

SOPA Announces Awards for Editorial Excellence Finalists in 15th Year of Accolades for Asia's Best Journalism

Hong Kong, May 20, 2013 – The shortlisted finalists for the SOPA 2013 Awards for Editorial Excellence were announced today. There were 653 entries rigorously assessed by a panel of more than 100 judges from around the world including journalists, editors, columnists from leading publications, as well as notable academics from the media departments of prestigious universities.

The SOPA Awards for Editorial Excellence are now in their 15th year and have been widely regarded as the most prestigious awards in the publishing industry. With 17 award categories, each category is divided into three groups according to the circulation, region of publication and language. In addition, there is a special Journalist of the Year Award to honor the outstanding achievements and contributions to distinguished journalism.

Winners will be announced during the Gala Dinner at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on Thursday evening 6 June, 2013.

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Following is the shortlist of finalists (listed in alphabetical order of publication):

Excellence in Lifestyle Coverage

Group A

Publication:	Financial Times
Title of Entry:	Changing lifestyles in China
Publication:	Financial Times
Title of Entry:	The Indian Kaleidoscope
Publication:	TIME Asia
Title of Entry:	The Great Scrawl of China

Group B

Publication:	Korea JoongAng Daily
Title of Entry:	Korea still conflicted over its custom of dining on dogs
Publication:	Silkroad
Title of Entry:	October 2012
Publication:	The Phnom Penh Post
Title of Entry:	Behind the wheel: Stories of road victims

Group C

Publication:	Business Weekly
Title of Entry:	alive Taste Book (London)
Publication:	Lohas Magazine
Title of Entry:	Short sketch of Tea house
Publication:	Modern Weekly
Title of Entry:	Young Asia

Excellence in Explanatory Reporting

Group A

Publication:	Bloomberg News
Title of Entry:	Mother India Starves Her Children
Publication:	International Herald Tribune
Title of Entry:	The iEconomy
Publication:	The Associated Press
Title of Entry:	China's Reach

Group B

Publication:	China Economic Review
Title of Entry:	Awash in cash
Publication:	China Economic Review
Title of Entry:	Fuel to the fire
Publication:	Discovery Channel Magazine
Title of Entry:	Going Viral

Group C

Publication:	Apple Daily
Title of Entry:	中共十八大系列報道
Publication:	CommonWealth Magazine
Title of Entry:	Korea's Economic Model: Leaving Taiwan in the Dust, at a Price
Publication:	陽光時務
Title of Entry:	Hong Kong: Local Tension

Excellence in Investigative Reporting

Group A

Publication:	Bloomberg News
Title of Entry:	Revolution to Riches
Publication:	International Herald Tribune
Title of Entry:	China's Princelings
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal Asia
Title of Entry:	A Murder Shakes China

Group B

Publication:	Asia Sentinel
Title of Entry:	The Murder of Altantuya Shaariibuu
Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Chongqing Revisited
Publication:	The Phnom Penh Post
Title of Entry:	Global Fund probe

Group C

Publication:	CommonWealth Magazine
Title of Entry:	Food Safety: Beefsteak Confidential
Publication:	Ming Pao
Title of Entry:	香港特首候選人唐英年和梁振英的僭建調查報道
Publication:	遠見雜誌
Title of Entry:	你所不知道的環境中國

Excellence in Reporting Breaking News

Group A

Publication:	Financial Times
Title of Entry:	Chinese Communist Party 18th Congress
Publication:	International Herald Tribune
Title of Entry:	North Korea Under Kim Jong-Un
Publication:	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Ethnic War in Myanmar

Group B

Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Escape from China
Publication:	The Phnom Penh Post
Title of Entry:	Kaoway factory shootings
Publication:	The Phnom Penh Post
Title of Entry:	“Secessionist” crackdown in Pro Ma

Group C

Publication:	Apple Daily
Title of Entry:	國慶沉船大災難
Publication:	Ming Pao
Title of Entry:	國慶大海難
Publication:	Sing Tao News Corporation Ltd.
Title of Entry:	Deadliest Maritime Disaster on 101

Excellence in Business Reporting

Group A

Publication:	Bloomberg News
Title of Entry:	Asia's Shadow Banking Threat
Publication:	International Herald Tribune
Title of Entry:	The iEconomy
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal Asia
Title of Entry:	China's Money Trail

Group B

Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Dongguan, Deserted Boom Town
Publication:	The Jakarta Globe
Title of Entry:	Surge in Soybean Prices Leads to Higher Prices of Tofu, Tempeh and Public Outcry
Publication:	The Phnom Penh Post
Title of Entry:	Leopard's fishy business

