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The SOPA Awards for Editorial Excellence were established in 1999 as a tribute to editorial excellence in both traditional and new media, and were designed to encourage editorial vitality throughout the region. The awards cover a broad range of categories reflecting Asia's diverse geo-political environment and vibrant editorial scene.

Central to the SOPA Awards' ongoing success is the high caliber of international judges who preside over the award entries. The SOPA Awards have consistently secured judges from many of the region's leading newspapers as well as consumer and trade magazines and academics from prestigious universities - a reflection of the stature of the awards. Judges ensure that entries are analyzed and selected according to a demanding set of criteria.

The SOPA Awards are coordinated by a committee of publishing professionals from the business and editorial sectors. These dedicated individuals volunteer their time throughout the year to ensure the awards' rules, judges, entries; event, sponsorships and promotions all come together smoothly.

The SOPA Awards set a valuable benchmark for the industry, and have become news items in their own right, generating media coverage and attention not only across the Asia-Pacific region, but also on the global arena.

#### Corporate Support

Sponsorship is key to ensuring the Award's growth, and over the past years, SOPA has been fortunate in receiving strong, continuous support from its partners. As the Awards have grown, so too has the interest from corporations, and this year, we look again to the generosity of sponsors to help us deliver the best Awards we can.

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#### Chairman's Message

The Society of Publishers in Asia is proud to present our 16th Annual Awards for Editorial Excellence. The awards celebrate the power of the written and printed word. Despite the technological revolution and displacement of traditional publishing by online formats, the role of journalism to inform and educate remains essentially the same. It is fitting then that publishers, journalists and those who support editorial excellence are getting together tonight to celebrate remarkable achievements and examples of editorial vitality.

A strong number of entries have been received this year from across Asia. There has been an increase in the number of English language entries which is very encouraging. Entries – whether in English or Asian languages - reflect the vibrancy and diversity of journalism across Asia as the region modernizes and liberalizes in a number of important aspects. Journalism whether online or printed remains crucial for the development of societies by providing channels and forums for a broad range of views as well as keeping readers up to date with the latest news and trends. The diversity of entries from across Asia in a growing number of formats ranging from the Internet and online portals to more traditional newspapers and magazines reflects the trends in journalism around Asia.



SOPA has been active this year starting with a Media Insiders Breakfast focusing on the opportunities from big data for publishers and a Webinar explaining the rise of native advertising. The Webinars have brought journalists and editors from around the world together to exchange valuable ideas on the same internet platform. Last November, we held the first ever HKBU-SOPA Award Winners Forum bringing former SOPA award winners and holding sharing sessions with journalism students of Hong Kong Baptist University.

We appreciate very much the efforts and support of our esteemed panel of judges, chaired by Tom Leander. The awards have been superbly assisted by administrators at the Journalism and Media Studies Centre, The University of Hong Kong.

The sponsorship of InvestHK, Hong Kong High Technology Limited, K11, The Langham and Golin Harris is vital to the success of this important event.

Thank you to all entrants in the awards. Regardless of the outcomes of our various categories, it seems to me that all of us who live in Asia and rely on quality journalism and the business of publishing to keep in touch with what's happening around the world and in our region are the winners thanks to the diligent efforts of our reporting and editing colleagues. It is from this solid and improving foundation that the SOPA Awards have grown to be the celebration event for journalists in Asia.

David E. Smith

SOPA Chairman 2013-2014

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### Mission Statement

The Society of Publishers in Asia (SOPA) exists to promote excellence in journalism and best practices across all local and regional publishing platforms in Asia Pacific.

#### SOPA is dedicated to:

Freedom of the Press across the region.

Promoting and sharing best business and operating practices for the benefit of members, their readers and customers through understanding and embracing emerging platforms and technologies.

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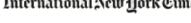




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## Editorial Committee Chairman's Message

The Society of Publishers in Asia Editorial Awards, running now sixteen years, has settled into a comfortable pace of growth.

Comfort isn't everything.

The 2014 awards – reflecting entries from the calendar year 2013 – once more beat the previous year in entries, with 676 total, versus 653 last year.

That makes this year a record, but as we proclaim a record seemingly every year – and this is the third year I've been composing this note. It's beginning to sound a bit disingenuous to keep doing so based only on incremental gains.

