

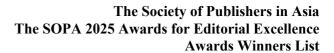
The SOPA 2025 Awards for Editorial Excellence - Awards Winners List

Excellence in Reporting on Women's Issues

<u>Global</u>

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The New York Times with the Fuller Project	Bloomberg News
Title of Entry:	The Brutality of Sugar	The Egg
Award Recipients:	Qadri Inzamam (The Fuller Project); Megha Rajagopalan, Saumya Khandelwal (The New York Times)	Natalie Obiko Pearson, Kanoko Matsuyama, Cindy Wang, Sinduja Rangarajan, Fani Nikiforaki, Vicky Kaiyi Feng, Naila Khan, Advait Palepu, Smitha T.K., Kurumi Mori
Judges' Comments:	An eye-opening, deeply reported series revealing the horrendous conditions facing women in India's sugar industry, the collusion of politicians and the shortcomings of multinational companies' pledges to police their supply chains.	meticulous reporting across five continents,

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Wire	Myanmar Now
Title of Entry:	Breaking The Nets	Women of Myanmar: Navigating Civil War
Award Recipients:	Shamsheer Yousaf, Monica Jha, Sriram Vittalamurthy	Su Chay, Nora Pyae, Mohammed Zonaid
Judges' Comments:	These stories from small communities in remote parts of India are individually notable for explaining the challenge of survival and fight for resources faced by women. As a collective, they offer a fascinating insight into the knock-on effects of India's patriarchal society and how women have found a variety of different ways to contend with it. Presented with beautiful film work and clear storytelling in a creative array of different forms.	writing that effectively introduces readers to the complexities of life in Myanmar today and the impact of the turbulence on women. The piece about the Rohingya women in the Bangladesh refugee camps is particularly well-reported with vivid details putting you right in the incredibly hard





	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	報導者 The Reporter	端傳媒 Initium Media
Title of Entry:	代孕求子「天堂路」:他們的夢碎風險及道	走進 LGBT 婚禮前,一對香港女同志歷經離婚與
	德難題/Surrogacy to Fulfill Parenthood	飄泊建立了真正的家/From Divorce to Home: A
	Dreams? The Risks of Shattered Hopes and	Hong Kong Lesbian Couple's Journey to Their LGBT
	Ethical Dilemmas	Wedding
Award Recipients:	曹馥年 Fu-Nien Tsao、藍婉甄 Wan-Chen	伍詠欣 Ng Wing Yan
	Lan、陳德倫 De-Lun Chen、洪琴宣 Chin-	
	Hsuan Hung、林彥廷 Yen-Ting Lin、	
	陳曉威 Hsiao-Wei Chen、楊子磊 Tzu-Lei	
	Yang、黄世澤 Sei-Tei Huang、張詩芸 Shih-Yun	
	Chang、黃鈺婷 Yu-Ting Huang	
Judges'	This series stands out for its broad perspective,	The story carefully portrays the situation of lesbian
Comments:	moving beyond local Taiwanese issues to	couples starting families in Hong Kong and explains
	explore the global surrogacy industry. It	why same-sex partners in Hong Kong need
	demonstrates a strong awareness of issues and	marriage to secure basic rights. It illustrates how
	investigative skills through in-depth interviews	women navigate various social roles such as wife,
	with surrogate families, industry analysis, and	mother, daughter, and creates a fresh
	discussions on the legal and ethical	understanding of marriage, love, and family.
	complexities. By addressing current political	
	controversies in Taiwan, the report serves to	
	inform and sheds light on women's rights and	
	challenges.	

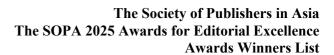


Excellence in Journalistic Innovation

<u>Global</u>

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	CNN International	Nikkei Asia
Title of Entry:	A shrinking life: Why some Asian youth	Tokyo runway collision
	withdraw from the world	
Award Recipients:	Jessie Yeung, Sophie Jeong, Carlotta Dotto,	Hirofumi Yamamoto, Gaku Ito, Hiroki Sakuragi,
	Woojin Lee, Kenneth Uzquiano, Hilary	Shota Fujii, Kento Awashima, Yuichiro Kanematsu
	Whiteman, Saki Toi, Moeri Karasawa, Noemi	
	Cassanelli, Matt Demspey	
Judges'	The visual structure of this piece is outstanding,	The visual solutions are both intelligent and
Comments:	immediately establishing the report's	inspiring, achieved through a relatively simple
	framework through clear indicators of place,	execution without the need for an elaborate
	subject, story, and consequence. This formula	workflow, offering the significant advantage of easy
	effectively guarantees narrative consistency in	editing. The combination of visual resources is
	these compellingly dark tales, beautifully	particularly interesting as it delivers information at
	unveiled with each scroll. The impactful	the optimal time. In short, this is a complete and
	decision to deliver a more human and less	very well-planned piece of visual journalism that
	technical perspective greatly amplifies the	also reveals significant research and coordination,
	emotional resonance and reinforces the	serving as an excellent example of the appropriate
	intensity of the testimonies. It is truly rewarding	use of information resources.
	to witness work that is both deeply inspired and	
	acutely responsible to its audience.	

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Wire	CNA
Title of Entry:	Breaking The Nets	Walk the Line: An interactive journey through
		perilous China-US migration route
Award Recipients:	Shamsheer Yousaf, Monica Jha,	Wei Du, Andersen Xia, Derrick A Paulo, Liew Zhi Xin,
	Sriram Vittalamurthy	Kevin Kwang, Lee Long Hui
Judges'	Fantastic use of high quality video and	This project did a terrific job bringing to life the
Comments:	overdubbed audio to give a real sense of place.	details and consequences of a news story that gets
	Truly absorbing. Elegant design and typography.	a lot of headlines but is often told through a more
	Made with mobile viewing in mind. The	general political lens. Being able to piece together
	multimedia experience goes beyond what	the physical and personal journeys of these families
	traditional media can achieve to capture the	is a great example of the power of immersive news
	women's individual stories.	platforms.





