

The SOPA 2019 Awards for Editorial Excellence - Awards Winners List

Excellence in Reporting on Women's Issues

Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Bloomberg	Agence France-Presse
Title of Entry:	India's Oppressed Women Find a Voice	The actress, the athlete and the attorney: South Korea's #MeToo movement finds its voice
Award Recipients:	Archana Chaudhary, Saritha Rai, Dhvani Pandya, Bhuma Shrivastava, Ari Altstedter	Jung Hawon
Judge Comment:	Reporting with depth and range -- describing not just the human and social, but also the wider economic toll that gender discrimination entails.	Moving told collection of stories that highlight the surprising degree of sexism in South Korea.

Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Star	Sixth Tone
Title of Entry:	The Hidden Cut	How Protection Orders Leave Domestic Abuse Victims Vulnerable
Award Recipients:	Chen Yih Wen, Myrra Baity	Fu Danni, Liu Chang
Judge Comment:	This sensitively and carefully reported story at the intersection of human rights and medical ethics shed light on the surprising prevalence of a deeply troubling practice in Malaysia.	This is an important report card on how difficult it is to get and enforce domestic violence protection orders, with useful examples on how orders are issued elsewhere to protect women facing violence.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Reporter 報導者	Initium Media 端傳媒
Title of Entry:	Cross-border Investigation on the Hidden Facts behind the HPV Vaccination Policy 跨國追蹤：HPV 疫苗政策下的黑布	An Inevitable Wave - Full Report on China's #MeToo Movement 無法迴避的浪潮——中國#metoo 調查全紀錄
Award Recipients:	I-ting Chiang, Chen Jie, Hui-chun Yang 蔣宜婷、陳潔、楊惠君	Yang Ziqi, Yang Yu, Jin Qiufeng, Tseng Leeyu, Zhu Jianying 楊子琪、楊鈺、金秋楓、曾立宇、朱鑒滢
Judge Comment:	A deep investigation on a treatment that nowadays is widely used by women. It leads readers, and in this case, the Taiwanese government to re-evaluate its effectiveness.	"Two rigorous investigations by the Initium over sexual harassment claims in Hong Kong and China. In-depth and balanced accounts of the imbalance between the victims and the perpetrators, reflecting on the unwillingness of institutions to act on the complaints. The timeline and collection of numbers related to the #MeToo movement in China are highly informative and original"

Excellence in Journalistic Innovation

Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Reuters	The Wall Street Journal
Title of Entry:	Mining data from the sky	China: Emergence of a Trade Leviathan
Award Recipients:	Simon Scarr, Weiyi Cai, Jin Wu, Chris Inton, Philip Wen, Greg Torode, Olzhas Auyezov, Thomas Peter, Peter Hirschberg	Natasha Khan, Yasufumi Saito, Anthony DeBarros, Yaryna Serkez, Jessica Kuronen
Judge Comment:	Firebrand reporting seamlessly combined with a stunning combination of graphics and data	Beautiful, accessible and compelling

Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	R.AGE	ABS-CBN News Digital
Title of Entry:	Refugees No More	STORIES FROM UNDER THE RUBBLE: INSIDE THE BATTLE OF MARAWI
Award Recipients:	Elroi Yee, Samantha Chow, Husna Ab Rahman and Aina Yasmin Zulhaime	Patrick Quintos, Jonathan Cellona, and Fernando Sepe Jr., Gigie Cruz, Val Cuenca, Regie Francisco and Pamela Ramos
Judge Comment:	What impressed me the most is that the team remembered that the best journalism is about real people for real people. By organizing townhall meetings they set an example for other regional media outlets to go out there and meet their readers.	This is the story of a battle told from the grassroots up, with compelling visuals that give the reader a lived sense of events as they unfolded. Beautifully rendered and harrowing.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	CommonWealth Magazine 天下雜誌	The Paper 澎湃新闻网
Title of Entry:	Interactive Map of Taiwan elections 2018 2018 九合一選舉互動地圖	My Memory of Wenchuan Earthquake 汶川记忆地图：十年前地震时你在哪里？
Award Recipients:	Andy Lin, Joanna Hong, Pin-Chieh Lai, Yu-Ting Huang, Yi-Wen Lin, Angel Pai 林佳賢、洪家寧、賴品潔、黃昱婷、林奕文、白雅文	Huang Yang, lǚ Yan, Huang Fang, Kong Jiaying, Wang Yasai, Du Haiyan, Peng Wei 黄杨、吕妍、黄芳、孔家兴、王亚赛、杜海燕、彭玮
Judge Comment:	Focus on the moving geographics in politics, interactive elements allows readers to understand quickly that relates well with the rest of the article. Overall, the story moves well from simplicity to complexity.	Using information on the web to collect memories, using emotion as a way to map the theme. Using maps to indicate the area of impact allows readers to interact with the story. Very innovative!