Evidence for this is reflected in the way this year's numbers panned out. Entries for category A, the big publications, rose after dropping last year. In category B, publications up 50,000 in circulation, saw a healthy jump in entries. But these gains were offset by an unfortunate drop in entries from Category C, our Chinese language entrants. We will try to improve this record via different methods of outreach to Chinese language journalists for next year's contest.



The news organisations that vie in this annual contest cover the world's most newsworthy region, politically and economically. It's a region where political change is emerging everywhere, where China is amid a gruelling anti-corruption campaign, flexing its muscles in the South and East China Seas, and striking energy pacts with Russia; where India's political spectrum has dramatically shifted; where Japan is still recovering from its nuclear disaster experimenting with pump-priming its economy; where Thailand has erupted in civil strife once again and now a military coup; where the good prospects of political reform in Myanmar are marred by persecution of the Rohingya people; and where plane on a routine flight from Malaysia can somehow vanish into thin air and leave the world scratching its head.

And all this is happening right now.

The problem isn't in the coverage. Judging by this year's entries, the work being done in Asia is thrilling – and that's reflected across all entries.

That's why stories from this part of the world are increasingly prominent in the global marketplace of ideas.

Reporters put their lives on the line to do so here, too: in 2013, five were killed in Pakistan, three in the Philippines, three in India, and one in Bangladesh, all proven or suspected murders, according to Committee to Protect Journalists. In several nations they risk jail for honest practice of their trade.

Given all this laudatory work and courageous behaviour, a little more competitive verve would be appropriate for these awards. That would translate into more entries and more interest from publications operating in region, whether they be SOPA members or not. More commitment to SOPA itself from the major news organisations is needed. Despite the constant refrain of the difficulty of this business in transition to a digital economy where it's tough to make any money no matter how good the work is, who else has the money to underwrite the values of an important independent press awards?

Stepping down from my own personal Hyde Park Corner, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the professionals that devote their time and energy to SOPA. First and foremost, I want to thank Ying Chan, director of the Journalism and Media Studies Centre of The University of Hong Kong, for her support and critical thinking. Jeffrey Timmermans, our head judge, worked as hard as Moses to oversee our coterie of 123 judges around the world. Special thanks goes to those judges themselves, for devoting their time and effort. William Chang, of the JMSC, was our SOPA administrator and a sage and patient one in a position where sudden difficulties have a tendency to pop up in the heat of deadline. I'd also like to thank Christine Wong of SOPA, whose support has been invaluable in building these awards.

Finally, I'd like to extend a great thanks to my fellow editorial committee members. Their good judgement, esprit and dedication to the quality of these awards have ensured that our goals are firm: to protect free speech, promote great work, and ensure the independence of this vital undertaking.

**Tom Leander** – Chairman SOPA Editorial Awards Committee 2013-2014



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It has been an honour and a privilege to be recognised again by our peers for the work of our reporters, editors, designers and illustrators.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to SOPA and our hardworking team for continuing to support excellence in journalism.



## Master of Ceremony



Tara Joseph
Editor-In-Charge, Reuters Digital Video, Asia

A journalist with more than 20 years financial reporting experience, Tara Joseph currently leads the financial multimedia unit, Reuters Digital Video in Asia.

Tara has more than 10 years experience reporting and presenting for TV in Asia, including daily shows for BBC World and China's CCTV. She has moderated numerous webcasts and panel events including shows hosted at the World Economic Forum in Davos. Tara was previously global editor and main presenter of Reuters Financial Television based in London.

Tara is a graduate of the Columbia University School of Journalism, and Smith College in the United States. She serves on the board of the Foreign Correspondent's Club in Hong Kong, and has taken roles as FCC president and convenor of the professional committee.

### Moderator



Ying Chan
Journalism and Media Studies Center at The University of Hong Kong

An award-winning journalist, Chan is currently professor of journalism and director of the Journalism and Media Studies Center at The University of Hong Kong. As founding director of the JMSC, she has created graduate, undergraduate and professional programs in Hong Kong and mainland China.

Prior to joining HKU in 1998, Chan spent 23 years working as a journalist in New York City. Her honors include a Nieman Fellowship, a Polk Award for her reporting on the human-smuggling trade from China, and an International Press Freedom Award for her battle against a criminal libel suit in Taiwan.