	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	歪脑 WHYNOT	報導者 The Reporter
Title of Entry:	六四三十五周年系列报道/June 4 35th	觀測儀表板:你家立委4年來為哪些議題發
	Anniversary Series	聲?/How Taiwan Lawmakers Speak Up: A Four-Year
		Breakdown of Legislative Priorities by Parties and
		Politicians
Award Recipients:	覃朗 Mimi Qin、江雪 Jiang Xue、	簡毅慧 Helene Yi-Hui Chien、江世民 Ethan Kong、
	张泰格 Tiger Zhang	黄禹禛 Yu-Chen Huang、何榮幸 Jung-Shin Ho、
		柯皓翔 Hao-Hsiang Ko、黄鈺婷 Yu-Ting Huang、
		陳思樺 Szu-Hua Chen、汪彥成 Yen-Chen Wang
Judges'	The multimedia series effectively captivated a	An excellent textbook example of big data analytics
Comments:	young audience unfamiliar with the historic	in news reporting. Rigorous methodology of topic
	event through text, audio, and an engaging	modelling and human coding, which is usually
	interactive game. The centerpiece creatively	conducted by academic scholars, but now for a
	retells the story by bridging events from the	news story. Important public service reporting with
	past to the present, offering an immersive	an innovative approach.
	experience.	



Excellence in Audio Reporting

<u>Global</u>

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Economist	The World
Title of Entry:	The Modi Raj	Bougainville: The World's Next New Country?
Award Recipients:	Avantika Chilkoti	Patrick Winn
Judges' Comments:	A compelling, courageous, and comprehensive profile of one of the world's most consequential leaders - Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India. The series is fair but pulls no punches, as it looks both at Modi's populist appeal and at his efforts to transform India from a secular state to a Hindu nationalist one, with the rights of Indian Muslims and other minorities too often trampled in the process. The storytelling is rich and nuanced, with great use of sound to create a sense of place, and a wide range of interviews, across the political spectrum, and from the village level to corporate boardrooms and government offices.	This rigorously reported and sound-rich series gives a vivid sense of place, a good grounding in history, and a strong case for how Bougainville's quest for independence from Papua New Guinea matters to the world - in no small part because Bougainville is both strategically located and has one of the biggest mother lodes of copper and gold on earth.

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Mongabay	Frontier Myanmar
Title of Entry:	Wild Frequencies: How listening to India's	'It felt like hell on earth': The burning of Buthidaung
	animals inspires people to protect wildlife	
Award Recipients:	Kartik Chandramouli, Shreya Dasgupta,	Win Zar Ni Aung
	Abhijit Shylanath	
Judges'	With a rich audio-scape and creative sound	Compelling eye-witness accounts of arson
Comments:	design, rigorous reporting and engaging	destroyed the Rohingya village of Buthidaung in
	storytelling, these reports from the field (and	Myanmar over a weekend in mid-May 2024. Well-
	forests and wetlands) around India offer	reported, with good historical context in this 13-
	listeners a deeper understanding of how the	minute story.
	sounds made by creatures in the natural world,	
	and what those creatures and their bioacoustics	
	can tell us about whether an ecosystem is	
	healthy or imperiled, in ways that can also	
	affect our lives and our world.	



	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	端傳媒 Initium Media	中央廣播電臺 Radio Taiwan International
Title of Entry:	走線,未完成/Unfinished Line: Unsung Stories	我的孩子不是你的孩子 - 代理孕母系列報導
	of Chinese Leaving Their Homeland	/Challenging Perceptions of Surrogacy Parenthood
Award Recipients:	甯卉 Ning Hui, 楊一 Yi Yang, 馮兆音 Feng	陳林幸虹 Peggy Chen
	Zhaoyin, 陳莉雅 Chen Liya, Meiying Wu,	
	王伯維 Wang Powei, 孫聖峰 Sun Shengfeng,	
	林柏聞 Lin Powen, 陳宏威 Leeby	
Judges'	This is a comprehensive audio report on 'Zou	This audio report provides a comprehensive
Comments:	Xian 走线' that combines both macro-level	exploration of surrogacy issues that have come to
	context and analysis with intimate personal	occupy a limelight spot of public discourse. The
	narratives. Through excellent sound design, it	solid and well-researched interview content made
	skillfully weaves together journalist interviews,	up for fairly conventional audio production
	news clips, and music to create an engaging	methods.
	listening experience that draws listeners into	
	the story.	

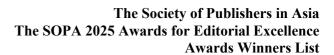


Excellence in Video Reporting

Global

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	BBC News	CNN International
Title of Entry:	Malnutrition and disease ravages Afghanistan's	CNN witnesses high-stakes confrontation at sea
	<u>children</u>	between China and Philippines
Award Recipients:	Yogita Limaye, Imogen Anderson, Sanjay	Rebecca Wright, Ivan Watson, Yasmin Coles,
	Ganguly, Mahfouz Zubaide, Jacky Martens	Kevin Broad
Judges'	Heartbreaking story told through the faces of	Great scoop. Terrific piece on the confrontation
Comments:	children who are starving and dying in	between Beijing and Manila. Great work by CNN to
	Afghanistan. Why pictures are worth a	get the access and the piece itself touched all the
	thousand words.	right bases.

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Fourth Alliance and Malaysiakini	The Straits Times
Title of Entry:	The Forgotten Babies	How accessible is Singapore? We travel with a
		wheelchair user to find out.
Award Recipients:	Claire Anthony, Zinc Chew Tze Ying, S.Vinothaa,	Chee Wei Xian, Hannah Ong, Joseph Ricafort,
	Nicholas Yap Chien Shing	Lee Pei Jie, Shannon Teoh
Judges'	The Forgotten Babies is an important story that	Through Alister Ong's eyes, the reporters capture
Comments:	blends in-depth reporting with sensitive	several minute details which often remain
	storytelling, highlighting the grave injustice	overlooked, highlighting how minor changes can
	stateless mothers face. The story brings to light	improve accessibility. The story's creative
	invisible and often ignored struggles through	treatment makes it compelling and an important
	extensive field reporting, making it a	guide for people unfamiliar with the lived
	masterclass in investigative reporting and	experiences of persons with disabilities. An
	empathetic storytelling.	essential story for building more inclusive societies.





	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	華視新聞 CTS	天下雜誌 CommonWealth Magazine
Title of Entry:	失智怎麼伴/How to Care for Family Members	台灣好棒棒,卻有垃圾山!爆量、排擠、回收不
	with Dementia	確實看懂失控的垃圾危機/The Crisis of Taiwan's
		Garbage Mountain
Award Recipients:	李柏儒 Li Bo-Ru、許雅筑 Syu Ya-Jhu	李洛梅 Lo-Mei Lee、陳文越 Canelle Chen、
		俞子堯 Zi-Yao Yu、張志彬 Shawn Chang、
		林有成 Yu-Cheng Lin
Judges'	A comprehensive examination of the dementia	An explanatory news series that utilizes a narrative
Comments:	community - a delicate, long gaze at a difficult	style popular with the younger generation but
	question: with unstoppable waves of dementia	avoids sensationalism. Kudos for the reporting
	approaching, is Taiwan truly prepared for it?	team who visited multiple landfills, incinerators,
		and climbed over numerous "mountains" of waste
		to help viewers better understand the severity of
		the situation.

