

## **SOPA Announces 2014 Awards for Editorial Excellence Finalists Accolades for Best Journalism in Asia for the 16th year**

**Hong Kong, May 22, 2014** – The shortlisted finalists for SOPA 2014 Awards for Editorial Excellence were announced today. 676 entries were 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 stepping in the 16th anniversary to honour the outstanding achievements and contributions of distinguished media practitioners. Having been widely regarded as one of the most prestigious awards in the publishing industry, SOPA 2014 Awards for Editorial Excellence has 19 award categories and each category is divided into three groups according to the circulation, region of publication and language. In addition, there are 2 more new award categories for all media to join this year, which are “Excellence in Reporting on Women’s Issues” and “Excellence in Digital News”.

Winners will be announced during the Gala Dinner at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on Wednesday evening 11 June, 2014.

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

**Excellence in Reporting on Women's Issues**

**Group A**

Publication:	Bloomberg News
Title of Entry:	India's Shame
Publication:	The International New York Times
Title of Entry:	Rape in India
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal Asia
Title of Entry:	Crimes Against Women in India

**Group B**

Publication:	Korea Times
Title of Entry:	Some migrant wives have broken hearts
Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	China vice
Publication:	Thomson Reuters Foundation
Title of Entry:	Women's Rights in India

**Group C**

Publication:	Eastweek/東周刊
Title of Entry:	打破商界「男性天下」三大女強人上位路
Publication:	Eastweek/東周刊
Title of Entry:	法律道德有爭議 單身女人儲卵想生就生
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal Asia/华尔街日报网络版
Title of Entry:	陈愉专栏

**Excellence in Digital News**

Group A

Publication:	China Daily website
Title of Entry:	Life After Loss - When Families Lose Their Only Child
Publication:	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Breakout: Inside China's military buildup
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal Asia
Title of Entry:	For Architecture's Sake

Group B

Publication:	Phnom Penh Post
Title of Entry:	Blow-by-blow election timeline
Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	21HK: What's in your water?
Publication:	Yahoo Singapore
Title of Entry:	Coverage of Little India Riot

Group C

Publication:	Business Weekly/商業周刊
Title of Entry:	Global Battle of Taiwan Brother Black Dog/台灣黑狗兄的全球戰爭
Publication:	CommonWealth Magazine 天下雜誌
Title of Entry:	"Who Owns the National Park? " Digital Special Report/「國家公園是誰的？」 網路專輯
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal Asia/华尔街日报网络版
Title of Entry:	“以建筑之名”

**Excellence in Human Rights Reporting**

Group A

Publication:	Bloomberg News
Title of Entry:	India's Shame
Publication:	Reuters
Title of Entry:	The persecution of Myanmar's Rohingya
Publication:	The International New York Times
Title of Entry:	The Collapse of Rana Plaza in Bangladesh

Group B

Publication:	Korea Times
Title of Entry:	Minority Report
Publication:	The Edge Review
Title of Entry:	Buddhist Militancy in Southeast Asia
Publication:	Time Out Hong Kong
Title of Entry:	HONG KONG'S REFUGEE SHAME. BUT WAIT, THERE'S HOPE...

Group C

Publication:	Apple Daily/香港蘋果日報
Title of Entry:	安華誓擦掉國陣光環
Publication:	CommonWealth Magazine Group/康健雜誌(天下雜誌群)
Title of Entry:	Caring Elderly Parents , Who we Love/照顧年老父母，我們所愛的人
Publication:	Financial Times/FTChinese.com
Title of Entry:	"The Dissidents" Series: Wang Dan and Liu Xiaobo/现代中国的政治流亡者

**Excellence in Feature Writing**

**Group A**

Publication:	Bloomberg Markets
Title of Entry:	India's Cancer Surge
Publication:	The International New York Times
Title of Entry:	Beijing's Offshore Shadow
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal Asia
Title of Entry:	CSI: Philippines-Style

**Group B**

Publication:	Philippine Daily Inquirer
Title of Entry:	Meeting a Monster
Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Bo's descent into darkness
Publication:	The Straits Times / The Sunday Times
Title of Entry:	Behind the silver surge