She consults often for HK and international media organizations and serves on the board of directors of the Media Development Loan Fund, USA, and the steering committee of the Global Fund for Media Development. She was also a board member of the Peabody Awards for electronic media from 2004 to 2009. Her research interests include media development in China, journalism education, and practices of professional journalism.

### **Panelists**



#### Hannah Beech

TIME Asia

annah Beech is TIME's East Asia Correspondent and China Bureau Chief. She covers politics, conflicts, culture, diplomacy and other regional issues from a base in Beijing. Beech joined TIME, the world's largest English-language newsweekly, in 1997 as a reporter in Hong Kong. In 2000 she moved to Beijing as a correspondent and later relocated to Shanghai to serve as Shanghai Bureau Chief. She became the Bangkok-based Southeast Asia Bureau Chief in 2006 and returned to China in 2010. One of the few international journalists to report widely from Burma, she also has spent more than a decade documenting the tremendous rise of China and other Asian economies.

During her tenure at TIME, Beech has reported across Asia, from Afghanistan and Papua New Guinea to East Timor and Tajikistan. She has won numerous reporting honors, including the Amnesty Human Rights Press Award, the Henry Luce Award and several Society of Publishers in Asia prizes. In 2011, she was named the Journalist of the Year by the Society of Publishers in Asia. Beech, who is half-Japanese and half-American, speaks Japanese, Mandarin and French.



Kate O'Keeffe

The Wall Street Journal

Late O'Keeffe is the Wall Street Journal's global gambling reporter. Based in Hong Kong for the past four years, she has contributed to major Wall Street Journal scoops on the dispute between Steve Wynn and his former partner Kazuo Okada, and on the U.S. government's money laundering and bribery investigations into Las Vegas Sands Corp.

She has also taken on special assignments such as disaster reporting in the Philippines and a series on Cambodia's garment industry.

She joined the company as an editor in Singapore in 2008 after graduating from Princeton University in 2005. She is a native of Buffalo, NY.





Bopha Phorn
The Cambodia Daily

**B**opha Phorn is Editor-at-Large for The Cambodia Daily, Cambodia's leading newspaper. She has been working as a journalist for about eight years. As an investigative journalist, Bopha covers economics, politics, corruption and environmental issues. Bopha tracks the activities of the prime minister, other cabinet ministers, opposition leaders and National Assembly members. She began her career with Deutsche Presse Agenteur in 2006 when she was 21 years old. She started working for The Cambodia Daily newspaper in 2008. After two years of reporting, she was assigned as Assignment Editor.

Bopha received the Courage In Journalism Award from the International Media Foundation (IWMF) for her report on rampant illegal logging when she was shot at by military police while investigating the story. Bopha also attended the Political and Electoral Reporting course of the International Institute for Journalism in Germany in 2012 after she attended the Writing and Reporting News course supported by Thomson Reuters in London in 2010. She also has contributed a chapter to a book called Phnom Penh Noir.

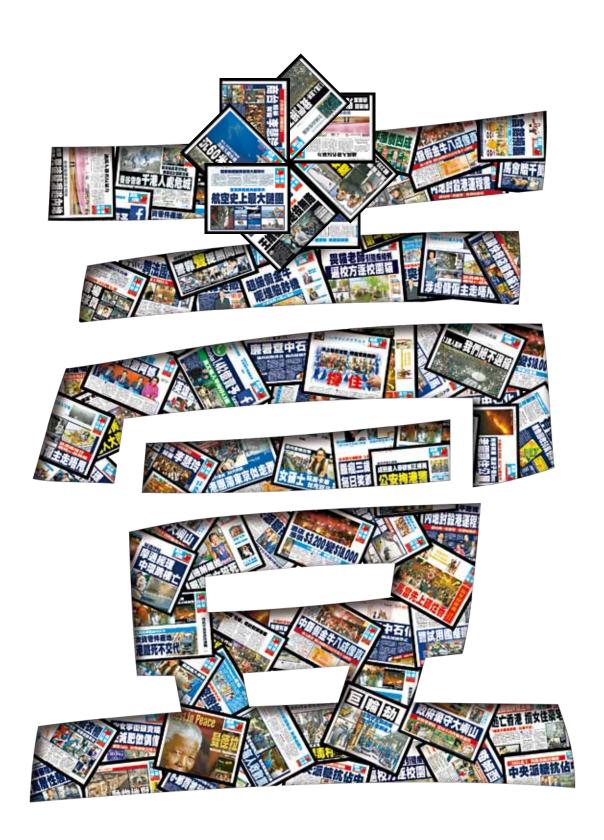


Didi Kirsten Tatlow
The International New York Times

Didi Kirsten Tatlow is a correspondent for the International New York Times in Beijing.

