



APQO INTERNATIONAL INDIVIDUAL AWARDS (AIIA)

BACKGROUND

The Asia Pacific Quality Organisation Inc officially formed in 1985 is a non-political, a not for profit organization with a 35 years history with amongst the largest umbrella-type organization that has brought together leading quality and quality associated Asia Pacific organizations and organisations with similar vision to champion Quality and Business Excellence effort. Today in 2026 APQO membership includes core council members comprising organisations from the countries like Australia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Nepal, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, and Vietnam. APQO is now headquartered in Auckland, New Zealand.

AIIA repositioned

Considering the diversity and spread of APQO membership, APQO do not practice of naming its awards after individuals. However, would support this when and where an individual has played a significant role directly for APQO e.g. founder, linked directly to APQO as an organisation. This is to keep the award exclusive and meaningful for APQO in recognising worthy role models after whom the award is named as there are many note-worthy role models all over the world.

The Harrington/Ishikawa Quality Professional Award named after APQO's first honorary joint Presidents will for now be APQO's only Individual International Award named after Individuals and will be presented to a deserving quality professional that has stood out and made outstanding contributions to the promotion and implementation of quality methodologies in the Asia Pacific region and or globally. Only one award will be presented to a deserving individual annually, however if there are no worthy nominations, no award will be presented.

Prior to 2018 the various categories of the APQO Awards named after individuals administered by APQO and judged by the WLHF Board were presented during APQO International Conference Awards & Dinner Gala Platform. To facilitate clarity in the effort to enhance the APQO award process and preventing any conflict of process when shortlisting worthy winners and role models, with effect from 2018 only AIIA winners managed and judged by APQO panel of judges will be recognised at the APQO International Conference Awards Presentation platform. This will also allow APQO to strengthen its processes and be independent in its efforts to have a robust award programme for outstanding individuals.

All awards must have a proposer from any APQO member organisations, supported by the Core Council Member and known to the nominee.

There are seven categories of APQO International Individual Awards (AIIA) namely:

- APQO Award for Senior Leadership Commitment to Quality
- APQO Award for Woman in Quality Leadership
- APQO Harrington/Ishikawa Quality Professional Award
- APQO President's Award for Demonstrated Excellence
- APQO Special Recognition
- APQO Lifetime Achievement Award
- APQO Long Service Award

APQO Award for Senior Leadership Commitment to Quality

This Award is accorded to a senior leader (President, CEO, Principal, Owner, or Senior Vice President of a major corporation, Chief Operating Officer, Plant Manager, Division Manager, Partner etc.) in recognition of his/her contribution to the advancement of the quality movement within the Pacific Rim nations and beyond.

APQO Award for Woman in Quality Leadership

This Award is an exciting celebration of talent, achievement, imagination and innovation. The Award encourages and recognizes women whose outstanding leadership and exemplary engagement in Productivity/Quality and Business Excellence contribute to the vitality of the local, regional, national or global community in quality.

APQO Harrington/Ishikawa Quality Professional Award

This award is presented to a proven quality professional that has distinguished himself or herself as an individual in providing outstanding contribution to the promotion and implementation of quality methodologies in the Pacific Rim nations.

APQO President's Award for Demonstrated Excellence

This award is presented to deserving person whose enthusiastic and effective involvement contributed to the success of APQO projects undertaken / conference specifically from host country or to any person/s or team **for an outstanding effort that had contributed towards APQO's success.**

APQO Special Recognition

This recognition is accorded to deserving individuals / team whose enthusiastic and effective involvement contributed to the success of the APQO International Conference specifically from host country or to any person/s or team **for an outstanding effort that had contributed towards APQO's success.**

APQO Lifetime Achievement Award

Recognising worthy role models and committed APQO Leaders having made significant contribution to the betterment of APQO. Recommended by APQO Board

APQO Long Service Award

Special award accorded to recognise APQO Officers/Members unstinting support in the long haul. Recommended by the APQO Board.