b. Participants must be foreign nationals (non-Taiwanese citizens).

VI. Awards and Prizes

Category	Prize	Note
AI Application	Gold: NTD 1,000,000 Silver: NTD 700,000 Bronze: NTD 500,000 Honorable Mention: NTD 200,000	1. Winning teams are awarded award certificates issued by the organizer. 2. The finals must attend final round in-person in Taipei, Taiwan on May 3, 2025. The organizer will provide travel subsidies for two team members per team, covering international round-trip flight and three-nights of accommodation (May 2-5, 2025).
IC Design	Gold: NTD 1,000,000 Silver: NTD 700,000 Bronze: NTD 500,000 Honorable Mention: NTD 200,000	

VII. Evaluation Process

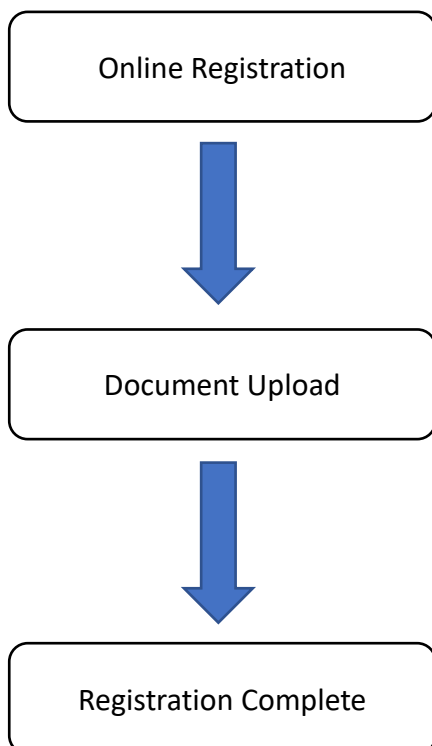
a. Selection Process

Stage	Method
Preliminary Round (Proposal Review)	Teams will be evaluated based on submitted documents, including the Project Description file and the Project Introduction Video . No attendance required.
Final Round (Presentation)	1. The finals must attend final round in-person in Taipei, Taiwan on May 3, 2025. 2. Teams will be evaluated based on their presentation. Each team is given 13 minutes total; including 6 minutes for presentation and 7 minutes for Q&A.

b. Evaluation Criteria

Category	Criteria	Description	Weight
AI Application/ IC Design	Industry Application	Value creation and application benefits of the project.	40%
	Technology and Innovation	Uniqueness and differentiation from existing technology or products.	30%
	Project Completeness	Overall content integrity.	30%

VIII. Registration Process



<Step 1> Visit the Best AI Awards official website(<https://www.bestaiawards.com.tw>), go to the Registration page, and complete online registration.

<Step 2> Upload the required documents:

- Appendix C: Project Description (Word File)
- Supporting Documents: Proof of foreign nationality (passport or national ID copy)
- 3-Minute Project Introduction Video: The video should be uploaded to YouTube as **"Unlisted."** Please submit the URL to the unlisted video in the registration form.

IX. Competition Rules

1. Participating teams agree to abide by all competition guidelines and decisions made by the organizer, including evaluation criteria and results.
2. The organizer reserves the right to disqualify teams and revoke awards, including prize money and certificates, under the following circumstances:
 - a. Submission of false or misleading information.
 - b. Plagiarism, unauthorized use, or infringement of patents, proprietary technologies, copyrights, or other intellectual property rights.
 - c. Conduct that disrupts the competition or unfairly impacts other teams.
 - d. Violation of any competition rules or regulations.
 - e. Submitting multiple entries from the same team or submitting the same project under different team names or members.
 - f. Failure to comply with registration procedures or incomplete submission of required materials.
 - g. Applying software developed in China to your product.
3. After registration, team members may not be changed, nor may new members be added.
4. Teams are responsible for managing internal roles, including prize distribution. The organizer will not intervene in any internal disputes.
5. Winning teams must participate in media interviews and promotional events and provide materials (e.g., project summary, video) for non-commercial use, both domestically and internationally.
6. The organizer reserves the right to adjust award numbers, modify event details, and announce changes on the official website.
7. Prize recipients are subject to taxation according to Taiwan's tax laws (foreign nationals: 20%). Winners must complete all necessary tax forms before receiving their prize. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the award.
8. Participation in the competition implies full acceptance of all terms and conditions.
9. The organizer reserves the right to amend the competition rules as necessary and will announce updates on the competition website. Participants are responsible for staying informed about any changes.

X. Contact Information

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Appendix A. : Basic Information

Best AI Awards Registration Form

(Online registration fields here for reference)

Team Name		
Project Title		
Project Summary	(Max 500 words)	
Competition Category	☐ AI Application ☐ IC Design	
Project Introduction Video	(YouTube URL)	
Application Field	☐ Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, and Animal Husbandry ☐ Manufacturing ☐ Wholesale and Retail ☐ Transportation and Storage ☐ Hospitality and Food Services ☐ Information and Communications ☐ Finance and Insurance ☐ Public Administration and National Defense ☐ Education Services ☐ Healthcare and Social Services ☐ Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation ☐ Others: _____ (Please Specify)	
Team Member Information (1-8 members, please make sure that the contact information is valid)		
Member 1 (Team Leader – Main Contact)	Name	
	Email	
	Organization	
	Position	
	Phone	
	Nationality	
	Current Residence	
Member 2	Name	
	Email	
	Organization	
	Position	
	Phone	
	Nationality	
	Current Residence	

Appendix B : Participation Agreement and Personal Data Consent Form

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Participation Agreement and Personal Data Consent Form

(Please check the agree box during online registration. Teams attending in Taiwan must submit a signed hard copy.)