Didi has won a dozen journalism prizes, including SOPA awards and human rights awards. Born in Hong Kong, she has worked and lived in Asia and Europe for nearly two decades and speaks several languages including Chinese and German. She previously worked at The Associated Press, Die Welt, and the South China Morning Post, among others.

She lives in Beijing with her husband, children and two Boxer dogs. She's chiefly interested in the sociocultural politics of the (to her) Big Three: gender, the state, and the arts.







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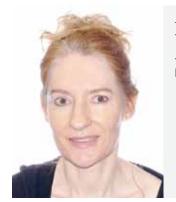


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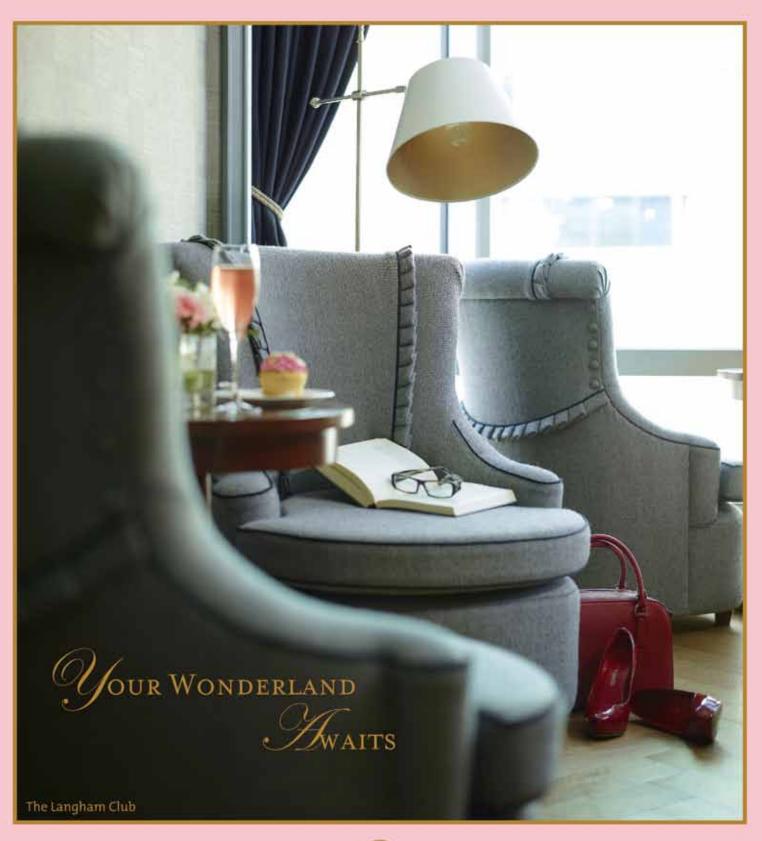


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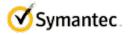
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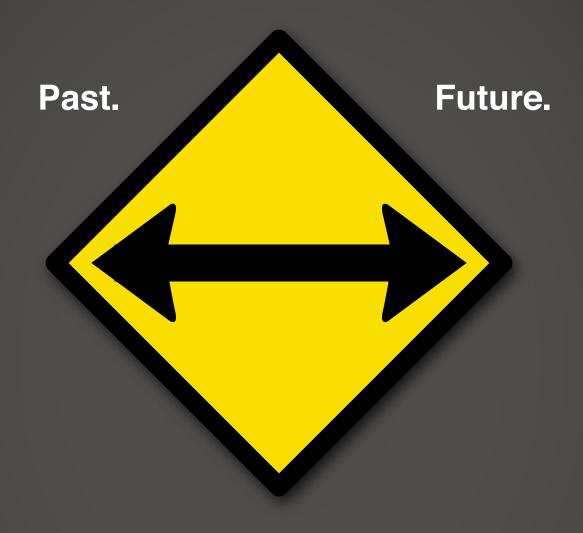


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