**Group C**

Publication:	City Magazine/號外
Title of Entry:	One Year in the Village of Wukan/《烏坎一年》
Publication:	Financial Times/FTChinese.com
Title of Entry:	Lunch with the FT: Chen Xiaolu/与 F T 共进午餐：陈小鲁
Publication:	遠見雜誌
Title of Entry:	未來的電 哪裡來？

**Excellence in Magazine Design**

Group A

Publication:	Action Asia
Title of Entry:	September/October 2013 issue
Publication:	Bloomberg Markets
Title of Entry:	Bloomberg Pursuits, Holiday Issue
Publication:	SILVERKRIS
Title of Entry:	SILVERKRIS May 2013

Group B

Publication:	Style:MEN
Title of Entry:	Style:MEN September 2013
Publication:	Tasting Kitchen
Title of Entry:	Issue 09- Treasures of the Sea
Publication:	THE PEAK
Title of Entry:	THE PEAK April 2013

Group C

Publication:	Bloomberg Businessweek (Traditional Chinese Edition)/彭博商業周刊/中文版
Title of Entry:	Come out
Publication:	LEAP/艺术界
Title of Entry:	THE GOOD OLD WAYS/复古
Publication:	The Outlook Magazine/新視線
Title of Entry:	YOHJI YAMAMOTO/山本耀司

**Excellence in Lifestyle Coverage**

**Group A**

Publication:	Bloomberg Markets
Title of Entry:	The Color of Money
Publication:	The International New York Times
Title of Entry:	Art and fraud in China
Publication:	TIME Asia
Title of Entry:	China's Hacker King

**Group B**

Publication:	DestinAsian
Title of Entry:	A New Season for Sumba”; “Kingdom in the Clouds”; “On Safari in Sri Lanka”; “Jakarta Modern.”
Publication:	The Bangkok Post
Title of Entry:	Urban cycling
Publication:	Time Out KL
Title of Entry:	Broke in KL

**Group C**

Publication:	CommonWealth Magazine
Title of Entry:	Green Living Initiative : The New 'Good Cuisine' Movement
Publication:	CommonWealth Magazine
Title of Entry:	Why Hong Kong Is Smitten with Taiwan
Publication:	Life Magazine/生活月刊
Title of Entry:	The Road of Tea/茶之路

**Excellence in Explanatory Reporting**

Group A

Publication:	Reuters
Title of Entry:	The deeper agenda behind 'Abenomics'
Publication:	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Breakout: Inside China's military buildup
Publication:	TIME Asia
Title of Entry:	The Drugs Don't Work

Group B

Publication:	Asia Sentinel
Title of Entry:	Thailand's Political Crisis
Publication:	The Edge Review
Title of Entry:	1) The Fight for Malaysia's Soul, 2) The Big Gamble, 3) Najib's High-Wire Act
Publication:	Time Out Hong Kong
Title of Entry:	The Pearl River Delta Megacity: Will it be the death of Hong Kong?

Group C

Publication:	Hong Kong Economic Journal/信報財經新聞
Title of Entry:	產業困境系列報道
Publication:	Yazhou Zhoukan/亞洲週刊
Title of Entry:	Vested interest behind the soaring price of Hong Kong taxi license/香港天價的士牌照背後利益格局
Publication:	遠見雜誌
Title of Entry:	1700 億台幣交易大追蹤



**Excellence in News Photography**

**Group A**

Publication:	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Bangkok uprising
Publication:	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Haiyan's aftermath
Publication:	The International New York Times
Title of Entry:	Typhoon Haiyan coverage

**Group B**

Publication:	Myanmar Times
Title of Entry:	Letpadaung fury
Publication:	Myanmar Times
Title of Entry:	The Mansi offensive
Publication:	The New Paper
Title of Entry:	Little India Riot: Police cars overturned, some in flames

**Group C**

Publication:	Apple Daily/香港蘋果日報
Title of Entry:	摘取那碰不到的願星
Publication:	Business Today/今周刊
Title of Entry:	The truth of Taiwan/真相台灣
Publication:	明報
Title of Entry:	守住燭光

