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UN-backed international LivCom awards scheme to hold finals in South Korea

The finals for the 2011 International Awards for Liveable Communities are to be held in South Korea it has been announced.

Communities from around the globe will gather in Songpa-gu, Seoul from 27th to 31st October 2011 to celebrate endeavour in both improving the quality of the natural and built environment as well as the quality of life for their citizens.

Finalists at the awards are judged against a range of criteria, covering a range of key areas such as healthy lifestyles, lifelong learning, local transportation and communication issues, urban planning, environmental engineering, heritage management, community safety and security, economic development, and community sustainability.

Alan Smith, chief executive of LivCom said: "LivCom is very pleased to announce that the 2011 LivCom Awards Finals will take place in Songpa-gu.

"This will be the first time that the Awards have been held in South Korea, and delegates to the Finals will experience the unique nature of the South Korean hospitality and culture.

"In 2009 Songpa-gu was the first city from Korea to participate in the LivCom Awards. The presentation by the representatives of Songpa-gu demonstrated that the City was forward thinking and was pursuing an impressive environmental policy ."

A spokesman for Songpa said: "Songpa is a modern city with a 2,000-year history including hosting the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games. As an environmentally aware city surrounded by rivers, Songpa will continue to play its part in efforts along with the rest of the global community to create a sustainable environment of benefit to nature and its people."

LivCom Awards are made in three categories covering Whole Cities, Sustainable Projects and a Bursary Award. In 2009, there were more than 280 entries and the finalists included 23 project finalists, 28 whole community award contenders and four finalists bidding for the Bursary Award. More than 50 countries were

represented.

The 2010 finals will be in Chicago, USA 4th to 8th November.

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