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ALUVIHARE'S AWARD WINNING PIECE OF ARCHITECTURE:

One with nature

Sarath MALALASEKERA

Jayampathy Aluvihare House, Kandy designed by Archt. Channa Horombuwa has been selected as one of the Top 20 winners of World Architecture Community Awards 20+10+X Seventh Cycle 2010.



Award winning Jayampathy Aluvihare House

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Channa Horombuwa is a Chartered Architect and member of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects. Channa is an old boy of Kingswood College, Kandy and has obtained Bachelor's degree with first class honours and Master's Degree on Architecture from the University of Moratuwa.

This is the first time that a Sri Lankan Architect has won a WA Award. The WA awards is conducted by World Architecture Community.



A view from the master bedroom overlooking the Kandy Lake

WA 20+10+X Award is an International Architectural Awards Program which has already reached a prestigious status with its extraordinary jury of Honorary members, including Udo Kulterman, Hans Hollein, Fuhihiko Maki, Robert Ivy, Wolf D. Prix, Charles Corea, Michael Sorkin and the remarkable collection of the winning projects of the first six Cycles.

The World Architecture Community Awards recognize remarkable projects that might otherwise remain unnoticed by the international community, but have the potential to inspire exciting questions about contemporary architectural discourse. Novelty, originality and creativity in design that reflect and inspire a commitment to the art of architecture are the major criteria. Architects from all countries can submit all of their buildings (realized or not) for the appreciation of the WA Community.



Archt. Channa Horombuwa

This online Awards program is repeated in cycles and also contains an extensive international publication program of the results in collaboration with Architectural journals in all countries. Each cycle receives approximately 1100 projects out of which 250 projects are short listed. The winning 20 projects out of the short listed projects are selected by the votes of the Honorary Members.

Suha Ozkan Hon F AIA is the Founding Chairman of the World Architecture Community and is the former Secretary General of the Aga Khan Architectural Awards.

The winning projects are available at www.worldarchitecture.org/winners.asp. Already this winning project has been published in Espacia Confort, an Argentine Architectural magazine and in Architonic.com. a Swiss Architectural web site, in addition to a few local magazines. Also, the Hong Kong RIHAN International Culture Spread Co. Limited, and an International publisher has made an offer to feature this house in their book, Architecture Z Files, to be released in November.

Channa's award winning house is located on a sloping land in a prestigious location in Kandy, overlooking the Historic Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, across the Kandy Lake. What is unique about this house is its response to natural contours of land and the panoramic view of the site. This four bedroomed house provides undisturbed views of the Lake and The Maligawa to every bedroom and the owner, and his family enjoy the luxury of a unique house on a prestigious location in Kandy.

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