**Excellence in Business Reporting**

Group A

Publication:	Bloomberg Markets
Title of Entry:	Amway's Harvard Guanxi
Publication:	Bloomberg News
Title of Entry:	Tech's Hidden Costs
Publication:	The International New York Times
Title of Entry:	Wall Street's Golden Ties to China's Elite

Group B

Publication:	KiniBiz
Title of Entry:	On the trail of 1MDB's billions - a tale of fortunes lost
Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Shanghai Free Trade Zone
Publication:	The Edge Review
Title of Entry:	The Big Gamble

Group C

Publication:	Business Today/今周刊
Title of Entry:	Terminate Taiwan: decrypt samsung's plan/三星滅台計畫
Publication:	CommonWealth Magazine
Title of Entry:	The Two Faces of China
Publication:	遠見雜誌
Title of Entry:	兩岸科技大車拼 誰是最後的贏家？

**Excellence in Information Graphics**

**Group A**

Publication:	The Wall Street Journal Asia
Title of Entry:	Fukushima: Contamination and Containment
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal Asia
Title of Entry:	Judging Japan's Experiment
Publication:	TODAY
Title of Entry:	'A-HEAD' of its time

**Group B**

Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	City of anarchy
Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Under the sea
Publication:	The Straits Times / The Sunday Times
Title of Entry:	Tech from nature

**Group C**

Publication:	Bloomberg Businessweek (Traditional Chinese Edition)/彭博商業周刊/中文版
Title of Entry:	New Hong Konger/新香港人
Publication:	CommonWealth Magazine 天下雜誌
Title of Entry:	Taiwan's 12 Controversial National Park Development Cases/台灣 12 大國家公園爭議開發案！
Publication:	CommonWealth Magazine 天下雜誌
Title of Entry:	The New Tech Paradigm : Why Taiwan Still Matters ! /非台灣不可：科技新四強，群雄爭霸戰！

**Excellence in Reporting Breaking News**

**Group A**

Publication:	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Bangkok uprising redux
Publication:	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Super typhoon flattens the Philippines
Publication:	The International New York Times
Title of Entry:	Typhoon Haiyan coverage

**Group B**

Publication:	Phnom Penh Post
Title of Entry:	2013 Cambodian election (package)
Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Bo in the dock
Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Snowden breaks cover

**Group C**

Publication:	Apple Daily/香港蘋果日報
Title of Entry:	埃及樂蜀熱氣球爆炸慘劇
Publication:	Caixin Media/財新傳媒
Title of Entry:	Serial reports of Oil pipeline blast in Qingdao/青島中石化管道爆炸事故系列報道
Publication:	明報
Title of Entry:	熱氣球爆炸 9 港客埃及亡慘劇

**Excellence in Opinion Writing**

**Group A**

Publication:	Bloomberg News
Title of Entry:	Bloomberg View, China's Unsteady Rises
Publication:	Financial Times
Title of Entry:	The China story
Publication:	The International New York Times
Title of Entry:	The Excesses of Power

**Group B**

Publication:	Korea Times
Title of Entry:	A Whiff of Singapore
Publication:	The Edge Review
Title of Entry:	1) Is Jokowi Indonesia's Future, 2) BaMaJa, Anyone? 3) Pork Barrel Thievery, 4) Indonesia's KPK Changes the Game, 5) Thailand, Thaksin and Turmoil
Publication:	The Straits Times / The Sunday Times
Title of Entry:	Prepare for the next horror that surely will come

**Group C**

Publication:	Financial Times/FTChinese.com
Title of Entry:	Where China stands after the plenary session/从看中国政治格局走向
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal Asia/华尔街日报网络版
Title of Entry:	张千帆专栏
Publication:	Yazhou Zhoukan/亞洲週刊
Title of Entry:	Bloodshed in North Korean political arena and the lesson of Stalinist purges in Soviet Union/俄羅斯鏡子映照朝鮮 斯大林主義血腥教訓

**Excellence in Editorial Cartooning**

Group A

Category cancelled

Group B

Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Snowden: America's most wanted
Publication:	The Straits Times / The Sunday Times
Title of Entry:	Air defence zone a lose-lose for Beijing?
Publication:	The Straits Times / The Sunday Times
Title of Entry:	Reviving the land of the rising sun