Excellence in Video Reporting

Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The New York Times	The New York Times
Title of Entry:	How China Creates Cancer Refugees	Inside China's Predatory Health Care System
Award Recipients:	Jonah M. Kessel	Jonah M. Kessel
Judge Comment:	The terrible story of these children with cancer masterfully exposed with impeccable cinematography and a friendly visual-narration that invites empathize immediately with those affected. Real and pure visual journalism.	An excellent overview of the Chinese health care crisis through both a historical lens and a personal story.

Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	South China Morning Post	Coconuts Media
Title of Entry:	A family portrait of the Ice Boy	Hijab Riders
Award Recipients:	Tom Wang	Nazirah Ashari, William Mitchell, Thana Thanapornrapee, Sebastian Perry, Jacqueline Raposo
Judge Comment:	This is compelling portrait of one family living in poverty in China that is beautifully shot and emotionally told. The video also connects the family to the millions living in similar situations and puts a human face on the statistic.	This is an excellent story on women participating in a male dominated sport in a country that has a poor track record on women's rights. It is creatively shot with use of drones and action photography and is fast-paced and engaging.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Reporter 報導者	The Paper 澎湃新闻网
Title of Entry:	The Three of Us 我們仨	World AIDS Day I'm a Cook at the Red Ribbon School 世界艾滋病日 我在红丝带学校做厨师
Award Recipients:	Yu-en Lin 林祐恩	Xu Haifeng, Long Jing, Wang Guoqing, Zeng Yinzi, Jiang Yong 许海峰、龙景、王国庆、曾茵子、江勇
Judge Comment:	An especially valuable reporting in the fast paced media ecosystem	It deserves another human right news award.

Excellence in Human Rights Reporting

Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Reuters	The Wall Street Journal
Title of Entry:	Shattered Lives	In Cold Blood
Award Recipients:	Andrew R.C. Marshall, Mohammad Ponir Hossain, Simon Lewis, Thu Thu Aung, Tom Lasseter, Weiyi Cai	Jon Emont, Niharika Mandhana, A.M. Ahad
Judge Comment:	This pathbreaking and comprehensive series of reports on one of Asia's biggest human calamities sets a new storytelling benchmark.	"Powerful and insightful. Putting together the story of the massacre involved painstaking work which provides evidence of how the Rohingya are being treated but also by focusing in on the one event - the massacre - it provides a reconstructed case which shows the horror of the situation. Reading the articles you can almost feel the horror of hiding in the ponds watching your village be attacked. The article on the systematic marginalisation of the Rohingya puts in into an historical situation. A powerful body of work."

Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Rappler	Frontier Myanmar
Title of Entry:	Murder in Manila	Conflict, conscription and a cover-up
Award Recipients:	Patricia Evangelista, Carlo Gabuco, Lian Buan and Rambo Talabong	Clare Hammond, Kyaw Lin Htoon, Victoria Milko
Judge Comment:	This is an exceptional work of investigative journalism that reveals through a strong network of inside sources a definitive link between the Philippines police and mercenaries labeled as "vigilantes" that kill in the name of the government's drug war.	Fine reporting of a possible cover-up of rape and murder by government soldiers in a remote area of Myanmar. An extremely hard story to unearth and cover, pursued impressively by the reporters under difficult conditions and personal risk.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Apple Daily 蘋果日報	Initium Media 端傳媒
Title of Entry:	Hong Kong in Political Storm : Beijing Disqualifies the Entire Younger Generation DQ 風暴 中共政治清算一整代香港人	An Unfinished Campaign: Shenzhen Jiasic Workers' Rights Protection 未完的抗爭：深圳佳士工人維權事件始末
Award Recipients:	Lui Ho Yin Steven, Chan Ka Yu Phoebe	YE Jiabin
Judge Comment:	A fascinating study of how the course of Hong Kong history has changed.	A provocative piece on the plight of Chinese workers.

Excellence in Feature Writing

Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Bloomberg	Bloomberg
Title of Entry:	A Chinese Casino Has Conquered a Piece of America	The Gambler Who Cracked the Horse-Racing Code
Award Recipients:	Matthew Campbell, Daniela Wei	Kit Chellel
Judge Comment:	A riveting story, with a great opening, of financial shenanigans on a remote Pacific island.	Fascinating and thoroughly done.

Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Fountain Ink	Sixth Tone
Title of Entry:	The unknown Indian	Melting Away
Award Recipients:	Saurav Kumar	Matthew Walsh, Daniel Holmes, Wu Huiyuan, Li You
Judge Comment:	A meticulous piece of reportage well written in narrative style weaves the story of people who must fetch the body of a migrant worker family member with evidence of a little-documented but massive movement of workers across India.	Meticulous in-depth reporting on the ground and excellent research show how and why the Evenki reindeer herders are facing extinction.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Mirror Media 鏡週刊	Bloomberg Businessweek (Chinese Edition) 彭博商業周刊/中文版
Title of Entry:	The ordeals of a New Generation of Immigrants 新二代的難題	Where I Sleep 161 呎的日與夜
Award Recipients:	Producer: Chien Hsin-chan Journalist: Jhong Sheng-Syong Editor: Lee Yu Ju Photographer: Jhong Sheng-Syong Video: Lin Chun-Yao, Jhong Sheng-Syong Design: Hsu Ling-Wei Web developing: Hsiung Kai Wen 製作人：簡信昌 文字採訪：鐘聖雄 編輯：李又如 攝影：鐘聖雄 影音：林俊耀、鐘聖雄 設計：許玲瑋 網頁：熊凱文	Hsiu Wen Liu, Kit Tang 劉修彤，鄧詠筠
Judge Comment:	Digital storytelling technique is detail and refreshing, using vivid examples to bring out the difficult situation for the audience, while using data to assist the readers to understand the entire scope of the story.	A common scene in Hong Kong's topic of land use, while using a refreshing yet business related angle. The story brings historical context with political impact, which images that provide immediate background information. The story also uses a digestable way to discuss a serious topic. A good piece to discuss a story with public interest.

Excellence in Magazine Design

Group A

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Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Tasting Kitchen	Nikkei Asian Review
Title of Entry:	TK35 A Land Between	Imagining a unified KOREA
Award Recipients:	Alicia Bebee	Ryan Mundt (Design Director)
Judge Comment:	Gorgeous photography illuminates an elegant, clean design uniquely suited for showcasing haute cuisine.	The illustrations and text dance together into a tastefully designed layout.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Bloomberg Businessweek/Chinese Edition 彭博商業周刊/中文版	LIFE MAGAZINE 《生活》月刊
Title of Entry:	Where I Sleep 161 呎的日與夜	INNOCENCE 赤子无忧
Award Recipients:	Aslan Hon, Gwen Chan 韓錦滔, 陳紫君	Life Magazine Design Team 生活月刊设计团队
Judge Comment:	The cover creates an initial impression. Well-developed layout that combines complex content. It ingeniously integrated the long length of articles, pictures and graphics without too crowd. Good colour schemes for the infographics.	Easy-to-read page layouts giving breathing space to the composition. Creative, consistent and visually appealing content on inside pages are fully achieved.

Excellence in Arts & Culture Reporting

Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	VICE Asia	Financial Times
Title of Entry:	How Thai Artists are Challenging the Junta	The Bard in Beijing: how Shakespeare is subverting China
Award Recipients:	James Buchanan	Yuan Yang
Judge Comment:	A timely series that provides fresh insight into Thailand's complex political scene and the role of young artists within it. From a well-connected graffiti artist dubbed "Headache Stencil" to daring local rappers, the reader is treated to a well-illustrated and well-written package replete with historical and contemporary context.	It's true that 'all that glitters is not gold.' This piece is pure platinum!

Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Post Magazine	Sixth Tone
Title of Entry:	China's online publishing industry	The Last Guardians of China's Women-Only Script
Award Recipients:	Rachel Cheung	Yin Yijun
Judge Comment:	A colorful look into the fascinating, cutthroat world of China's online novels industry. The story gives rich detail of the incredible hardships the potential authors are put through just to get a foot in the door -- the first 100 chapters are on spec. Once successful, the authors must continue to meet their output quota or they won't get paid that month. Overall, a really fun read.	This is an interesting angle on a topic that's been widely covered. The author takes the reader by the hand so readers who aren't familiar can learn about the origins of the women's script. The recent twist of the government's effort to give out subsidies to preserve the tradition, and the distortions that result, are also notable. The audio sample is a nice touch.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	HK01 香港 01	The New York Times Chinese 纽约时报中文网
Title of Entry:	The hidden 20,000 forbidden photos revealed after decades: the truth of the untold stories in the Cultural Revolution 文革攝影師李振盛：歷史裏獨裁者都沒有好下場	We in the 'Age of the Melon Eaters' 吃瓜时代” 的你我他
Award Recipients:	WONG Nga Ting 黃雅婷	Karoline Kan 闕超群
Judge Comment:	A wonderful piece of arts reporting which connects the darkest moment of China history and the Hong Kong's current political turmoil	An endeavor to illustrate China's network culture ("melon eaters") in an arts and politics angle