Group C

Publication:	CommonWealth Magazine
Title of Entry:	Hidden Champions
Publication:	遠見雜誌
Title of Entry:	台灣正在買日本
Publication:	遠見雜誌
Title of Entry:	服務啓動新中國

Excellence in Human Rights Reporting

Group A

Publication:	Bloomberg News
Title of Entry:	Mother India Starves Her Children
Publication:	International Herald Tribune
Title of Entry:	The fight for workers' rights in Bangladesh
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal Asia
Title of Entry:	Many Steps Back For Afghan Women

Group B

Publication:	MINT, HT Media
Title of Entry:	Migrants
Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Maimed in China
Publication:	Thomson Reuters Foundation
Title of Entry:	Women's rights in India

Group C

Publication:	Apple Daily
Title of Entry:	反洗腦國民教育風暴
Publication:	Apple Daily
Title of Entry:	湖南鐵漢李旺陽之死
Publication:	陽光時務
Title of Entry:	Who Rescued Chen Guangcheng?

Excellence in Reporting on the Environment

Group A

Publication:	Financial Times
Title of Entry:	Japan's Energy Crisis: Fukushima and Its Aftermath
Publication:	International Herald Tribune
Title of Entry:	Of Poachers and Plastic
Publication:	Reuters
Title of Entry:	China Gambles On Cambodia's Shrinking Forests

Group B

Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Toxic
Publication:	The Jakarta Globe
Title of Entry:	Indonesia's Illegal Miners Risk Lives, Environment in Pursuit of Gold
Publication:	The Myanmar Times
Title of Entry:	Battery fishing rise threatens unique dolphin cooperation

Group C

Publication:	East Week Magazine
Title of Entry:	1) 重災區直擊 災後首個新年 日本人自殺激增 2) 福島直擊 輻射超標 日本人與核災難共存
Publication:	陽光時務
Title of Entry:	An Island Polluted by Nuclear Waste
Publication:	遠見雜誌
Title of Entry:	你所不知道的環境中國

Excellence in Feature Writing

Group A

Publication:	Bloomberg Markets
Title of Entry:	The Scourge of the Superbugs
Publication:	Financial Times
Title of Entry:	Bo Xilai: power, death and politics
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal Asia
Title of Entry:	One Woman's Cure

Group B

Publication:	A Plus
Title of Entry:	Art Boom
Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Sold Down The River
Publication:	The Star Malaysia
Title of Entry:	Trapped by distance

Group C

Publication:	Business Weekly
Title of Entry:	Elder-Driven Tsunami
Publication:	Life Magazine
Title of Entry:	The Road of Treasures
Publication:	Next Magazine
Title of Entry:	年度風雲人物 - 八萬劊房人

Excellence in Opinion Writing

Group A

Publication:	Financial Times
Title of Entry:	The price of success in China
Publication:	Financial Times
Title of Entry:	The troubles of a waking giant
Publication:	International Herald Tribune
Title of Entry:	Letter From India

Group B

Publication:	The Jakarta Globe
Title of Entry:	Opinion Pieces by Jamil Maidan Flores
Publication:	The Myanmar Times
Title of Entry:	Time to seize the moment
Publication:	The Phnom Penh Post
Title of Entry:	ASEAN struggles for unity

Group C

Publication:	FTChinese.com
Title of Entry:	Xu Danei's column "Read between the lines"
Publication:	陽光時務
Title of Entry:	Why Self-immolations in Tibet?
Publication:	Yazhou Zhoukan
Title of Entry:	Hong Kong SAR 15 Years: the Disclosure of 10 Contradictions

Excellence in News Photography

Group A

Publication:	International Herald Tribune
Title of Entry:	Daw Aung Sun Suu Kyi Campaigns in Myanmar
Publication:	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Ethnic War in Myanmar
Publication:	TIME Asia
Title of Entry:	Japan One Year Later

Group B

Publication:	The Myanmar Times
Title of Entry:	Rakhine State conflict
Publication:	The Myanmar Times
Title of Entry:	Yangon peace march
Publication:	The New Paper on Sunday
Title of Entry:	LionsXII survive Sarawak 'hell'

Group C

Publication:	Business Weekly
Title of Entry:	Elder-Driven Tsunami
Publication:	台灣蘋果日報
Title of Entry:	向風雨執勤者致敬 警所長勘災殉職
Publication:	遠見雜誌
Title of Entry:	你所不知道的環境中國

Excellence in Feature Photography

Group A

Publication:	International Herald Tribune
Title of Entry:	Kachin Come Under Siege in Myanmar
Publication:	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Behind the Congress
Publication:	Reuters
Title of Entry:	The Rohingya

Group B

Publication:	Silkwinds
Title of Entry:	Venice of the East
Publication:	The Star Malaysia
Title of Entry:	Bull run
Publication:	The Straits Times / The Sunday Times
Title of Entry:	Hiding place: Singapore's first halfway house

