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## AsiaStar Award 2024 Presentation

at BITEC, Bangkok Thailand on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025



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On 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025, Asian Packaging Federation (APF), Thailand Institute of Scientific and Technological Research (TISTR) and Informa Markets, hosted the prestigious AsiaStar Awards 2024 Presentation at Nile Room 3-4, Bangkok International Trade & Exhibition Centre (BITEC).

The event featured a special lecture under the theme “Packaging Design for Sustainability”, with keynote speakers namely Ms. Nerida Kelton, Vice President for Sustainability, World Packaging Organisation (WPO), presented on “Global Sustainability Update” and Ms. Varna Sudasna, President of the Thai Package Design Association, spoke on “Designing for a Greener Future: Sustainable Packaging Design”.

The highlight of the event was the AsiaStar Awards 2024 presentation, recognizing outstanding innovations in packaging design. This year, a total of 162 entries were submitted across various categories: 57 in Consumer Packaging, 12 in Transport Packaging, 26 in Eco-friendly Packaging, 4 in Point of Purchase, 8 in Packaging Materials and Components, 10 in Gift Packaging, and 45 in Student Packaging.



After thorough evaluation, the AsiaStar Awards 2024 committee selected 69 commercial packaging winners and 25 student packaging winners. The event was honored by Dr. Joseph Ross Jocson, President of the APF, and Dr. Pattria Maneesin, who congratulated all the winners. An exhibition showcasing the winning designs was also held to celebrate the creativity and innovation of the participants.

Congratulations to all AsiaStar Awards 2024 winners!





## AsiaStar winners displayed at ProPak Asia 2025



After several years of success on displaying of AsiaStar winner samples at ProPak Asia in Thailand. This year, Informa Markets also kindly provided some space for displaying the Asiastar Award winner samples at the ProPak Asia 2025 during 11-14 June, 2025 at Bangkok International Trade and Exhibition Centre, Bangkok, Thailand. There were 10 winner samples displayed on 12 square metres of space at Hall 98, Booth no. 8-FY233. It was very successful event and it had gained a lot of attention from both local and oversea participants who visit ProPak Asia. There were about 72,964 participants visit ProPak Asia this year.

Special thanks should be addressed to all AsiaStar winners who provided their winner samples to display at the event as well as Informa Markets, and ProPak Asia team for their kind support for AsiaStar Award competition and all APF activities.



## "AsiaStar Award 2025 Call for Entry" will be opened during 1<sup>st</sup> August - 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025



It is pleased to announce that the "AsiaStar Award 2025 Call for Entry" will be opened from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2025. Anyone who are interest to participate, please register online through the APF websites (<https://www.asianpackaging.org>). The APF also seeks some supports from all executive members to help promoting the AsiaStar 2025 in your countries. Thank you very much in advance for your kind support and promoting AsiaStar 2025.

## 75<sup>th</sup> APF Board of Administration (BOA) and 50<sup>th</sup> General Meeting (GA) will be held in Singapore by PCS



After more than ten years being successful host the APF meeting in the past, Packaging Council of Singapore (PCS) will organize the 75<sup>th</sup> APF Board of Administration (BOA) and 50<sup>th</sup> General Meeting (GA) at the M hotel Singapore City Center, Singapore during 3<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2025. All APF members are welcome to attend the Meeting. See you all in Singapore!