Excellence in Explanatory Reporting

Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Reuters	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Fading Icon	Tracking China's Muslim Gulag
Award Recipients:	Andrew R.C. Marshall, Poppy McPherson, Shoon Naing, Tom Lasseter	Chris Inton, Olzhas Auyezov, Philip Wen, Simon Scarr, Thomas Peter
Judge Comment:	<p>In this set of pieces, Reuters reporters paint a picture of a world that was too willing to believe the overly simplistic view that many had created in their minds of Aung San Suu Ki. In particular, the profile of her shows, not surprisingly, that like other human beings, especially those in positions of power, the willingness to hold on to influence at any cost can have serious consequences. In the supplementary stories, we here in detail about the Reuters reporters who have been imprisoned as a result of their reporting on atrocities in Myanmar. Taken together, the package offers a multifaceted and fascinating account of how the nation's flirtation with democracy has gone horribly wrong.</p>	<p>The Reuters entry has taken a theme of immense significance to China and the world, has told it in painstaking detail gained through courageous and extensive on the ground reporting. The reporters' findings are presented in a highly compelling way through clear writing, extensive use of images as well as charts and optional bios of the main players. The result is a highly informative piece that leaves no doubt as to what is going on in Xinjiang. It exposes the official government responses for what it is -- deliberate misinformation. After reading this article, nobody could ever claim not to be aware of the severity of the situation facing the Uighur population in China.</p>

Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Nikkei Asian Review	Sixth Tone
Title of Entry:	A new view of labor in Japan	Dealing With Death
Award Recipients:	Mitsuru Obe and EUGENE LANG	Fan Yiyi, Wang Lianzhang, Fu Danni
Judge Comment:	This is a significant and complex issue that's admirably explained in a tightly written narrative. It's insightful and gives a clear picture of an important story in Japan, highlighting the lives of the immigrant workers while also spotlighting the dilemma facing Japan's government.	A difficult task in explanatory reporting is to keep the reader's interest while also informing, and this series does a wonderful job of that. This is excellent storytelling on a sensitive subject that's gotten little attention. The series mixes history and culture with personal stories, approaching the subject from different angles to paint a full picture.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Apple Daily 蘋果日報	The Paper 澎湃新闻网
Title of Entry:	Controversy over the world's first gene-edited twins: a critical review 全球首對基因編輯女嬰誕生 惹爭議	Forbidden Zone H5 Crossing JSA : the Place Where Two Koreas Reunite 《禁区》：图解 H5 跨越板门店：看看金正恩和文在寅在哪会谈
Award Recipients:	Lai Shi Nam, Kwan Kwun Ki, Wong Wan Wa Daniel 黎仕南, 關冠麒, 黃尹華	Planner: ZHAO Guanqun , Ji Guoliang Editor : YANG Yifan Image Editor : LIANG Yanjia Visual Design: ZHAO Guanqun, BAI Lang Technic : Ji Guoliang Planner: 赵冠群, 季国亮 Editor : 杨一帆 Image Editor : 梁嫣佳 Visual Design: 赵冠群, 白浪 Technic : 季国亮
Judge Comment:	Very good articles with vivid graphics to explain a highly controversial and difficult topic.	Excellent online pictorial presentation and insightful analysis of the history and the current efforts of both sides of the DMZ! Excellent job by thepaper.cn!

Excellence in Business Reporting

Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Bloomberg	Financial Times
Title of Entry:	Amazon Wants India to Shop Online, and It's Battling Walmart for Supremacy	The downfall of Carlos Ghosn
Award Recipients:	Brad Stone, Saritha Rai	Leo Lewis, Kana Inagaki, Peter Campbell
Judge Comment:	Rich in detail, the reporters bring the nitty gritty logistics to life by taking readers to tiny rural shops that act as distributors — some on foot— for the online giants and tagging along for the delivery of one young Indian woman's first smartphone bought from Amazon. The story gives an excellent window onto negotiating the commercial thickets of a unique market, including the politics overhanging it all.	This package captured the drama and the complexity behind a shocking corporate breakup and the undoing of one of the world's most storied executives. A combination of breaking news and step back features delivered in a timely manner kept readers informed about the unfolding saga, which was one of the biggest business stories of the year. Well written. Well reported. Well balanced.

Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Nikkei Asian Review	Sixth Tone
Title of Entry:	Ambitions to dominate new industries in China 2025	The Shopping App That Unveiled China's Social Divisions
Award Recipients:	CHENG TING-FANG, AKITO TANAKA and HENNY SENDER	Xue Yujie
Judge Comment:	Deeply reported stories that combine detail, anecdotes and analysis on China's ambitious plans to become a global leader in the industries of the future.	Impressive reporting and analysis, topped off by fine writing, a business development that illustrates China's social fragmentation.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	CommonWealth Magazine 天下雜誌	Business Weekly
Title of Entry:	U.S.-China Trade War: Taishang Playing Both Sides 中美貿易戰升級為新冷戰?台商雙邊攻 略	Taiwanese Firms Flee China over A 90-Day Deadline 台商撤逃中國 倒數 90 天
Award Recipients:	Shu-Ren Gu, Hannah Chang, Mini Wu 辜樹仁、鍾張涵、吳廷勻	Ma Zih-Ming, Lin Wei-Chen, Huang Ching- hsuan, Liu Pei-Hsiu 馬自明、林洵楨、黃靖萱、劉佩修
Judge Comment:	Outstanding story-telling by Commonwealth on how Taiwanese businesses are caught in the middle of the US-China trade war, and how they are coping and surviving.	Excellent analysis by Taiwan's Business Weekly on the mass exodus of Taiwanese labor intensive assemblers from China, and their journeys to SE Asia, all part of a defense strategy of coping with rising tensions caused by the Sino-US trade war.

Excellence in Information Graphics

Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Reuters	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Rohingya refugees at risk	The Sanchi oil spill
Award Recipients:	Weiyi Cai, Simon Scarr, Chris Inton, Jin Wu	Simon Scarr, Weiyi Cai, Jin Wu, Chris Inton
Judge Comment:	Reuters innovative use of maps is combined with graphics and charts to tell the story of a humanitarian crisis the world's political leaders seem all too keen to brush under the carpet. Succinct and powerful visual storytelling at its best.	The Reuters graphics team brings us here an extraordinary sample of what can be done by driving and getting tons of information. The three projects presented on the Shanchi Oil Spill have an impeccable structuration, using intelligent design, as from the first part, that is a piece of breaking news, to the last two, that are meditated pieces, and show the problem of this spill in the sea that is analyzed in detail. The didactic way of presenting all the information with a nice design, and a dynamic combination of user experience, make this project my favorite of those shown.

Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	South China Morning Post	India Today
Title of Entry:	The Forbidden City	Is The Taj Doomed?
Award Recipients:	Marco Hernandez, Marcelo Duhalde, Adolfo Arranz	Nilanjan Das
Judge Comment:	This infographic, full of historical relevant and interesting information is shown to the reader using many different and successful visual resources. While reading this piece takes you to the golden times of the forbidden city.	Highlights the relevant research work and the exposure of such a complex and little populist subject.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	CommonWealth Magazine 天下雜誌	Initium Media 端傳媒
Title of Entry:	Interactive Map of Taiwan elections 2018 2018 九合一選舉互動地圖	Poor, Ill and Always Waiting, Data Animation Shows You What It Is Like Aging in Hong Kong 數據動畫帶你看，老死在香港是種什麼 體驗
Award Recipients:	Andy Lin, Joanna Hong, Pin-chieh Lai, Yu- Ting Huang, Yi-Wen Lin, Angel Pai 林佳賢、洪家寧、賴品潔、黃昱婷、林 奕文、白雅文	Xiaotong Xu, Stanley Leung, Qiufeng Jin, Lee-yu Tseng, Ron Lau 徐小童、梁詩聰、金秋楓、曾立宇、 劉家睿
Judge Comment:	The detailed data provides great support for the project in the first place, and the design of this interactive map is pretty powerful - giving readers enough guidance but also allowing them much freedom to explore the data. Besides, I really like the function to check out the "islands" - villages with results different from neighboring villages.	An appealing animation to illustrate Hong Kong's aging problem

Excellence in Reporting Breaking News

Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Reuters	BBC News Online
Title of Entry:	Malaysia topples Najib	The rescue of the Thai cave boys
Award Recipients:	A. Ananthalakshmi, Emily Chow, Joseph Sipalan, Kevin Krolicki, Praveen Menon, Tom Westbrook	Anna Jones, Tessa Wong, Helier Cheung
Judge Comment:	The first exclusive interviews with both Najib and Mahathir after the election? These scoops can't be beat.	An excellent example of handling a breaking news story and keeping the reader abreast of developments and explanations of often complex technical issues, through text and graphics.

Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Malaysiakini	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Malaysiakini's coverage of the 14th Malaysian general election	Typhoon Mangkhut: as it happened
Award Recipients:	Malaysiakini Team	SCMP reporters
Judge Comment:	During polling day and election night, Malaysiakini became the go-to site for many Malaysians and outsiders wanting real firsthand, live coverage of the results as they came in. This scrappy, relatively new online site defied the odds and official attempts at censorship to give Malaysians the news that the official pro-government media was trying to block. Malaysiakini on election night proved itself a major new player in the Malaysian media landscape.	Throughout the devastating typhoon, the SCMP provided valuable up-to-date coverage and became an invaluable resource for readers.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Apple Daily 蘋果日報	Apple Daily 蘋果日報
Title of Entry:	African Swine Fever inches closer to Hong Kong 非洲豬瘟疫情逼近香港	HK devastated by Typhoon Mangkhut 山竹襲港系列：我城滿目瘡痍 政府救災不力
Award Recipients:	Siu Yu 蕭宇	Staff Writers at Apple Daily City Crime Department 蘋果日報突發組
Judge Comment:	Well round reporting, includes vivid examples, discovers information the public has yet to know. Demonstrates the value of journalism.	A story that provides live breaking news during a natural disaster, including numerous angles, demonstrating the journalism role to provide check and balance.

Excellence in Opinion Writing

Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Bloomberg	The Wall Street Journal
Title of Entry:	China Should Remember Its Friends	Calling China's Slowdown
Award Recipients:	Mihir Sharma	Nathaniel Taplin
Judge Comment:	Very well written and fresh, these columns offer unique insight into China's struggles from his base in India. He offers a strong argument about the benefits of democracy as a better check on flawed economic plans. His argument that China is forgetting its partners in growth, the foreign companies who invested in it, is also strongly made.	A lucid look at one of the most important economic stories of our time.

Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Courier Mail	Frontier Myanmar
Title of Entry:	Igniting Conversations About Violence Against Women	Time for a new approach on Rakhine State
Award Recipients:	Sherelle Moody	Thomas Kean
Judge Comment:	This entry is a powerful and well-crafted discussion on the under-covered issue of violence against women, showing a deep knowledge of this scourge.	A compelling commentary on one of the most important human rights issues over the past year and the government's feeble response.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Reporter 報導者	The Paper 澎湃新闻网
Title of Entry:	Taiwan's nine-in-one local elections in 2018 2018 九合一選舉結果觀察	Commentary Series about Changchun Vaccine Scandal 长春疫苗事件系列评论
Award Recipients:	Tsuyoshi Nojima, Nathan F. Batto, Mei-hua Chen 野島剛、鮑彤 Nathan F. Batto、陳美華	Xia Zhengyu, Chen Cai, Cheng Shicai, Shen Bin 夏正玉、陈才、程仕才、沈彬
Judge Comment:	The commentary uses different aspects, choosing different background but includes the right characters to allow the readers a well rounded and deep perspective.	Focusing on a topic of public interest, using commentary to hold accountable, as an addition to news, this demonstrate the gatekeeping role of journalists.

Excellence in Reporting on the Environment

Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Financial Times	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Why the world's recycling system stopped working	Asia's undersea crisis
Award Recipients:	John Reed, Leslie Hook	Mari Saito and Matthew Green
Judge Comment:	Gripping, analytical, investigative reporting on a little understood and complex issue that has profound implications on the environment and the way society deals with its mounting trash.	Engaging, well researched reporting that sheds light on the impact that climate change and over consumption have on marine environments, and on the economies and societies that depend on them

Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	VICE Indonesia	ABS-CBN News Digital
Title of Entry:	A Tribe In Indonesia's Surf Paradise Is Facing Down an Energy Firm That Wants Their Land	THE BORACAY PROJECT
Award Recipients:	Febriana Firdaus, Jonathan Vit	Katrina Domingo and Fernando Sepe Jr.
Judge Comment:	Vigorous and detailed look at a major environmental problem.	Fascinating and detailed analysis of the reasons for and the controversy over the closing of Boracay. And an equally in depth look at what had changed when the island reopened. Strongly supported by clever visual presentation.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Initium Media 端傳媒	Apple Daily Taiwan 蘋果日報 台灣
Title of Entry:	Dangers Hidden in Quangang district after leaking 69 metric tons of petrochemicals 「先有廠，再規劃」，洩漏 69 噸「碳九」的泉港埋了多少雷？	Taiwan. The World's Dumping Ground 台灣・世界垃圾場
Award Recipients:	Yang Yu 楊鈺	Po Chun Ho, Liang Ju Hou, Yi Jing Wu, Wei Chou Chen, Huan Cheng Lin, Charles Wang, Kristi Hu, King Hsueh, Tiffany Keng 何柏均、侯良儒、吳宜靜、陳偉周、陳鼎仁、林煥成、王士銓、胡祖維、薛合淇、耿詩婷
Judge Comment:	The ability to report under difficult situations in the field is of utmost importance. The story is all encompassing and detail, with great background depth.	The story has international perspective despite being centered around the situation in Taiwan, with the ability to compare the situation around the world. The report's use of interactive graphics helps the reader understand the importance of the issue.