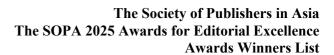


Excellence in Human Rights Reporting

<u>Global</u>

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Reuters	Financial Times
Title of Entry:	Myanmar's conflict	A disappearance in Xinjiang
Award Recipients:	Devjyot Ghoshal, Poppy McPherson, Ruma Paul, Shoon Naing, Wa Lone, Vijdan Mohammad Kawoosa, Steve Stecklow	Edward White
Judges' Comments:	Reuters journalists from five countries produced groundbreaking reports on the humanitarian crisis in Myanmar, particularly in conflict-ridden Rakhine state. Exposing previously unreported atrocities by both the ruling junta and rebel forces, the stories unveiled a range of abuses, from the burning of a Rohingya town to a military cover-up of a widespread food security crisis. The team leveraged cross-border sources, encrypted apps, and satellite imagery to corroborate their findings, underscoring the depth of their investigative work.	An outstanding piece of work, utilizing deep reporting to tell a compelling story with sensitivity, fairness and balance. FT's fresh reporting and fine long-form narrative shed light on an important topic where journalistic access is nearly impossible.

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Malaysiakini	Kontinentalist
Title of Entry:	Heavy metals found in Kelantan Orang Asli	Pakistan's untold war: No justice for Balochistan's
	blood, community fear poisoned by mining	disappeared
Award Recipients:	S Vinothaa, Azneal Ishak, Khoo Shiyuan, Aidila	Somaiyah Hafeez
	Razak, Ooi Choon Nam, Amin Landak	
Judges'	Powerful reporting, with scientific tests and	A comprehensive explanatory piece that makes
Comments:	data strengthening the case beyond personal	great use of graphics to lay out the history of the
	reportage. Very impressive multimedia and data	Balochistan conflict as well as how enforced
	visualization techniques helped to clarify and	disappearances have gone up during this time.
	amplify the written words. The perseverance,	
	commitment and courage of the reporters are	
	other factors that raised it to the top.	





	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	集誌社 The Collective HK	歪脑 WHYNOT
Title of Entry:	反修例五年:他們好嗎?/Five Years After Anti-	作为思想犯的王建兵与黄雪琴:在互助与连结中
	Extradition Law Amendment Bill Movement:	获得滋养的灵魂/Jailed but Not Silenced: Huang
	How are they?	Xueqin, Wang Jianbing, and the Ties of Civil Society
Award Recipients:	廖俊升 Liu Chun Sing、何珮瑚 Ho Pui Wu、	张泰格 Tiger Zhang
	陳萃屏 Chan Sui Ping	
Judges'	Professional, high-quality reports of four	The article tells a touching story of two jailed labor
Comments:	interesting personalities in the 2019 social	activists and their campaign for human rights
	movement about their inner-self, changes in	through in-depth talk with friends and family
	their life and Hong Kong. Full of drama, but	members, as if the pair were speaking. It sheds light
	stays clear of dramatization and emotive	on their thoughts and beliefs and, importantly, on
	writing.	the NGOs and civil society activities amid tightened
		social control in mainland China.



Excellence in Feature Writing

<u>Global</u>

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Bloomberg News	1843 Magazine, The Economist
Title of Entry:	The Deadly Mining Complex Powering the EV	The cruise that will get you chased by the Chinese
	Revolution	<u>coastguard</u>
Award Recipients:	Matthew Campbell, Annie Lee	Sue-Lin Wong
Judges'	I really don't like handing out perfect 10's, but	This is good storytelling with humor and keen
Comments:	this feature might force me to - the piece is	observation that reflects the power struggle playing
	everything a feature should be: It starts in	out on a remote island in the South China Sea and
	medias res, engaging the reader with a	highlights the power imbalance as the Philippines
	harrowing disaster story, then connects the	uses a few hundred fishermen living in huts to stake
	story to a global phenomenon (energy	its claim against the Chinese military.
	transition). The writing is warm and engaging	
	without veering too far into the novelistic. The	
	author deftly moves between politics,	
	economics, environmentalism, global trade and	
	human interest. Its visuals range from a step-by-	
	step guide to nickel production to sweeping	
	landscape photos and intimate portraits to an	
	infographic on the global EV supply chain, and	
	never along the way does the reader feel lost.	
	The connective tissue is seamless. And a	
	wonderful concluding paragraph.	

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Australian Financial Review	The Japan Times
Title of Entry:	Inside the 'unending chaos' at Andrew Forrest's	Noto communities
	<u>Fortescue</u>	
Award Recipients:	Primrose Riordan	Alex K.T. Martin
Judges'	An ambitious undertaking and very thoroughly	Impressive reporting, with vivid scenes and
Comments:	researched and investigated, leaving no stone unturned. It's an impressive portrait of a fascinating individual who has played a major role in the ups and downs of tackling climate change. A great amount of care was taken to make sure the piece was balanced, and the result is an excellent example of how to cover sensitive issues.	insightful conversations from the front lines of the post-quake rescue. The reader is brought into the urgency of the effort with well-crafted, descriptive writing.



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	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	端傳媒 Initium Media	誌傳媒 HK Feature
Title of Entry:	替俄羅斯打仗的中國人:錢,刺激,當網紅	民主鳳梨「上架國際」路難行 兩岸政治角力之
	/Chinese Fighting for Russia: Money, Thrill, and	
	Becoming Influencers	<u>間左右為難/'Democracy pineapple'</u> caught in
	-	political dilemma across the Taiwan Strait
Award Recipients:	呂曉章 Lu Xiaozhang、吳婧 Susie Wu	劉彥汶 Lau Yin Man
Judges'	This in-depth report, the first of its kind in	A journalist's on-site investigation captured the real
Comments:	Chinese media, sheds light on the individuals'	voices of local farmers and businesses, and
	circumstances, the geopolitical context, and the	revealed a different reality from the conventional
	impact of war on their lives. The article has	narrative. The article provides a fuller picture of
	sparked significant attention and discussion,	how Taiwan agriculture struggles to sustain itself in
	prompting other media outlets to follow up on	an increasingly politicalized environment.
	the story. It not only provides a detailed	
	narrative but also contributes valuable insights	
	to the international discourse on the conflict.	