# Global Upcoming Exhibition and Event

Event	Location	Date	Description
Bio Asia Pacific 2025	Bangkok, Thailand	3 - 5 September 2025	Science, innovations and testing on health, medical and bio-science
Paper Arabia 2025	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	9 - 11 September 2025	Paper Arabia is the gateway and perfect platform for each and everybody in the paper technology business
Fi Asia Thailand	Bangkok, Thailand	17 - 19 September 2025	ASEAN'S largest ingredients event
Pack Print International	Bangkok, Thailand	17 - 20 September 2025	Uncovering total solutions for the printing and packaging industries
FachPack	Nuremberg, Germany	23 - 25 September 2025	European trade fair for packaging, technology and processing
Pack Expo	Las Vegas, USA	29 September - 1 October 2025	Trade shows for processing and packaging
Anuga 2025	Cologne, Germany	4 - 8 October 2025.	Trade fair for the international food industry including food, drinks, fresh, chilled and frozen foods, bread & bakery etc.
K 2025	Dusseldorf, Germany	8 - 15 October 2025	K is considered the leading international trade fair in the plastics and rubber industry
PROPaper Dubai 2025	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	14 - 16 October 2025	Professional Trade Fair for Paper, Tissue, Paperboard, Packaging & Printing Industry.
Japan Pack	Tokyo, Japan	7 - 10 October 2025	A fair focused on sustainable innovations and advanced packaging technologies.
Food Tech International Food Processing Exhibition	Athen, Greece	7 - 10 November 2025	International Food and beverage exhibition
Shanghai World of Packaging (SWOP)	Shanghai, China	25 - 27 November 2025	The global packaging event including packaging materials, and machinery from processors/ converters to end-users
Paperex	New Delhi, India	3 - 6 December 2025	The world's largest paper show from paper manufacturing and machinery to raw materials and advanced technologies.

## Packaging Forum in ProPak Asia by AIP

**Nerida Kelton FAIP**  
Vice President Sustainability & Save Food, WPO  
Executive Director, AIP



### 72,000 visitors at ProPak Asia 2025

The 2025 edition of ProPak Asia; which is held in Bangkok, Thailand; saw the largest growth of visitors in its 32-year history with 72,000 people converging at BITEC across the four-day tradeshow.

The visitors also had the opportunity to see over 2,000 exhibitors from 42 countries utilising 55,000 square metres of space at BITEC; with the venue now at capacity.

Over the last 15 years I have personally seen ProPak Asia grow to become the largest packaging and processing tradeshow in Asia and Informa Markets needs to be congratulated for such remarkable growth.

### Global Packaging Forum: 7<sup>th</sup> edition

Coordinated by APF Executive Member, the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP), the annual Global Packaging Forum has now become the pinnacle packaging conference at ProPak Asia, and the 7<sup>th</sup> edition did not disappoint with 35 technical expert speakers from 14 countries. In some sessions the room overflowed with attendees and more chairs had to be brought in.

APF President, Joseph Ross Jocson joined the Annual Global Packaging Forum as a speaker discussing the Asian landscape for packaging regulations and EPR programs. I also spoke as the Vice President Sustainability & Save Food for the World Packaging Organisation (WPO) and discussed the global lens on Sustainability.



A significant number of APF Members attended the forum including Members from Thailand, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Australia and Japan. The AIP welcomes more APF Members to bring their delegations to the Global Packaging Forum in 2026.

The AIP also coordinated two mini training courses, with one of the courses running out of space for attendees and the two workshops were also very-well attended. This is a testament to not only the quality of speakers that gave of their time to support the AIP's educational program but also speaks to AIP's ability to provide high-level programs anywhere in the world.







**UNIDO, WPO and APF Asian Round Table  
Asia Sustainable Packaging roundtable discusses  
challenges in the region**

During ProPak Asia 2025 the AIP once again participated in the annual Asian Sustainable Packaging roundtable that is coordinated by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the World Packaging Organisation (WPO) and the Asian Packaging Federation (APF)

The second edition of the Asia Sustainable Packaging Roundtable Discussion was entitled "Accelerating Sustainable Industrial Development of the Food Packaging Industry in Asia: A Methodology-Driven Approach to Reducing Food Loss and Waste through Sustainable Food Packaging and Strengthening Food Security.

Attended by over 30 representatives from the Asian region including Australia, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand the annual roundtable event aims to foster regional dialogue, share innovative practices, and explore opportunities for collaborative action across the packaging industry and policy landscape.

Each country was asked to identify key country and regional challenges, identify the gaps and propose ideas or initiatives related to sustainable food packaging in their country.

