

## **DIA Instructions for Participants**

### **(I) Protection of Intellectual Property Rights**

1. All participants must be the designer or owner of your works, and there is no intellectual property dispute between the works and others (no intellectual property dispute has occurred or has been properly handled). For entries applying for (filing) relevant intellectual property certificates but have not yet obtained the authorization, participants should submit relevant certificates when registering. For entries without related intellectual property certificates after winning the DIA award, the DIA Committee has the right to require the written promise from the designer or owner to guarantee the originality of the works.

2. The DIA Committee has the right to invalidate the award-winning qualification of the entries with intellectual property disputes, including recalling the certificate, trophy and bonus, etc. If economic or reputation losses are caused by defective entries, the host and the organizers have the right to claim compensation from the participants, including but not limited to demanding economic and reputation compensations, litigation costs, attorneys' fees, insurance fees, appraisal fees, etc.

3. The intellectual property of all entries is owned by the participants.

### **(II) Publicity and Confidentiality**

The DIA Committee has the right to use the registration information for award promotion, including but not limited to shooting, exhibiting, news reporting, publication of the entries. Participants shall provide the written application for confidential requirement within 5 working days after registration, or the entry information will be deemed as non-confidential. The DIA Committee will not bear the loss caused by the publicity of the entries.

### (III) Registration Information

The participants shall ensure the correctness and truthfulness of the registration information (Pseudonym is not allowed in registration). The registration information is not allowed to be modified once submitted. If the participants find that the registration information is incorrect after submission, the DIA committee has the right not to make any modification. If the registration information is inconsistent with the actual situation, the DIA Committee shall have the right to revoke the award qualification, honor and recover the bonus. In order to ensure the orderly conduct of the evaluation, the DIA Committee and the judging committee have the right to adjust the entry category according to the competition rules and the actual situation of the entries.

### (IV) Registration Qualification

Only the designer and the owner of the entry are eligible for registration. The participant should confirm and coordinate with the relevant units to avoid duplicate registration. The DIA Committee shall bear no legal responsibility for the problems caused by duplicate registration and have the right to invalidate the award-winning qualification and honor, and to recover bonus if the problems are not solved timely through coordination. The same entry is not allowed to apply for Product Group and Concept Group at the same time.

### (V) Results Notification

All DIA notifications will be released on the official website and through the registration system, and participants shall pay close attention to related channels and respond promptly. If the participants miss important information or fail to respond timely as required, which affects the evaluation and award acceptance, all the

consequences will be borne by the participants themselves.

#### (VI) Delivery

1. According to the DIA evaluation regulations, for all shortlisted entries in Second Evaluation, the participants are required to send the physical products or prototypes for Second Evaluation. The mailing address, period and delivery requirements will be specified in the “Entry Delivery Instructions” of this year, which will then be published one month before the Second Evaluation. Participants who fail to send their entries on time as required will be deemed as giving up the Second Evaluation Qualification.

2. All costs regarding to transportation, tariffs, insurance, customs, etc. shall be borne by the participants.

3. Participants must truthfully input the sending and returning information within the time specified in the Entry Delivery Instructions, which will be used by the DIA Committee for delivery check and entry return. The DIA Committee will only assume responsibility for the safekeeping of the work as it is received.

4. All DIA evaluations and exhibitions will take place at professional venues and the entries will be transported, safeguarded and reviewed in accordance with relevant industry standards. If insurance is required, participants shall purchase it themselves.

5. The judging committee will use and operate all the entries at the site of Second Evaluation, and the participants must install and debug the entries to the usable state by themselves. If any participant needs to entrust the DIA Committee to install and debug the product, the detailed installation video or instruction must be provided.

#### (VII) Return

1. In principle, the DIA Committee will not assume the responsibility of return. If any

participant needs the DIA Committee to send back the entries, please fill in the return information before sending. Late submission will not be accepted.

2. The DIA Committee only arrange the return of entries in two times: partial unawarded entries will be returned after the Second Evaluation; awarded entries and the rest unawarded entries will be returned after the DIA Exhibition. To ensure the progress of evaluations and exhibition, entry returning requests will be rejected during non-return period.

3. All the costs, including transportation, tariffs, etc. incurred in return of the entries shall be borne by the participant. For entries returned to domestic cities, the DIA Committee will choose freight collect payment. For entries sent back to overseas, the participant should provide the delivery files (including but not limited in express waybill, proforma invoice, cargo packing list, etc.) within the time specified by the DIA Committee and contact express company to pick the entries at the designated place.

4. If the entries are not returned within the specified time due to the participant's own reasons, the DIA Committee will charge the "deferred management fee", which is based on the Entry Delivery Instructions of the year. The DIA Committee can only arrange the return of the entries after confirming the receipt of the payment, and the return time will be specified by the DIA Committee, and no urgent dispatch will be accepted.

5. The participants will automatically be deemed as waiving the ownership of their entries without complete returning information by December. 20, 2023.

#### (VIII) Donation and Collection

1. The DIA Committee will only accept the qualified award-winning entries and then

issue the corresponding DIA Collection Certificate.

2. All winners shall donate their entries to the DIA Committee. For entries that need to be used for follow-up research and development, are too large to transport, or whose value exceeds the bonus, the winners must submit a written application and relevant certification materials, and then the entries can be changed to proportional models or prototypes after being confirmed by the DIA Committee.

#### (IX) Final Evaluation and DIA Ceremony

All finalists must participate in the Final Evaluation personally, otherwise they will be deemed as giving up the qualification for the awards and prizes. All winners will be invited to the DIA Award Ceremony and all travel expenses shall be borne by the participants.

#### (X) Certificate, Trophy and Bonus

1. The DIA Committee will provide electronic certificates for winners. All certificates are automatically generated in the registration system for download after the DIA Award Ceremony. One trophy will be awarded for each awarded entry at the DIA Award Ceremony. Participants who are unable to attend the event will be deemed as giving up the trophy. Those who can't receive the trophy for special reasons should provide a statement and the DIA Committee will discuss and decide whether to arrange the delivery.

2. According to the evaluation results and the relevant fiscal and taxation regulations and procedures of the People's Republic of China, the bonus will be transferred to the winners' personal accounts or the company (including the branch company) account. Domestic recipient can be a company or an individual, while foreign recipient can only be an individual. If the recipient is not the system registrant, a written

authorization with the system registrant's signature and seal is required.

(XI) Participants shall be deemed to have agreed the above terms once submitting the entries. The DIA Committee reserves the right of final interpretation.