Our team, in participating in the "Best AI Awards" (hereinafter referred to as "the Competition"), agrees to guarantee the following terms as the basis for eligibility:

1. Our team has thoroughly reviewed and agrees to abide by the competition guidelines. We pledge to comply with all relevant regulations throughout our participation. If our entry or participation involves plagiarism, misrepresentation, impersonation, or any other unlawful acts, or if we violate any rules set forth by the competition, the organizer reserves the right to disqualify us and revoke any awards received. We also agree to return any prize money and certificates obtained. Furthermore, if our actions result in damages to the organizer, the executing unit, or any third party, our team will bear full legal and financial responsibility, and the organizer and executing unit shall not be held liable.
2. Our team will not engage in any actions at the competition venue that may disrupt other participants or compromise the fairness of the competition. If such misconduct is verified, the organizer reserves the right to disqualify our team and revoke any awards received. We also agree to return any prize money and certificates obtained.
3. Our team agrees to cooperate with the organizer's promotional and publicity efforts by providing relevant materials related to our submission (including the project summary and video) free of charge. We also agree to participate in interviews, event photography, and video editing for use in competition-related publications, promotional videos, reports, or social media campaigns. These materials may be used domestically and internationally for non-commercial purposes to foster information exchange and creative innovation.

4. Collection, Processing, and Use of Personal Data:

The organizer, Department of Industrial Technology, Ministry of Economic Affairs, has commissioned the Taipei Computer Association (hereinafter referred to as "the Association") to execute the Best AI Awards. In compliance with the Personal Data Protection Act and relevant regulations, we are legally required to inform you of the following before collecting your personal data. By signing this consent form, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to all terms stated herein.

- a. Purpose and Types of Data Collected: Your personal data is collected for purposes related to the competition's administrative management, notifications, event announcements, surveys, outcome tracking, networking activities, and statistical

analysis. Additionally, the data may be used for event notifications, registration confirmations, industry-related updates, and internal management of the Association. The following personal data will be collected: organization name, nationality, current residence, member names, title of members, mobile phone number, email, and personal portrait.

- b. Period, Scope, Recipients, and Methods of Data Use: Your personal data will be used by the relevant authorities within the Republic of China (Taiwan) to the extent necessary and reasonable for the stated purposes of collection. Unless required for international business or activities, your data will not be shared beyond this scope. The data will be retained and used until the purposes of collection no longer apply.
- c. Data Subject Rights: Under Article 3 of the Taiwan Personal Data Protection Act, you have the right to request access to, review your personal data, obtain a copy, request corrections or updates, and request to stop its collection, processing, use, or deletion.
- d. Impact of Not Providing Personal Data: If you fail to provide accurate personal data, or if you request to stop the collection, processing, use, or deletion of your data, you may be unable to receive relevant services associated with the stated collection purposes.
- e. Portrait Rights:
 - i. Authorization Content: By signing this consent form, you agree to grant the organizer and executing unit the right to photograph, use, and publicly display your image.
 - ii. Authorization Period & Region: The authorization is perpetual and unlimited in geographic scope.
 - iii. Authorization Terms: This authorization is granted free of charge.
- f. To opt out of receiving notifications and related information, you may use the unsubscribe link provided in messages. For further inquiries, please contact Ms. Tang during office hours at (02) 2577-4249, ext. 390. If you believe there is a violation of this personal data statement, please report it to the event coordinator.

All Team Member(s) Signatures:

Submitted to:

Organizer: Department of Industrial Technology, Ministry of Economic Affairs
Hosting Organization: Taipei Computer Association

Appendix C : Project Description

Best AI Awards Project Description

- The project description should follow the provided outline and include both text and images. A single Word document (max 5 pages) should be uploaded, with a file size not exceeding 10MB. If the document exceeds the page limit, only the first 5 pages will be reviewed.
- The document should be formatted in Word, using A4-sized pages with 12pt font, 2cm margins on all sides, a 1cm binding edge, single-line spacing, and 3pt paragraph spacing.

Serial Number (Assigned by Organizer)					
Team Name					
Project Title					
Application Field (Select all that applies)	☐ Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, and Animal Husbandry ☐ Manufacturing ☐ Wholesale and Retail ☐ Transportation and Storage ☐ Hospitality and Food Services ☐ Information and Communications ☐ Finance and Insurance ☐ Public Administration and National Defense ☐ Education Services ☐ Healthcare and Social Services ☐ Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation ☐ Others: ____ (Please Specify)				
Project Summary	(Max 500 words)				
Project Description Must Include: 1. Background and Concept 2. Project Features and Functionality 3. Development Tools and Techniques (e.g., Uniqueness and differentiation from existing technology or products) 4. Open source platform application descriptions <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Which Open source platform do you use</td> <td> ☐ GitHub ☐ Stack Overflow ☐ Hugging Face ☐ other(specify): </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Please describe how to use/apply it.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> 5. Target User and Environment 6. Industry Application (e.g., Commercial Value, Business Potential, Social Impact, etc.) 7. Conclusion		Which Open source platform do you use	☐ GitHub ☐ Stack Overflow ☐ Hugging Face ☐ other(specify):	Please describe how to use/apply it.	
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