The value of the annual round table is not only to network with other packaging association in the Asian region, but to also provide support where possible, learning and best practice examples that other countries can then apply or adapt to suit their own requirements. For the AIP, we see it is a fantastic opportunity to hear what is happening across the region, but to also showcase the vast education and training capabilities that the Institute can provide to Asian regional associations.



**AIP newest Executive Member of APF**

During the AsiaStar awards I was also invited, on behalf of the Australasian Institute of Packaging (AIP), to accept the new Executive Membership certificate from the President and the Secretary General of the Asian Packaging Federation.

**2025 Asia Star Awards**

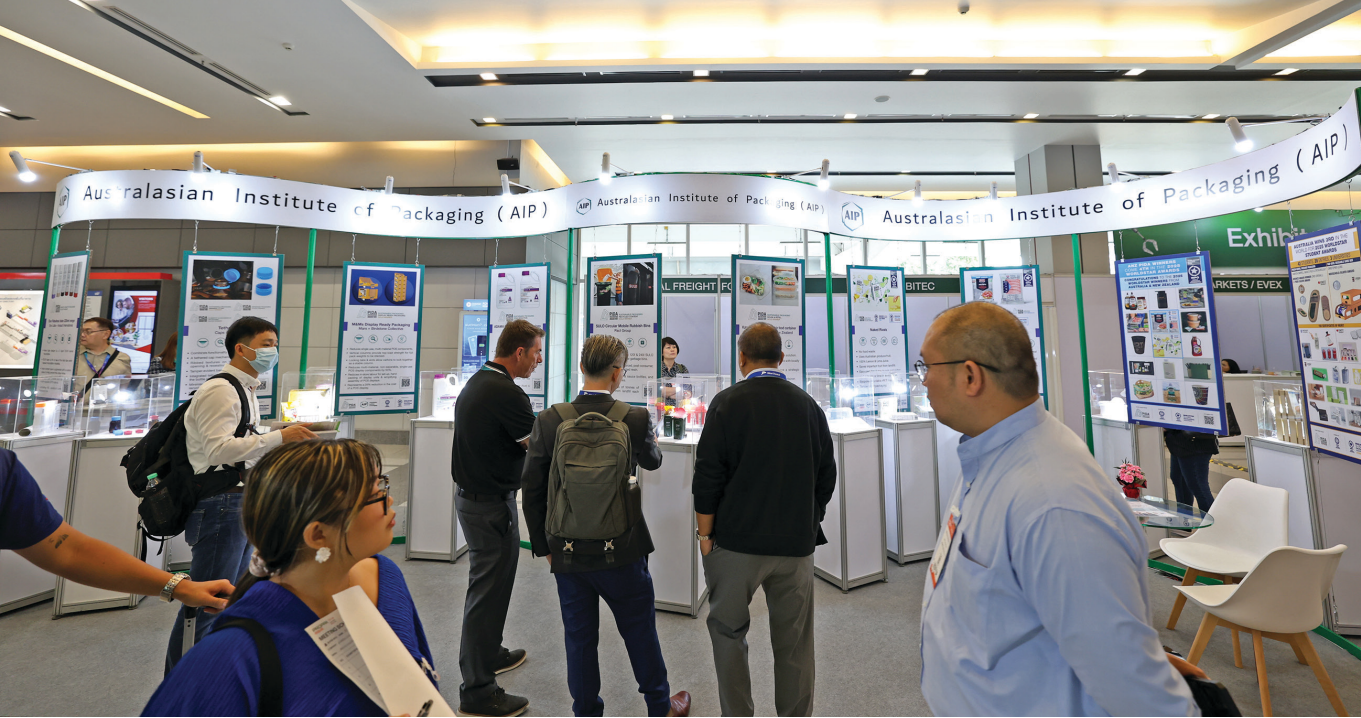
This year I was invited to be a keynote speaker at the 2025 AsiaStar Packaging Awards that are coordinated by the Asian Packaging Federation. I spoke about how Sustainability is like a jig saw puzzle and each country needs to take the pieces that are relevant to their region. I was honoured to be invited to speak, and it was wonderful to see some many APF Members from across the room in attendance.

