

## **DIA Instructions for Participants**

### **I. Intellectual Property**

1. All participants must be the design entities or the owning entities of the entries (the right holder of the relevant intellectual property rights), and there shall be no intellectual property dispute between the owner or the designer and others (no intellectual property dispute has occurred or has been properly handled so far). For entries that are applying for (filing) relevant intellectual property certificates but have not yet obtained authorization, participants must submit relevant certificates at the time of registration. For entries that have not obtained relevant intellectual property certificates after winning the DIA awards, the DIA Committee has the right to require the participants to make a written guarantee.

2. The DIA Committee has the right to invalidate the award qualification of the entries with intellectual property disputes, including recalling the certificate, trophy or recovering the bonus. 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, legal fees, insurance fees, appraisal fees, etc.

3. If any third party deems that an entry has infringed upon its intellectual property rights (including but not limited to copyrights, patent rights, trademark rights and the like), the right holder shall have the right to file a complaint with the DIA Committee. The DIA Committee will initiate the processing procedure in accordance with laws and regulations upon receipt of valid complaint materials. For details, please refer to the *Announcement on the Rules for the Resolution of Intellectual Property Infringement Complaints*.

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

### **II. Publicity and Confidentiality**

The DIA Committee reserves the right to use the materials and physical entries submitted by participants for award-related publicity and promotion activities, including but not limited to filming, exhibition, news coverage, compilation and publication and the like. For award-winning physical entries, participants shall agree

to the exhibition of their entries as determined by the organizer within one year after the conclusion of the 2026 award event, and shall also provide the required materials for the use of future activities (including reports, publicity and promotion, and exhibitions). If participants have special confidentiality requirements for their entries, they shall submit a written application within 5 working days upon the completion of registration. Any application not submitted within the aforesaid period or not approved shall be deemed that the entries are open to the public, and the DIA Committee shall not be liable for any losses that may arise from the public display of such 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 cannot be modified by participants themselves once submitted. If the participants find that the registration information is incorrect after submission, please submit formal written application documents for the change of registration information before the 2026 DIA Award Ceremony. The DIA Committee shall have the right to revoke the award qualification and honor and recover the bonus on account of the participants' exaggerated information. To ensure the orderly conduct of the evaluation, the DIA Committee and the judging committee have the right to adjust the category according to the rules and the actual situation of the entries.

### **IV. Registration Eligibility**

Only the design entity or the owning entity of an entry (the right holder of the relevant intellectual property rights) shall be eligible for participation, and multiple entities shall not register the same entry repeatedly. If a participant is the creator of an entry but does not hold the relevant rights to it, the participant shall ensure that a relevant agreement or consensus on participation has been reached with the right owner, and submit supporting documents such as a right assignment or license agreement and the agreement on the consensus for participation. The participants should confirm and coordinate with the relevant parties to avoid duplicate registration. The DIA Committee shall bear no legal responsibility for the problems caused by the duplicate registration, for example, the ownership of honor or bonus, and have the right to invalidate the award-winning qualification and honor, and to recover bonus if the

problems are not solved timely through negotiation. The same entry is not allowed to apply for the awards in the Product Group and the Concept Group at the same time.

## **V. Result Notification**

All the important DIA notifications, including evaluation results, will be released through the DIA registration system and the participants' emails. Therefore, participants shall closely follow these information channels. 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. Entry Delivery**

1. According to the DIA evaluation regulations, for all entries shortlisted for the Second Evaluation, the participants are required to send physical products or prototypes for the Second Evaluation. The delivery address, time and requirements will be specified in the *2026 Entry Delivery Instructions*, which will be published one month before the Second Evaluation. Participants who fail to send their products or prototypes on time as required will be deemed as giving up the Second Evaluation qualification.
2. All costs regarding to transportation, insurance, tariffs, customs, etc. shall be borne by the participants.
3. Participants shall truthfully enter the delivery information within the time specified in the *2026 Entry Delivery Instructions*, which will be used by the DIA Committee for delivery check and entry return. The DIA Committee shall only be responsible for the safe custody of the entries according to their status when received.
4. All DIA evaluations and exhibitions will take place in professional venues, with transportation, storage, and assessment conducted in accordance with industry standards. Participants are responsible for purchasing insurance if needed.
5. The judging committee will experience the functions of all the entries at the Second Evaluation site, so the participants shall install and debug the entries until they are serviceable. Where participants entrust the DIA Committee to install and debug the entries, please provide detailed installation video or instructions.

## **VII. Return of Entries**

1. In principle, the DIA Committee will not assume the responsibility of return. If participants request the DIA Committee to send back the entries, please fill in the relevant shipping information. Late submission will not be accepted.
2. The DIA Committee will arrange the return of entries in two time nodes: “First Return of Entries” (part of the non-awarded entries will be returned after the Second Evaluation) and “Second Return of Entries” (awarded entries and the remaining non-awarded entries will be returned after the DIA Award Ceremony and series activities). To ensure the smooth progress of the DIA’s evaluation, exhibition, and other activities, participants must agree that their entries may be exhibited at the discretion of the organizer within one year after the conclusion of the 2026 DIA. All participants shall not request the return of their works outside the designated return periods.
3. All the costs, including transportation, tariffs, etc. incurred in return of the entries shall be borne by the participants. For returns within Chinese mainland, DIA Committee will use a cash-on-delivery (COD) method for shipping. For returns to overseas locations, the participants should provide the required delivery documents (including but not limited to 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 participant fail to enter the information for entry return within the specified date due to their personal reasons, and fail to contact the DIA Committee and provide complete information for entry return before December 31, 2026, the participant will be deemed as having given up the ownership of the entries. The time for entry return shall be designated by the DIA Committee, and urgent requests will not be accepted.

## **VIII. Donation and Collection**

1. The DIA Committee will only collect the award-winning entries that meet the relevant requirements, and will award the DIA Collection Certificate to the winners.
2. Award-winning entries receiving prize bonuses shall be donated to the DIA Committee. For entries that need to be used for future R&D purposes, too large to be transported, or whose value exceeds the bonus, the winner must submit a written application along with relevant proof documents. After being confirmed by the DIA Committee, they can instead donate a scaled model or a prototype.

## **IX. Final Evaluation and Award Ceremony**

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

## **X. Certificate, Trophy and Bonus**

1. Winners who are invited to attend the Award Ceremony will be awarded a trophy on-site. After the Award Ceremony, an electronic certificate will be generated in the registration system, and participants can download it by themselves. Those who are not present will be deemed as giving up the trophy. In principle, the DIA Committee will not provide the trophy at other times or mail the trophy to the winner. Those who are unable to be present and get the trophy on-site for special reasons should provide a written statement, and the DIA Committee will discuss and decide whether to provide the mailing service.

2. According to the evaluation results, the DIA Committee will give out bonuses to the corresponding winners through bank transfer in accordance with the relevant fiscal and taxation regulations and procedures of the People's Republic of China. Bonus recipients can either be the organization to which the submitter belongs (including its branches) or designated individuals within that organization. In cases where the bonus recipient and the entry submitter belong to different organizations or are individuals, an additional written authorization, signed and sealed by the submitter, shall be provided.

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