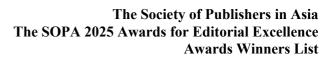


Excellence in Technology Reporting

<u>Global</u>

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Nikkei Asia	The Wall Street Journal
Title of Entry:	China's tech industry fights back	How China is Trying to 'Delete' American
		Technology
Award Recipients:	Cheng Ting-Fang, Lauly Li	Liza Lin, Raffaele Huang, Stu Woo
Judges'	A well-reported exploration of China's drive for	Detailed, insightful work into the China chip
Comments:	tech primacy in the face of U.S. restrictions.	industry and Huawei's role, throwing a spotlight on
	Photos, floating summary points and Nikkei's	how China is responding to U.S. sanctions
	useful, at times striking, charts amplify insights	challenges. An important topic in an environment
	into a tit-for-tat conflict.	where media coverage in China is under challenge.

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Frontier Myanmar	Rest of World
Title of Entry:	Myanmar's cyberscam scourge	TSMC's debacle in the American desert
Award Recipients:	Ya Nwe, Emily Fishbein, Naw Betty Han, Andrew Nachemson	Viola Zhou
Judges' Comments:	The story brings to life the human stories and the joyless environments that they are transported to and enslaved in. The depth of the investigation and the vastness of the reporting makes this series a standout.	Tens of thousands of jobs, billions of dollars in investment, the world's most critical of high-tech sectors in the backdrop of geopolitical tensions make for eye-popping elements and the story highlights them all. TSMC's Arizona travails continue and this story is a great deep dive into the why.





	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	天下雜誌 CommonWealth Magazine	端傳媒 Initium Media
Title of Entry:	台日半導體最強島鏈/The Japan-Taiwan chip	AI 邊界:審查、語言消亡與隱形勞工系列/The
	alliance	Frontiers of AI: Censorship, Vanishing Languages,
		and Invisible Labor
Award Recipients:	陳良榕 Liang-rong Chen、	吳婧 Susie Wu、吳政霆 Wu Cheng-Ting、
	黄亦筠 Elaine Huang、林以璿 Yi-Hsuan Lin、	Yiyi Zhang、卓琳 Zuo Lin
	吳廷勻 Ting-Yun Wu	
Judges'	The reporting team traveled across several	The entry stood out in the way they tackled the hot
Comments:	Japanese cities to delve into the revitalization of	topic of artificial intelligence: unlike other media
	Japan's semiconductor industry, witnessing how	reports that solely focus on the hardcore
	•	technology, this reporting series reminded us of
	revolution within Japan. Beyond industrial	often-forgotten aspects: the labor that teaches Al
	development, the coverage highlighted the	and how low-resource languages suffer from
	cultural and management challenges Taiwanese	discrimination.
	companies face when operating internationally	
	amid geopolitical tensions.	



Excellence in Magazine Design

Combined Global, Regional/Local and Chinese groups

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	South China Morning Post	Bloomberg Businessweek/Chinese Edition
Title of Entry:	The new PostMag	ESG 特輯/The ESG Issue
Award Recipients:	Naomi Chan, Kwok Wang Chow	陳家恒 Chan Ka Hang Richard
Judges'	An elegant, 'quiet' design which allows the	The designer uses different colors for
Comments:	wonderful photography to drive the visual	categorization, achieving a high level of harmony
	interest of the magazine and to do the work of	among the various shades. This demonstrates a
	drawing the reader into the content. The	mature application of color theory, complemented
	typographical choices for this revamp very	by hand-drawn illustrations and a well-crafted
	much follow current editorial design styles,	layout, enhancing readability.
	contemporizing this well-known title. The layout	
	design is based on a grid system, featuring a	
	clean and vibrant style without overly empty	
	design elements.	

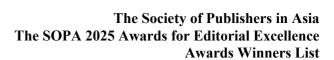


Excellence in Arts and Culture Reporting

<u>Global</u>

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	1843 Magazine, The Economist	The Economist
Title of Entry:	How I became the Taliban's portrait artist	Consider the monster: What a 70-year-old
		firebreathing lizard reveals about humanity
Award Recipients:	Andrew North	Noah Sneider
Judges'	The author's own kidnapping and detention	The writer's ability to show how the monster serves
Comments:	reveals an unexpected side of today's version of	as a metaphor for nuclear devastation illuminates
	the Taliban in Afghanistan. Where artworks	how a fictional creature can serve as a mirror to
	were once forbidden, jailers now pose for	humanity's deepest fears and aspirations.
	sketches of themselves. A gripping account.	

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Frontier Myanmar	PostMag
Title of Entry:	Dead man's hand: Gambling takes over funerals	Academic bars? Craft beer meets intellectual
		discourse at Shanghai's Bunker, sparking a trend
		across China
Award Recipients:	Ya Nwe	Vincent Chow
Judges'	This piece stands out for its bold and unflinching	The writing captured the essence of a unique
Comments:	reporting on a surreal yet deeply revealing	cultural phenomenon that blends casual socializing
	phenomenon. The writer takes us into a world	with academic engagement. Structurally, the piece
	where grief, ritual, and opportunism collide -	effectively balances personal narratives with
	crafting a story that is as disturbing as it is	broader societal trends, illustrating how Bunker has
	illuminating. The article makes excellent use of	inspired similar venues across China. By situating
	on-the-ground voices, building a sense of place	the story within the context of increasing public life
	and urgency without overexplaining. Rather	controls in China, the article adds depth and
	than offering neat conclusions, it leaves the	relevance, highlighting a grassroots movement
	reader with a sharp sense of discomfort - and	fostering open dialogue and community
	that's exactly what strong journalism should do.	connection.





	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	鏡週刊 Mirror Media	彭博商業周刊/中文版
		Bloomberg Businessweek/Chinese Edition
Title of Entry:	留住一切親愛的/Revisiting 11 Vanishing	溫柔的力量/The Gentle Power
	Traditional Bookstores in Taiwan	
Award Recipients:	王思涵 Szu Han Wang	黄舜煬 Huang Shunyang、楊瀅瑋 Yang Yingwei、
		尹琛 Yin Chen
Judges'	A heartfelt tribute to preserve the memories	In a comprehensive exploration of the art world,
Comments:	from a vanishing treasure. The smart use of	this entry showcased a wide array of perspectives,
	360-degree images shortens the distance	from international art figureheads to local talents.
	between the readers and the subject matter:	Through a series of insightful interviews and
	those traditional bookstores are a product of	nuanced profiles, it vividly portrayed female
	the times and reflect the changes of an era. The	professionals in the field, each contributing
	author has found the small details within the	uniquely to discussions on gender equality, industry
	larger context, and rather than dwelling on	structures and artistic expression.
	depicting the inevitable tragic fate of old	
	bookstores, the author focuses on portraying	
	human emotions, making it a gripping account.	



