

Human Act Prize 2023 honours work in the community



GOOD DEEDS: Inspiring projects are honoured at the Human Act Prize 2023. Photos courtesy of Human Act Prize

HÀ NỘI Outstanding projects, exceptional ideas and pioneering achievements contributing to the community were honoured at the awards ceremony of the Human Act Prize 2023.

Lê Quốc Minh, Editor-in-Chief of *Nhân Dân* (People) Newspaper, Chairman of the Vietnam Journalists Association, and Head of the Organising Committee of the Award, Human Act Prize, initiated by *Nhân Dân* (People) Newspaper, said the awards aim is to support projects and initiatives with the potential for widespread impact and inspiration, as well as discover pioneering units that dare to take the first steps in finding sustainable development models that bring about transformative changes for an entire region or industry.

"Among nearly 130 entries are numerous individuals and organisations that quietly embarked on their journeys, some even several decades ago," he said.

"They have simultaneously worked, experimented, and made adjustments while pondering ways to improve their programmes/projects to become more systematic and professional, aiming to generate even stronger impacts that bring about significant changes for a region or simply provide assistance to individual lives.

"It is their contemplation, unwavering belief, and passion that endlessly inspire us as the organisers of the award."

The event took place at Hồ Gươm Opera House in Hà Nội on Monday.

The first Human Act Prize, with the theme *Pioneering Imprint*, not only honours but also accompanies, guides, and connects individuals and organisations who will shoulder the responsibility for the community in their journeys.

The ultimate goal is to create transparency, scientificity, effectiveness, and humaneness in

all community activities in Việt Nam.

Valuable community initiatives, ideas, and practical lessons from project models are stored in the Community Innovation Library for all interested individuals.

The most outstanding projects have been selected from the 35 entries that made it to the finals by the jury board.

They were assessed according to five criteria that embody the values promoted by the award - Commitment, Sustainability, Impact, Replication and Innovation.

The award categories of the Human Act Prize 2023 include Community Ideas, Timely Projects, Prospective Projects, Resilient Projects, Inspiring Projects and Sustainable Projects.

In particular, the Human Act Prizes were awarded to five ideas with positive and sustainable contributions to the community.

They were Vinamilk Pathways to Dairy Net Zero (Vinamilk



WELL DESERVED: Founder of the Fund for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control, Phan Diên, receives the Human Act Prize.

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Joint Stock Company), Fund for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control, For a Better Life (L'Oréal Vietnam), Mine Action to Address Post-War Consequences in Vietnam (Norwegian People's Aid - NPA Vietnam) and Transforming the Nature of Việt Nam's Dairy Industry for Sustainable Development and Community Health (TH Group Joint Stock Company).

"I am very happy and grateful for this important and meaningful award," said French-Vietnamese writer Isabelle Muller, initiator of the Loan Foundation that was honoured as one of the inspiring projects.

"Not only because it acknowledges our work across the country, but also because it sends an important signal. This underlines the importance of cohesion in our society. Especially nowadays, when there are often conflicts everywhere, it shows that we can persist in community and overcome crises better.

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The Gala of the Human Act Prize 2023 also featured the performances of many renowned artists such as diva Mỹ Linh, singer Mỹ Anh, rapper Hà Lê and violinist Trịnh Minh Hiền, among others.

The Human Act Prize is an annual award organised by *Nhân Dân* Newspaper, in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour, Invalids, and Social Affairs, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, the Ministry of Science and Technology and VCCorp Joint Stock Company.

In its first year of organisation, the Human Act Prize 2023 attracted entries from over 130 social projects. VNS

Art exhibition and market held to celebrate Xmas in Đà Nẵng

ĐÀ NẴNG The Christmas market Đà Nẵng at the Premier Village Đà Nẵng resort has opened with free entry to all during the celebrations of the Christmas season.

The city's tourism promotion centre said the market will display hand-made crafts, cuisine, gifts and art performances at 60 pavilions on a beach-front space.

It said the market will also promote waste recycling and the avoidance of single-use plastic bags among tourists and the community.

Christmas tree lighting ceremonies will be organised at beach resorts in Đà Nẵng and Hội An, offering a festive space for expats and residents.

An exhibition on Đà Nẵng's painting collections is opening to the public at the city's Fine Arts Museum, displaying 52 paintings on different mediums created by members of the city's Fine Arts Association.

The exhibition is offering free entrance to all till December 25 at 78 Lê Duẩn street. VNS

ART ON SHOW: 'Sau cơn bão' (After Storm), a wood carving by Đỗ Thanh, is displaying at the Đà Nẵng City's Fine Arts Museum till December 25.

