

Annex B – Nomination Guidelines and Evaluation Process

Nomination Guidelines

1 The Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize honours outstanding contributions by individuals or organisations towards solving the world's water problems by developing or applying innovative technologies, policies or programmes which benefit humanity.

Nomination Process

2 A valid nominee for the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize should have made outstanding achievements in any water-related field. The work should have demonstrated the innovativeness of technologies, policies or programmes. The work should have proven impact or demonstrated great potential to be a game-changer in the future.

3 The submission of nominations for Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize 2026 follows a rigorous two-stage process. The first stage is for the nominator to submit a citation of the nominee. Self-nominations and nominations by family members of nominees will not be accepted. Self-nomination includes nomination made by an individual from the same organisation as the nominee. In the second stage, nominators of shortlisted nominees will be informed to submit a full nomination, including a detailed write-up of the cited technological innovation and/or the implemented water policy and programme, recommendation letters and additional supporting documents.

Stage	Nomination Process	Closing Date & Time
1	Submission of nominations and citations by nominators	11 July 2025, Friday, 6pm (+8 GMT)
2	Submission of full nominations, including supporting documents by nominators of shortlisted nominees	1 Sep 2025, Monday, 6pm (+8 GMT)

Selection Process

4 All nominations will be examined by the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize Nominating Committee. The Committee will make their recommendations to the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize Council, which will make the final selection of the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize Laureate. Both panels consist of prominent thought leaders, distinguished academics and water experts from the public and private sectors. All received nominations will be evaluated on the following criteria:

a. Role of nominee

The nominator should describe the role of the nominee in the development and implementation of the specific technologies, policies or programmes that underpin the nomination. In particular, the leadership of the nominee as well as the nominee's instrumental contributions should be highlighted.

b. Innovativeness and merits of the technologies, policies or programmes

The innovativeness and benefits of the referenced technologies, policies and programmes should be described in detail. Nominators are encouraged to include comparisons with the state-of-the-art technologies or existing policies and programmes and depict how the nominee's work has been proven to be a game changer or shown great potential to do so.

c. Impact on humanity

The current level of readiness and scale of implementation of the referenced technologies, policies and programmes should be described. Nominators should quantify the impact of nominee's work in benefitting humanity or project any long-term benefits in cases where the level of readiness and scale of the implementation is currently low.

Call for Nominations

5 The first stage of nomination is open. All submissions should be completed by 11 July 2025, Friday, 6pm (+8 GMT) through the online portal: <https://go.gov.sg/lkywp2026nomination>

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