Excellence in Bahasa Indonesia News Reporting (Penghargaan Karya Jurnalistik Kategori Bahasa Indonesia)

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	BBC Indonesia service	Project Multatuli
Title of Entry:	Nasib masyarakat adat O'Hongana Manyawa di sekitar rantai pasok Tesla di Halmahera/The fate of the O'Hongana Manyawa indigenous people around Tesla's supply chain	Gurita Bisnis Raffi Ahmad: Ditopang Keluarga Presiden, Bos Nikel, hingga Petinggi Partai Golkar/Raffi Ahmad's Business Octopus: Supported by the President's Family, Nickel Bosses, and Golkar Party Officials
Award Recipients:	Viriya Singgih	Alfian Putra Abdi
Judges' Comments:	The work reveals the dark side of industrialization destroying the indigenous community and its forests in the name of technological advance. Violation of basic human rights and environmental disasters are the main theme of this brave journalistic piece.	This piece of journalism demonstrates why solid, balanced reporting matters so much to storytelling and narrative building. Its writing style is both graceful and accessible.

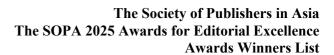


Excellence in Explanatory Reporting

<u>Global</u>

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Bloomberg News	Financial Times
Title of Entry:	Japan's Massive Money Experiment	The battlegrounds that could decide a US-China
		war over Taiwan
Award Recipients:	Dayu Zhang, Kurumi Mori, Aria Chen, K. Oanh	Demetri Sevastopulo, Kathrin Hille, Lucy Rodgers,
	Ha, Yang Yang, Naomi Ng, Lisa Du, Eddy Duan,	Dan Clark, Justine Williams, Irene de la Torre
	Akemi Terukina	Arenas, Sam Learner, Sam Joiner, Steve Bernard,
		lan Bott
Judges'	Outstanding simplification of the 30-year	A clear backgrounder to a complex military
Comments:	history of Japan's economic bubble. Very	situation in one of the most important areas of the
	helpful explainer for readers outside - or indeed	world. This package is visual storytelling at its best,
	in - Japan as the country's economic outlook	and the animated maps added a lot to the
	starts to shift after decades. From the moment	reporting.
	the video started, you had a feeling that this	
	story was going to be explained clearly,	
	imaginatively and compellingly - and so it	
	proved, in copy and audio, making up a superb	
	multimedia package. Most of all, it achieved a	
	key thing: you remembered what it told you,	
	because of the choices made in how to tell the	
	story, from key context to the reaction of	
	ordinary Japanese to the new interest rate	
	environment.	

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism	Kontinentalist
Title of Entry:	Renewed Attention on Political Dynasties in the	Singapore's divisive ethnicity-based housing policy
	<u>Philippines</u>	
Award Recipients:	Carmela Fonbuena, TJ Burgonio, Guinevere	Melissa Zhu, Nabilah Said
	Latoza, Joseph Luigi Almuena, Aaron John	
	Baluis, and PCIJ Research Interns	
Judges'	This is an excellent series on how family	This interactive explainer stands out for the
Comments:	dynasties dominate politics in the Philippines. It	rigorous data work underpinning it, which shows
	goes beyond the best-known examples to show	some of the unintended consequences of
	how the dynamic pervades even local elections	Singapore's ethnic integration policy. The
	and governments. It shined important light on	presentation is engaging, clear and careful about
	the continued role of political dynasties in the	what can - and can't - be proved by the data.
	Philippines - as well as the tactics used to stay in	
	power.	





	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	端傳媒 Initium Media	READr
Title of Entry:	國安最大案紀錄:香港 47 人案法庭報導系列	透視臺灣政治新局:5萬篇社群文章裡三黨支持
	/Records of the Biggest National Security Trial:	者的價值與對話/Unveiling Taiwan's New Political
	Court Coverage of the Hong Kong 47	<u>Landscape</u>
Award Recipients:	葉脈 Yip Mak、杜海 To Hoi、盧其微 Lo Kei	李又如 Lee Yu Ju、曾立宇 Tseng Lee-Yu、
	Mei、郭瑾燁 Athena Kuo、顏育嶼 Ngan Yuk	徐湘芸 Syu Siang-Yun、簡信昌 Chien Hsin-chan
	Yu、梁庭瑋 Elk Leung	
Judges'	This is an admirable feat to distill testimony	The outstanding aspect of this piece lies in its clear
Comments:	from the city's largest national security trial and	organization and structure. It seamlessly weaves
	meticulously explain to readers what was at	accounts by individuals from different spectrums,
	stake. The data visualization also assisted	skillfully interspersed with effective references.
	readers in understanding the complicated	
	background information in an accessible way.	

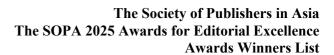


Excellence in Business Reporting

Global

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal	The New York Times
Title of Entry:	The Bitter Truth About China's Economic	China's E.V. Revolution
	<u>Miracle</u>	
Award Recipients:	Rebecca Feng, Brian Spegele	Keith Bradsher, Agnes Chang, Daisuke
		Wakabayashi, Claire Fu, Li You
Judges'	Terrific on-the-ground China reporting packed	Rich and detailed reporting from China and
Comments:	with memorable anecdotes, lively color and	Southeast Asia that vividly charts the turbocharged
	strong human elements that helped bring to life	rise and global spread of China's electric car
	the story of China's investment driven boom	industry.
	and bust over the past decade. Top notch	
	storytelling that ably executes on an ambitious	
	narrative with loads of sweep. Each article	
	stands on its own, but taken together they	
	constitute a sober analysis of structural	
	problems now besetting the Chinese economy -	
	and the Chinese people.	