This upgraded membership level is an important step for the AIP to solidify their position in the Asian region as a peak professional body that can provide education and training to any other APF Members that need help.

The AIP are always here to help all APF Members to provide qualified technical packaging training in all topics, materials and industries that need primary, secondary and tertiary packaging. The AIP is proud to be an Executive Member of APF and we look forward to contributing ever more education and training assistance to the region.







**Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) Award showcase a standout**

The AIP also designed a unique display showcase of some of the recently-awarded 2025 Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) Awards winners, 2025 WorldStar Winners & 2025 WorldStar Student award winners from the ANZ region.

The PIDA award showcase area is an opportunity to show the Asian region what innovative and unique package designs come out of Australia and New Zealand, and the heavy traffic to the area each day was a testament to the levels of interest from the visitors. What is always interesting is when a visitor looks at a pack and then ideates a tailored version for a different category. The possibilities are endless when you have creative minds looking at the packaging.

**ProPak Asia outgrows venue**

Due to the demand from both returning and new exhibitors, the show has now exceeded the capacity of the current venue, and this means that ProPak Asia will be relocating to the IMPACT Exhibition and Convention



Centre in Muang Thong Thani from the 2026 edition. This move aligns with ProPak Asia’s vision to elevate itself into a global hub for the manufacturing, processing, and packaging industries.

ProPak Asia 2026 will be held on the 10-13 June, and the AIP looks forward to once again being an important Association Partner for the show.






**RDF gained lots of interests at PhilEnergy 2025**

Refused Derived Fuel (RDF) is derived from direct combustible fractions from municipal solid wastes (MSW) to produce fuel and used as substitution or supplementary energy. It changes non-recyclable waste from landfills significantly reducing the volume of waste and the associated environmental problems like methane gas emission. Combustion of RDF also produce emission; the overall impact is often less than that of burning coal,

oil or natural gas. It can be used to generate electricity and heat in various industrial processes, such as cement and lime production, and in power plants

The RDF fuel produced from various types of waste such as municipal solid waste (MSW) and agricultural wastes as shown in the Table below;

	RDF 1	RDF 2	RDF 3
Type of RDF			
Process	Separate non-combustible materials	Separate non-combustible materials and shred into small pieces	Separate non-combustible materials, shred into small pieces and pelletizing
PM 2.5 (µg/m³)	118.6	144.4	269.9
PM 10 (µg/m³)	197.1	239.4	375.4
Heating Value (kcal/kg)	1,500 – 4,000	3,000 – 5,000	4,000 – 7,000
Heating Value (kJ/kg)	6,280 – 16,747	12,560 – 20,934	16,747 – 29,307
Moisture (%)	5-15	3-5	3-5
Ash (%)	10-30	3-10	3-10

**Source:** Anuwattana, R. et al., Thailand Institute of Scientific and Technological Research (TISTR)





PhilEnergy 2025 has served as the perfect platform for the industry players in the renewable energy, energy efficiency, electric and power, electric vehicle and energy storage sectors to explore state-of-the-art energy technologies and products. PhiEnergy 2025 was held during 19-21 March, 2025 hosting by Informa Markets. There were 558 exhibitors on the area of 4,250 square

meters at SMX convention center Manila, which gained lots of attention from 4,616 participants from local and overseas which came from 11 countries. Alongside with the exhibition, seminars and conferences are being held to gain more knowledge about the industry. There were 39 seminar sessions with 46 speakers.

Supported by Informa Markets, Thailand Institute of Scientific and Technological Research (TISTR) had an opportunity to display some innovations and technologies regarding energy saving, waste utilization and management and packaging sorting equipment for plastic and metal packaging e.g. RDF from agricultural wastes and by products, waste water coagulants from waste from power plant. They gained lots of attention from either local or overseas visitors.





# PACK PRINT INTERNATIONAL and CorruTec ASIA 2025

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