Excellence in Photography

Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Reuters	The New York Times
Title of Entry:	Devastation in Palu: No siren, no warning	China Rules
Award Recipients:	Athit Perawongmetha and Jorge Silva	Bryan Denton
Judge Comment:	The earthquake and tsunami that hit Palu, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia and killed thousands was one of the biggest stories of 2018. Under difficult circumstances, these photographers portray the hardship of the disaster while producing photographs that transcend into art.	Beautiful photography of the transformation in China.

Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Myanmar Times	Sixth Tone
Title of Entry:	The sentencing of Reuters journalists Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo	Shrinking Cities
Award Recipients:	Zarni Phyoo	Chen Ronghui
Judge Comment:	These photos stand as a stark reminder of the sacrifices journalists make all over the world. Reuters reporters Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo are being persecuted for simply doing their jobs and informing the world.	Very interesting subject very well photographed.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Duowei News 多維新聞網	Initium Media 端傳媒
Title of Entry:	Survey on Water Pollution in China: Concealed Conduits all around, A Polluted Village Located at the Border of Shaanxi and Inner Mongolia 中国水污染调查：暗管遍布 陕蒙交界 被浸染的村庄	Shenzhen: The Southern highway to prosperity? 深圳：戰戰兢兢的南方高速
Award Recipients:	Xia Da Peng, Wu Tong 夏大鵬、吳桐	Lam Chun Tung 林振東
Judge Comment:	A perfect example of the power of photojournalism	Telling a story of a fast-moving city in a series of thought-provoking images

The Scoop Award

Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Associated Press	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Chinese Researcher Claims First gene-edited Babies	Exposing a Massacre
Award Recipients:	Reporters: Marilynn Marchione, Christina Larson Video Journalists: Emily Wang, Kathy Young Photographer: Mark Schiefelbein Researcher: Fu Ting	Andrew R.C. Marshall, Antoni Slodkowski, Clare Baldwin, Kyaw Soe Oo, Simon Lewis, Wa Lone, Zeba Siddiqui
Judge Comment:	The story represents a rare coming together of several factors: A significant development with the potential to impact mankind; in-depth research and interviewing that provide important, balanced context; and impeccable timing as the story was published close to an important global gathering of experts in the field. The impact of the story was swift and far-reaching, triggering immediate reaction from the Chinese government specifically in relation to scientist He Jiankui, and influencing that country's gene editing policies shortly thereafter. The story also helped focus world attention on a key development that could just as easily have slipped by without much of a fuss were it not for this superb story.	This piece is noteworthy for its in-depth, fact based reporting on the massacre of 10 Rohingya men that clearly shows the facts of the case, its perpetrators, and the human toll of the event. That the reporters on the story remain behind bars is a reminder of the lengths and personal sacrifice the reporters had to make to bring this story to the attention of the world. By expanding the scope of reporting to include perpetrators and victims, this story presents compelling evidence and details that show how and why such a horrendous massacre can take place.

Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Nikkei Asian Review	This Week In Asia
Title of Entry:	A milestone in China's chipmaking plan	Near collision in flashpoint sea
Award Recipients:	CHENG TING-FANG and MICHELLE CHAN	John Power, Catherine Wong
Judge Comment:	Comprehensively reported story about how China, as a rising power, is pursuing its own chip-making capacity, and how having that capacity could change the world of tech.	Riveting detail of a near miss at sea, between Chinese and US warships, and the underlying tension between the two as China muscularly claims territorial waters that the rest of the world doesn't recognize as China's.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	CommonWealth Magazine 天下雜誌	The Reporter 報導者
Title of Entry:	Taiwan: The Next Money-laundering Haven? 台灣,下一個洗錢天堂	Two text Messages Reveal key to Taiwan train crash. 【普悠瑪 18 死事故】2 通簡訊示警，關鍵 53 分鐘危機處理待調查
Award Recipients:	Yi-Shan Chen, Cho-Han Yang, Andy Lin, Mini Wu 陳一姍、楊卓翰、林佳賢、吳廷勻	Roger Yen 嚴文廷
Judge Comment:	An investigative piece that furthered discussion on a timely topic and shaped policies	An investigative story digging into the major causes of the train crash and generating significant public impact