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Frontier Myanmar	The Australian Financial Review
Title of Entry:	Smugglers' paradise	No more wise guy: The downfall of 'LinkedIn Lecher' Richard White
Award Recipients:	Mg Htin	Nick McKenzie, Max Mason, Kate McClymont
Judges' Comments:	An amazing feat of exclusive reporting that takes the reader into the fishing industry and the lives of workers, wholesalers, exporters and how they deal with the reality of a corrupt navy paired with a government bureaucracy squeezed for cash. Rich in detail and full of color, the story brings to life so many different topics, from the everyday life of the workers collecting seafood to the struggles of the brokers transporting the produce across the border to the Thai market.	Admirable persistence and shoe-leather reporting, excellent sourcing that showcases the depth of the reporters' contacts in the industry and the trust they were able to build despite the sensitive subject matter. The execution of the spot reporting stories was mostly excellent and well-designed, using visuals to provide further insight.





	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	報導者 The Reporter	商業周刊 Business Weekly
Title of Entry:	出口禁令下的紅線交易 - 揭開 MIT 工具機流	台灣螺絲王國存亡戰/Taiwan's Screw Empire: A
	入俄羅斯隱蹤/Illicit Trade Under Export Bans:	Battle for Survival
	Unveiling How Taiwan-Made Machine Tools	
	Flow into Russia	
Award Recipients:	李易安 Yi-An Lee、Andrey Zayakin、	呂國禎 Kuo-Chen Lu、林洧楨 Webber Lin、
	方德琳 De-Lin Fang、陳曉威 Hsiao-Wei	吳美欣 Meihsin Wu、陳宗怡 Chungi Chen、
	Chen、張詩芸 Shih-Yun Chang	鄧孟泫 Michelle Deng、陳皜 Haw Chen
Judges'	The reporting team, through rigorous data	This report delves into the story of a small town in
Comments:	mining, expertly reveals how Taiwan machine	Taiwan known for its screw factories and deftly
	tools flow into Russia through third countries -	traces its trajectory as the U.SChina trade war
	an excellent series of stories that exposed the	rages on and globalization drastically slows down.
	loopholes in export control with real impact.	

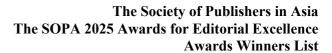


Excellence in Infographics

Global

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Financial Times	Reuters
Title of Entry:	The battlegrounds that could decide a US-China	Japan's bear problem
	war over Taiwan	
Award Recipients:	Demetri Sevastopulo, Kathrin Hille,	Adolfo Arranz, Han Huang, Sakura Murakami and
	Lucy Rodgers, Dan Clark, Justine Williams,	Rebecca Pazos
	Irene de la Torre Arenas, Sam Learner,	
	Sam Joiner, Steve Bernard, Ian Bott	
Judges'	A comprehensive analysis using a string of	Infographic caviar! Immersive storytelling using
Comments:	imaging techniques skillfully knitted together in	original illustrations and a variety of infographic
	a compelling narrative on a consequential	styles.
	geopolitical situation.	

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Straits Times	The Straits Times
Title of Entry:	Taylor Swift infographics that make up a giant	How food diary videos on social media can impact
	<u>poster</u>	your body image
Award Recipients:	Yamini Chinnuswamy, Billy Ker, Cel Gulapa	Alyssa Mungal, Charlene Chua, Chee Wei Xian,
		Elizabeth Law, Stephanie Adeline
Judges'	A revival of an infographic posters trend from	A truly brilliant example of visual journalism, this
Comments:	20+ years ago. This brave decision is a sign of	piece is innovative and coherent, providing intuitive
	the newspaper's closeness to its audience and	ways to understand complex analysis. The incisive
	also reveals a collaborative effort between	research, supported by professional expertise and
	journalism, design, production, and promotion,	robust findings, strategically identifies areas for
	resulting in a piece of data-driven journalistic	deeper investigation and comparison.
	design, a piece of trivia that is highly valuable	
	and appreciated by Taylor Swift fans.	





	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	天下雜誌 CommonWealth Magazine	報導者 The Reporter
Title of Entry:	0403 花蓮震後追蹤:太魯閣上如何重	當土地開發與國土保育持續衝突 - 《國土計畫
	建?/Taiwan's Post-Earthquake Landscape:	法》上路風暴/Functional Zone of Spatial Planning
	Taroko Park's Long Road to Recovery	<u>in Turmoil</u>
Award Recipients:	林綺薇 Chi Wei Lin、陳盈諭 Ying-Yu Chen、	柯皓翔 Hao-Hsiang Ko、嚴文廷 Roger Wen-Ting
	楊時鈞 Steven Yeo、李郁欣 Sylvia Lee、	Yen、林雨佑 Yu-Iou Lin、江世民 Ethan Kong、
	史書華 Silva Shih、王建棟 Chien-Tong Wang	黄鈺婷 Yu-Ting Huang、方德琳 De-Lin Fang
Judges'	Used aptly as a great storytelling tool that	Neat and clear infographic design and excellent
Comments:	creates a sense of space, the 3D technique is	indications of content flow to illustrate an
	seamless and to the point - bringing people into	important but demanding topic.
	the mountainous region - and not just to be	
	cool. The story is also a great example of	
	marriage between data and on-the-ground	
	reporting - the two work together harmoniously	
	to make this a strong story.	



Excellence in Reporting Breaking News

Combined Global & Regional/Local

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Reuters	Agence France-Presse
Title of Entry:	South Korea's martial law crisis	Bangladesh revolution
Award Recipients:	Seoul bureau and Asia graphics teams	Shafiqul Alam, Munir Uz Zaman, Parvaz Ahmad Rony, Abu Sufian Jewel, K M Asad, Noah Seelam, Mohammad Mazed
Judges'	Reuters' swift and comprehensive coverage	AFP's team bravely covered country-changing
Comments:	kept global audiences informed about one of the biggest breaking stories last year. Under deadline and media control threats, the team stayed agile, dispatching rapid alerts, detailed analysis, and interactive graphics, culminating in insights on the defense minister's role and subsequent arrest.	events with speed and accuracy, even amid risks and threats, largely due to the agency's longstanding commitment to covering the country.