Group C

Publication:	陽光時務
Title of Entry:	Potraits of Wukanese
Publication:	Life Magazine
Title of Entry:	Portrait of Nine Songs
Publication:	Next Magazine
Title of Entry:	年度風雲人物 - 八萬劊房人

Excellence in Editorial Cartooning

Group A

Category cancelled

Group B

Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	The Handover
Publication:	The Myanmar Times
Title of Entry:	Shooting the (peace) messenger
Publication:	The Straits Times / The Sunday Times
Title of Entry:	China plays its Asean game

Group C

Publication:	Apple Daily
Title of Entry:	反國民教育洗腦
Publication:	陽光時務
Title of Entry:	Goodbye, Bo Xilai
Publication:	Ming Pao
Title of Entry:	李旺陽之死系列

Excellence in Information Graphics

Group A

Publication:	Financial Times
Title of Entry:	Chinese leadership transition
Publication:	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Japan's electronics giants under pressure
Publication:	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Terror Town

Group B

Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Arteries of the City
Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Wiring the City
Publication:	The Straits Times / The Sunday Times
Title of Entry:	Mirroring nature

Group C

Publication:	Apple Daily
Title of Entry:	中國改造航母遠洋征戰
Publication:	Businessweek/China
Title of Entry:	Governing China
Publication:	The Outlook Magazine
Title of Entry:	Chronicle of Soviet Architecture in Moscow

Excellence in Multimedia News Presentation

Group A

Category cancelled

Group B

Category cancelled

Group C

Publication:	陽光時務
Title of Entry:	The Rise of Suu kyi
Publication:	CommonWealth Parenting
Title of Entry:	The Learning Revolution
Publication:	Sharp Daily Ltd
Title of Entry:	爽知識

The Scoop Award

Group A

Publication:	Bloomberg News
Title of Entry:	Xi Jinping's Family Riches
Publication:	International Herald Tribune
Title of Entry:	China's Princelings
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal Asia
Title of Entry:	Casino Tales

Group B

Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	18th Party Congress
Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Libyan Rendition
Publication:	The New Paper
Title of Entry:	Source. Messages. Scandal

Group C

Publication:	Apple Daily
Title of Entry:	發展局局長麥齊光呃租津系列報道
Publication:	East Week Magazine
Title of Entry:	1) 西九設計比賽任評審 疑與參賽公司有關連 梁振英涉利益衝突 2) 政府文件踢爆不盡不實 揭投票鍾情關連作品 梁振英陷誠信破產危機 3) 直擊梁振英打手劉夢熊密會「上海仔」選舉
Publication:	陽光時務
Title of Entry:	Who Rescued Chen Guangcheng?

Journalist of the Year

Group A

Publication:	Bloomberg News
Name of Journalist:	Mehul Srivastava
Publication:	International Herald Tribune
Name of Journalist:	David Barboza
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal Asia
Name of Journalist:	Jeremy Page

Group B

Publication:	South China Morning Post
Name of Journalist:	Teddy Ng
Publication:	The New Paper
Name of Journalist:	Zaihan Mohamed Yusof
Publication:	The Phnom Penh Post
Name of Journalist:	May Titthara

Group C

Publication:	Business Today
Name of Journalist:	楊紹華
Publication:	CommonWealth Magazine
Name of Journalist:	Rebecca Lin
Publication:	遠見雜誌
Name of Journalist:	王美珍

Excellence in Magazine Design

Group A

Publication:	Cathay Pacific Inflight Magazines
Title of Entry:	Discovery magazine - Close Encounters
Publication:	Sawasdee inflight magazine for Thai Airways
Title of Entry:	February 2012
Publication:	Style: & Style: MEN Timepieces 2012
Title of Entry:	Style: & Style: MEN Timepieces 2012

Group B

Publication:	Discovery Channel Magazine
Title of Entry:	Discovery Channel Magazine, December 2012 Issue
Publication:	Home Journal
Title of Entry:	Home Journal May 2012 issue - The New Look issue
Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Breaking In

Group C

Publication:	LEAP
Title of Entry:	THEORY FEVER
Publication:	Life Magazine
Title of Entry:	The Starry Night
Publication:	Modern Weekly
Title of Entry:	Young Asia

About SOPA

The Society of Publishers in Asia (SOPA) was founded in 1982 to promote excellence in journalism and best practices across all local and regional publishing platforms in Asia Pacific. SOPA is a not for profit organization based in Hong Kong and represents international, regional and local media companies in Hong Kong and around Asia. It also hosts the prestigious annual SOPA Awards for Editorial Excellence to set world-class benchmarks for journalism in Asia.

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