

The Taipei Weather Station by IMO Architecture and JC Cheng Associates Wins Gold A' Design Award

*Meteorological Instruments Center
Recognized for Its Dialogue with Nature
and Resilient, Wind Responsive
Architecture*

COMO, CO, ITALY, September 14, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The A' Design Award has announced The Taipei Weather Station by [IMO Architecture](#) and [JC Cheng Associates](#) as a Gold winner in the [Architecture](#), Building and Structure Design category. The A' Design Award is one of the world's most prestigious and highly respected recognitions in the field of architecture and design, evaluating entries through a blind peer review process conducted by an expert jury panel. This distinction acknowledges The Taipei Weather Station, a meteorological instruments center, as an outstanding example of good design. The recognition places the project among a select group of works that demonstrate measurable innovation and meaningful contribution to the discipline. It also affirms the rigorous standards applied throughout the evaluation.



The Taipei Weather Station

The Gold A' Design Award for The Taipei Weather Station holds relevance well beyond its creators, offering the architecture industry a tangible reference for how scientific facilities can prioritize human well-being. As technology reshapes the working environment toward roles valuing creativity, leadership, and communication, the design reconnects observers with the natural environment they study. This approach aligns with current trends that harness nature's positive effects on productivity, mood, memory, and stress relief. For users and institutions, the project demonstrates that laboratory grade performance and a healthy, inspiring workplace can coexist. The result advances established practices in sustainable and people centered

architecture.

The Taipei Weather Station is conceived as a manifestation of the environment it inhabits and observes, forming a visible dialogue with nature. Movable Corten fins are activated by wind currents and return to zero degrees after gusts through a novel cable suspension system, making airflow visible, while rain threads their undulating surfaces. A three dimensional undulating roof, inspired by synoptic weather charts, connects three buildings housing two weather bureau departments and a multifunctional room, harvesting rainwater for irrigation. Reinforced concrete provides resilience against typhoons and earthquakes, while deep overhangs filter the subtropical sun. A wind tunnel placed below grade reduces vibration and noise near sensitive instruments and tests facade resilience.

This Gold A' Design Award recognition is expected to inform future projects by IMO Architecture and JC Cheng Associates, reinforcing a research driven methodology that integrates digital analysis, wind tunnel testing, and environmental responsiveness. The achievement may encourage further exploration of architecture that fosters creativity, mental health, and community among its occupants. It serves as motivation for the team to continue developing solutions that balance technical precision with contextual awareness. The project also offers a model for how meteorological and scientific facilities can advance both sustainability and user experience.

Team Members

The Taipei Weather Station was developed by IMO Architecture and JC Cheng Associates with a broad collaborative team, including Mario Hidalgo, Jose Maria Crespo, Ina Dai, Urdaneta Zeberio, Jeff Lu, Lain Satrustegui, Sanjain Chen, Atelier Boronski, Eurie Huang, Jon Saenz del Castillo, Michael Blaeser, Lynn Zheng, Eleni Karypidou, Mu Liu, Laura Morales, Ignacio Juarez, Weiching Chen, Daniel Cheng, Huang Yi-Chan, Liao Wei-Chen, Dai Gan-Yun, Lin Ching-Tang, Hsiao Chih-Wen, and Chou Mei-Huei, who together contributed to the design, engineering, and realization of the project.

Interested parties may learn more about the design, its features, and its designers at the dedicated page provided by the A' Design Award.

<https://competition.adesignaward.com/ada-winner-design.php?ID=172221>

About IMO Architecture and JC Cheng Associates

IMO believes that architecture has the power to transform people's lives and inspire them, which is the foundation of their mantra, "Create and Inspire the World." They pursue this belief through qualities they value, including harmony, beauty, timelessness, and honesty, seeking solutions that consider end users, both human and non-human actors, to create spaces that embellish daily life. With offices in Taiwan and Spain, the passionate design team has completed a variety of projects ranging from small public works to large multi story apartment buildings. IMO Architecture and JC Cheng Associates is based in Taiwan (China).

About IMO Architecture + Design

IMO Architecture + Design is an award winning international architecture and design office based in Taiwan and Spain, dedicated to realizing the maximum potential of each project through tailored solutions that balance creativity, technical precision, and contextual awareness. Guided by the principle of inspiring people, the firm generates value that extends beyond functionality, with a portfolio spanning residential, commercial, and public projects for private clients and public institutions. Its collaborative approach develops ideas through the contributions of a broad team, ensuring diverse perspectives inform each design, while its research driven method integrates tools such as digital analysis and wind tunnel testing to ensure resilience and sustainability. The firm has received international recognition for its innovative and contextually responsive approach to architecture and design, with work featured in international publications. Through its international presence, IMO Architecture + Design continues to advance its vision, "To Create and Inspire the World."

About the Gold A' Design Award Recognition

The Gold A' Design Award is granted to designs that demonstrate a high level of innovation and a meaningful impact on their intended audience. Recognized as a notable achievement by the A' [Design Awards](#), these works reflect a visionary approach and considerable skill on the part of their creators, advancing the boundaries of art, science, design, and technology. Within the Architecture, Building and Structure Design category, entries are assessed against criteria including innovative use of space, structural integrity, aesthetic appeal, environmental impact, functional efficiency, material selection, technological integration, social relevance, and resilience to weather. Further considerations include cultural sensitivity, economic viability, design originality, user comfort, energy efficiency, adaptability to change, use of natural light, spatial harmony, safety measures, accessibility, and integration with surroundings. Designs recognized at this level serve as benchmarks that encourage further innovation and inform future practice.

About A' Design Award

The A' Architecture, Building and Structure Design Award is a highly regarded competition that welcomes a wide range of participants, including established architects, engineering firms, construction companies, and influential brands across the architecture and design industries. Entries are blind peer reviewed and evaluated against pre established criteria by an international jury panel composed of design professionals, academics, and journalists, providing entrants with an opportunity to demonstrate their design vision and gain worldwide recognition. Organized annually since 2008 and now in its 18th year, the A' Design Award is an international, juried competition held across all industries and open to entries from all countries. The ultimate aim of the A' Design Award is to recognize and promote superior products and projects that advance and benefit society, guided by a philanthropic mission to help create a better world through the power of good design. Interested parties may learn more about the A' Design Awards, explore the jury, view past laureates, and submit their projects at the following url:

<https://architecturedesignawards.com>

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