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	端傳媒 Initium Media	香港 01 HK01
Title of Entry:	珠海撞人系列/Zhuhai Random Attack Report	香港駐倫敦經貿辦間諜案/Spy Case of Hong Kong
	<u>Series</u>	Trade Office in London
Award Recipients:	槐蔭 Huai Yin、林艾瑞 Lin Airui、	梁祖饒 Leung Cho Yiu Joe、李穎霖 Lee Wing
	卜榮奕 Bu Rongyi、王曉楠 Wang Xiaonan、	Lam、勞顯亮 Lao Xianliang、周偉強 Chow Wai
	石步與 Shi Buyu	Keung
Judges'	A laudable effort to unearth the truth behind	The report effectively handled the myriad details of
Comments:	the Zhuhai car attack and how the government	the sudden event, with a clear and highly readable
	controlled the narrative of the incident. While it	structure.
	was extremely hard to get victims and their	
	family members to talk, the reporters tried to	
	show the fallout of the incident and the impact	
	on these peoples' lives.	

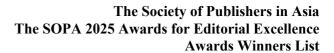


Excellence in Opinion Writing

Global

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Bloomberg News	Financial Times
Title of Entry:	How the US Lost the Solar Power Race to China	From 'punycorns' to oodles of noodles - columns on
		<u>business in Japan</u>
Award Recipients:	David Fickling	Leo Lewis
Judges'	Fickling's work is so good, particularly in the	All three of these essays are wonderful, and
Comments:	first article on the unforced error of the US	operate from a strong viewpoint that is clearly
	ceding the solar power industry to China. The	expressed. They illustrate what Lewis says are a
	solar power story on the highest level is a clash	"moment of historic emergence" and each tells the
	of two systems, both operating within the	story in a different way. They are also highly
	confines of capitalism, and responding	original in their analysis, and offer a different way
	differently to the same resource constraints of	of looking at business in Japan.
	solar power. Lots of detailed research, which	
	backs up the two opinion pieces - they make a	
	clear argument, with compelling use of	
	data.The author should develop a book out of	
	this.	

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Straits Times	Culpium
Title of Entry:	No country for young men: Where is Malaysia's	TSMC Built a Bamboo Ladder. Trump Might Yet
	next generation of leaders?	Shake It
Award Recipients:	Shannon Teoh	Tim Culpan
Judges'	An expansive prose that delves into Malaysia's	Culpan compellingly connects the personal to the
Comments:	national discourse following the passing of a	geopolitical via the contentious issue of laws and
	reformist figure. It demystifies the complex web	practices around identity, for a business story.
	of personalities shaping Malaysian politics,	
	revealing how personal ambitions and alliances	
	drive the country's political dynamics.	





	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	香港 01 HK01	亞洲週刊 Yazhou Zhoukan
Title of Entry:	財赤、發債、撤辣 - 從朱鎔基問董建華說	香港雨傘運動十年一夢,此間非少年人面也全非
	起:怕什麼?/Fiscal deficit, bond issuance, and	/A decade after Hong Kong's Umbrella Movement,
	withdrawal of stimulus measures - on Zhu	young activists melt into the air
	Rongji asking Tung Chee-hwa: What are you	
	afraid of?	
Award Recipients:	黃雲娜 Wong Wan Na	黃宇翔 Wong Yu Cheung
Judges'	A solid analysis telling us where Hong Kong was	A unique piece that took a nuanced and mature
Comments:	coming from and where it should be going to,	look at the metamorphosis of student leaders over
	fiscally speaking. The article delves into the	the two social movements in Hong Kong. It eschews
	intertwining temporal contexts of economic	valorizing or vilifying perspectives, and skillfully
	recession, fiscal deficits, debt controversies, and	goes beyond the black-and-white narratives of
	pessimism faced by Hong Kong in both 2002	mainstream media.
	and 2024. It examines the conservative fiscal	
	management approaches of past financial	
	secretaries, highlighting how the current	
	developmental challenges in Hong Kong can be	
	traced back to these traditional practices.	

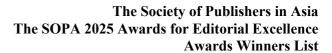


Excellence in Reporting on the Environment

<u>Global</u>

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The New York Times	Bloomberg News
Title of Entry:	Is a 'Green' Revolution Poisoning India's	Uncovered
	Capital?	
Award Recipients:	Maria Abi-Habib, Bryan Denton	Coco Liu, Jing Li, Colum Murphy, Sheryl Lee,
		Dingmin Zhang, Nao Sano, Aaron Clark, Taiga
		Uranaka
Judges'	This story was head and shoulders above the	An in-depth examination of how climate change is
Comments:	competition, containing both the anecdotes of	destabilizing the global insurance industry, a critical
	people plagued by pollution and the scientific	mechanism for managing risk. The series delves
	data confirming the nature and scale of the	beyond the surface-level impacts on consumers,
	problem. Terrific, precise reporting, conducted	such as rising premiums and reduced coverage, to
	over years. The editing process must have been	explore systemic issues in countries like China and
	fraught as an array of photographic and	Japan.
	narrative elements were either included or	
	ditched to end up with a taut, searing account.	

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Rest of World	Internews' Earth Journalism Network
Title of Entry:	Riders in the smog: Pollution is poisoning gig	Ground Truths: A Collaborative Special Report on
	workers	Soil in Asia
Award Recipients:	Zuha Siddiqui, Samriddhi Sakunia, Faisal	Vo Kieu Bao Uyen, Fu Yuxin, Ronna Nirmala, Sam
	Mahmud	Schramski
Judges'	A great example of climate change journalism	This extensive investigative report on ground soils
Comments:	focusing on fossil fuels burning at street level,	across the region and the myriad factors involved
	not just the broad effects of the warming	keenly demonstrates the value of collaboration
	planet. This article explores the effects of	when it comes to environmental reporting in Asia
	pollutants trapped closer to the ground through	Pacific. Each article dives into a very localized
	the daily lives of three gig workers - in three of	aspect of the issue while also tying it into broader
	the world's most-polluted cities - whose	regional perspectives that serve to illustrate the
	livelihoods depend on motorbikes. Equally	complexity of the issue.
	impressive is how the investigative reporting	
	team gathered its own data and presented a	
	transparent look at how they used that data for	
	its article.	





	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	今周刊 Business Today	端傳媒 Initium Media
Title of Entry:	綠電棄嬰/Abandoned Green Electricity	中國土地下沉/Sinking China
Award Recipients:	陳燕珩 Chen Yen Heng、	符雨欣 Fu Yuxin、楊亞 Yang Ya
	朱偉銓 Chu Wei Chuan、陳禹蓁 Chen Yu Chen	
Judges'	The report provides a unique perspective on the	This series tackles a weighty subject matter with a
Comments:	corruption issues within Taiwan's green energy	scientific reporting method that doesn't rely on
	industry, including vivid character stories and	strong characters but on multiple research papers
	analyses of bureaucratic systems and local	and interactive tables and charts.
	cultures, helping readers gain a deeper	
	understanding of the corruption problems	
	arising from the development of green energy	
	facilities. The report has led to a series of	
	government investigations, showcasing the	
	media's role in overseeing society and those in	
	power.	