Excellence in Investigative Reporting

Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Reuters	The New York Times
Title of Entry:	Guns, clicks and cement: Inside Myanmar's hate machine	China's Reach
Award Recipients:	Mohammad Ponir Hossain, Poppy McPherson, Shoon Naing, Simon Lewis, Steve Stecklow, Thu Thu Aung, Tom Lasseter, Zeba Siddiqui	Maria Abi-Habib, Nicholas Casey, Clifford Krauss
Judge Comment:	This series of articles takes analysis of the tragic situation in Myanmar to new depths. In particular, the piece on the role of Facebook in spreading hate speech breaks new ground in understanding the role played by social media in spreading hate toward the country's Muslims. And the piece on the murder of Ko Ni is a tour de force in exposing the heinous role of the government in hunting down and eliminating its opponents. Powerful, harrowing writing.	Very tough challenge here — prove China's Belt and Road Initiative had goals far beyond the easy headlines of economic empowerment. The New York Times absolutely did just that, in a series of stories that deserved world attention.

Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Rappler	The Indian Express, International Consortium of Investigative Journalists
Title of Entry:	Murder in Manila	Implant Files
Award Recipients:	Patricia Evangelista, Carlo Gabuco, Lian Buan and Rambo Talabong	Scilla Alecci, Sydney P. Freedberg, Ritu Sarin, Kaunain Sheriff
Judge Comment:	Brave, tenacious and granular investigative reporting into how Philippines President Duterte's war on drugs was carried out, through the eyes of those who pulled the trigger on addicts, while getting backroom bribes from dealers. This is the kind of reporting that reminds a reader why the free press is vital to a democracy.	Stellar work, drilling deep into how the medical devices company Medtronic promoted itself as an ethical company that put patients first, while bribing doctors and hospital administrators, and pushing to expand Medtronic's markets by offering 8 percent interest loans to impoverished Indians, to get devices that hadn't always passed safety inspections for the way they were being used. The Indian Express was one of several partner journalistic organizations around the world that worked with the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, to paint a nuanced picture of how chasing profits in medicine, without sufficient ethical safeguards and oversight, can cost lives.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Reporter 報導者	Business Weekly
Title of Entry:	Formosa Petrochemical's Sixth Naphtha Cracking Project's 20th anniversary: Refugees from the scientific war 六輕營運 20 年：科學戰爭下的環境難民	Exclusive Survey: Lawmakers' Secret "Little Coffers" 獨家揭露 907 位議員小金庫
Award Recipients:	Jung-shin Ho, Michelle Fang, Jung-shin Ho, Yu-yo Lin, I-ting Chiang, Chih-wei Yu, Jameson Wu, Yu-en Lin, Jen-tang Hsu, Mimi Chen, Yu-chen Huang, Chen-na Lin, Fa-hsien Li, Chung-jen Yu 監製: 何榮幸 記者:房慧真、何榮幸、林雨佑、蔣宜婷 攝影:余志偉、吳逸驊、林佑恩、許震唐 數位專案管理: 陳貞樺 設計: 黃禹禎, 林珍娜 工程: 李法賢、余崇任	Kuan Wu-Yuan, Tien His-Ju 管嫫媛, 田習如
Judge Comment:	An investigation into a science and environment issue with significant public interest	Deep reporting, with data that provides clarity to the story.

SOPA Award for Public Service Journalism

Award for Excellence

Publication:	Thomson Reuters
Title of Entry:	Erasing the Rohingya
Award Recipients:	Andrew R.C. Marshall, Antoni Slodkowski, Clare Baldwin, Kyaw Soe Oo, Mohammad Ponir Hossain, Poppy McPherson, Shoon Naing, Simon Lewis, Steve Stecklow, Thu Thu Aung, Wa Lone, Zeba Siddiqui
Judge Comment:	<p>Finally, the unjustifiable imprisonment of Reuters reporters Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo has ended.</p> <p>The Reuters journalists had uncovered the lead roles of Myanmar soldiers and paramilitary police behind one of the most brutal massacres in modern history. The Myanmar government had claimed those Rohingya Muslims killed in Rakhine State were terrorists but through the investigations by Wa Lone, Kyaw Soe Oo and other Reuters reporters, we know that the victims were high school kids, teachers, fishermen and ordinary villagers.</p> <p>Reuters reporters were the first to reconstruct how Myanmar troops killed and buried Rohingya Muslim from the confessions of Buddhist villagers, retired soldiers, local officials and police officers.</p> <p>“One grave for 10 people”, Reuters told the world of one incident in the massacre.</p> <p>500-odd days of two courageous Reuters reporters behind bars had sparked global calls for an investigation into the Rohingya massacre, international attention on the safety of more than 730,000 Rohingya refugees, and has raised the importance of press freedom around the world.</p>