Group C

Publication:	Apple Daily/香港蘋果日報
Title of Entry:	狼英治下 2013
Publication:	Apple Daily, Taiwan branch/台灣蘋果日報
Title of Entry:	President Ma's Pretending Reconciliation/馬「假和解 仍要戰」不再抗告 追打關說
Publication:	Bloomberg Businessweek (Traditional Chinese Edition)/彭博商業周刊/中文版
Title of Entry:	香港議會抗議文化

**Excellence in Reporting on the Environment**

Group A

Publication:	Bloomberg Businessweek
Title of Entry:	“Drowning Kiribati”
Publication:	Financial Times
Title of Entry:	Environmental degradation faced by the Chinese government
Publication:	The International New York Times
Title of Entry:	Environmental Turning Point in China

Group B

Publication:	Discovery Channel Magazine
Title of Entry:	Fixing Food
Publication:	Phnom Penh Post
Title of Entry:	Last days of a valley damned
Publication:	The Bangkok Post
Title of Entry:	Blood in the Forest

Group C

Publication:	Apple Daily/香港蘋果日報
Title of Entry:	血肉衣裳
Publication:	CommonWealth Magazine
Title of Entry:	Green Living Initiative : The New 'Good Cuisine' Movement
Publication:	遠見雜誌
Title of Entry:	未來的電 哪裡來？

**Excellence in Feature Photography**

**Group A**

Publication:	Action Asia
Title of Entry:	"Life at the end of the world"
Publication:	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Kiribati: Gone in 60 years
Publication:	TIME Asia
Title of Entry:	Drug-Resistant TB in India

**Group B**

Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Minimum thinking
Publication:	Tasting Kitchen
Title of Entry:	SPICE WORLD
Publication:	Yahoo Malaysia
Title of Entry:	Why 'Mr Titanium' could be Malaysia's most inspirational man

**Group C**

Publication:	EAST WEEK MAGAZINE/東周刊
Title of Entry:	揭病雞來源地 輸港鮮雞變隱形殺手
Publication:	Lianhe Zaobao/聯合早報
Title of Entry:	伶人说戏
Publication:	The Outlook Magazine/新視線
Title of Entry:	YOHJI YAMAMOTO/山本耀司



**The Scoop Award**

Group A

Category cancelled

Group B

Publication:	Philippine Daily Inquirer
Title of Entry:	They laughed while firing
Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Snowden breaks cover
Publication:	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Zhou Yongkang

Group C

Publication:	Apple Daily/香港蘋果日報
Title of Entry:	港視排第二出局
Publication:	Apple Daily/香港蘋果日報
Title of Entry:	發展局高官新界東北利益衝突系列
Publication:	Business Today/今周刊
Title of Entry:	Deadly artificial food/要命恐怖食材

**Excellence in Investigative Reporting**

**Group A**

Publication:	Bloomberg News
Title of Entry:	Tech's Hidden Costs
Publication:	Reuters
Title of Entry:	The persecution of Myanmar's minority Muslims
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal Asia
Title of Entry:	Typhoon Haiyan: Anatomy of a Disaster

**Group B**

Publication:	Phnom Penh Post
Title of Entry:	Giving more than 100%
Publication:	The Bangkok Post
Title of Entry:	Rampage at Ramkhamheang
Publication:	The Bangkok Post
Title of Entry:	Blood in the Forest

**Group C**

Publication:	Apple Daily/香港蘋果日報
Title of Entry:	發展局高官新界東北利益衝突系列
Publication:	CommonWealth Magazine
Title of Entry:	Big Companies, Low Taxes : The Secrets behind Shortfall
Publication:	明報
Title of Entry:	揭發前廉政專員湯顯明醜聞

**Journalist of the Year**

Group A

Publication:	Bloomberg News	
Name of Journalist:	Andrew MacAskill	
Publication:	The Associated Press	
Name of Journalist:	Todd Pitman	
Publication:	The International New York Times	
Name of Journalist:	Keith Bradsher	

Group B

Category cancelled

Group C

Category cancelled

### **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 non-profit organisation 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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