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Dhs366,000 Architectural Award on in Dubai

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DUBAI Municipality has opened entries for the 11th Edition of an international "Architecture Award" of which the winner will take US\$100,000 (Dhs366,000).

The objectives are to encourage young talents as well as creating an emblematic structure that represents the "New Face of Dubai" in a dedicated site within Za'abeel Park.

The competition will be held under the auspices of the prestigious International Union of Architects.

The announcement was made by the top brass of the organising bodies, the Acting Director General of

Dubai Municipality, Engineer Hussain Nasser Lootah and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ThyssenKrupp Elevator, one of the world's largest elevator manufacturing companies, Javier del Pozo at the DM chambers on Tuesday.

"The creation of an emblem building will symbolise the new face of Dubai, as well as promote tourism, recreational, and cultural activities", said Lootah.

This is the 11th Edition of the 20-year old competition that was established in 1988. Last year it was hosted by Spain.

According to del Pozo, "This is the first time the

award is hosted in the Middle East." He added that over 1,000 archite-

tures have so far participated in the competition. On why Dubai, he said;

"Dubai appreciates innovation and it is known to turn ideas into reality."

He added; "Our goal is to promote and reveal the potency of new work."

"The Architecture Award was launched by ThyssenKrupp Elevator, as a way to engage professionals in producing outstanding ideas for major cities undergoing important transformations. The project theme ranges from institutional buildings, sports and transportation facilities, to urban planning projects and community spaces," said del Pozo.

He said that a jury of recognised architects from seven countries and business professionals will review the submissions and select winning projects for awards.

REQUIREMENTS

The specific criteria and requirements competition participants need to consider are:

- The proposed structure shall be a tall and unique landmark. The maximum total height of the structure shall not exceed 170m DMD
- The designer may consider any appropriate innovative forms, construction technique, and materials; and consider the green building principles where appropriate
- The proposed structure shall contain up to 2 storey podium for cultural and conference facilities. The latter shall include local children library; and a con-

ference space for a total of 100 persons that can be divided into 3 conference rooms where required. The total floor area for such facilities shall be approximately 800 sq.m. A basement parking for 30 cars may be considered as well

- The proposed structure shall contain a café (total floor area 150 sq.m) at higher appropriate altitude with additional viewing outdoor platforms as per the designer suggestion. The café can be on 2 levels
- The Structure shall not include commercial offices and residential premises
- The design proposal shall be conceptual at this stage