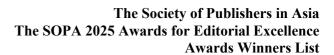


Excellence in Photography

<u>Global</u>

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The New York Times	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Tormentors Change, but Not the Torment	Mad honey
Award Recipients:	Adam Ferguson	Navesh Chitrakar
Judges' Comments:	A powerful series of portraits that gives a human face to the ongoing suffering of the Rohingya community. The images are carefully composed and respectful, allowing the subjects to be seen not only as victims, but as individuals with strength and resilience. It's thoughtful, deeply personal work that brings attention to a crisis often overlookedThe careful lighting makes these photos oil paintings.	'Mad Honey' stands out for its access, detail, and sense of place. The photo essay captures a rare and visually striking tradition with care and curiosity, offering a glimpse into a disappearing practice few get to witness firsthand.

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Bollo.id	Philippine Daily Inquirer
Title of Entry:	The Apocalypse Has Arrived	Tragedy in Talisay
Award Recipients:	Iqbal Lubis	Richard Reyes
Judges' Comments:	A searing and intimate visual chronicle of life in Bantaeng, where the effects of nickel industrialization cut across landscapes and lives. Through a mix of shots, this series does what only photojournalism can—making visible what might otherwise remain unseen. It not only documents an urgent environmental issue, but does so with a deep respect for the people living through it.	A dramatic and striking photograph, reminiscent of a Baroque painting, effectively conveys the profound grief of losing a loved one in the aftermath of the tragic seasonal typhoons. The artist's choice to crop the upper parts of the figures in the background adds to the overall emotional intensity of the scene.





	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	端傳媒 Initium Media	報導者 The Reporter
Title of Entry:	花蓮 403 地震 災難與重生/Hualien	國會風暴/Taiwan's Parliamentary Turmoil
	Earthquake: Disaster and Rebirth	
Award Recipients:	陳焯煇 Chan Cheuk Fai	黄世澤 Seitei Huang、陳曉威 Hsiao-Wei Chen、
		林彦廷 Yen-Ting Lin、楊子磊 Tzu-Lei Yang
Judges'	From multiple angles, the lens faithfully	Conveys intense emotions, reflecting the anxiety
Comments:	documents the aftermath of the earthquake,	and helplessness of the crowd. Through the images,
	capturing the relentless power of nature and	readers can deeply immerse themselves in the
	the emotions of the affected people. Rescuing	event and empathize with it.
	animals amid the rubble is a highlight.	

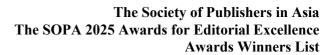


The Scoop Award

<u>Global</u>

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Reuters	The Information
Title of Entry:	China's macroeconomic policy	TSMC's High-Wire Act to Please Both China and the
		<u>U.S.</u>
Award Recipients:	Greater China economy, finance and markets	Qianer Liu
	team	
Judges'	Exceptional reporting on a particularly hard	Excellent scoop on a key issue of our geopolitical
Comments:	target. Turned out to be completely correct and	times, gotten by a sole reporter for a relatively
	market-moving.	small publication. punching well above its weight,
		widely followed.

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Frontier Myanmar	Malaysiakini
Title of Entry:	Dissent in the junta's ranks	Sabah Corruption Scandal
Award Recipients:	Ye Mon, MK, Ya Nwe	RK Anand, Ng Ling Fong, Hariz Mohd, Alyaa Alhadjri
Judges' Comments:	The stories showed how reporters were able to gain access within the military to detail how deep the internal resentment was against the junta leader. It was great to have direct quotes from military officials, albeit anonymously. it is so difficult to do reporting in Myanmar that this entry is particularly notable.	This entry stands out for exposing alleged corruption by state leaders in Malaysia through multiple, secretly recorded videos provided by a whistleblower. The large reaction to the stories, includes an investigation by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission.





	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	報導者 The Reporter	端傳媒 Initium Media
Title of Entry:	獵童風暴:揭開未成年性剝削影像的暗黑產	替俄羅斯打仗的中國人:錢,刺激,當網紅
	業鏈/Uncovering Abuse: The Illegal	/Chinese Fighting for Russia: Money, Thrill, and
	Industrializing of Child Sex Abuse Images in	Becoming Influencers
	<u>Taiwan</u>	
Award Recipients:	李雪莉 Sherry Hsueh-li Lee、孔德廉 Te-Lien	呂曉章 Lu Xiaozhang、吳婧 Susie Wu
	Kung、張子午 Tze-Wu Chang、洪琴宣 Chin-	
	Hsuan Hung、黄世澤 Seitei Huang、林彥廷	
	Yen-Ting Lin、鄭宇辰 Yu-Chen Cheng、馬雨辰	
	Yu-Chen Ma、黄禹禛 Yu-Chen Huang、張詩芸	
	Shih-Yun Chang	
Judges'	A gut-wrenching series of stories that exposed	A well-reported story with in-depth interviews and
Comments:	why it has been so difficult to put a stop to child	a well-crafted narrative focusing on a subgroup of
	sex abuse and child pornography in Taiwan. The	society otherwise largely overlooked by
	sensitivity of the subject makes the reporting	mainstream Chinese and English media. It uses a
	even more valuable.	narrow focus to examine the broader impact of
		China's foreign policy in the Russia-Ukraine war.

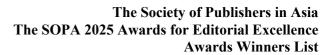


Carlos Tejada Award for Excellence in Investigative Reporting

<u>Global</u>

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Associated Press	The Wall Street Journal
Title of Entry:	South Korea's Adoption Reckoning	Inside China's Global Espionage Machine
Award Recipients:	Kim Tong-Hyung, Claire Galofaro	Wall Street Journal Staff
Judges' Comments:	An affecting and convincing set of stories on South Korean adoption mills and their continuing impact. Solid and fair factually, but the most impressive part is the way the stories bring the situation home at a personal level. The AP/Frontline investigation into the adoption of Korean children is a classic of this genre exhaustive in its detail, relentless in its pursuit of the truth, filled with emotionally compelling personal stories, and hugely impactful.	Well-reported, edited and packaged. A very important story that had a big impact on Washington. The gumshoe reporting is especially impressive. Hyper-competent on all levels.

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Mekong Eye	Hong Kong Free Press
Title of Entry:	<u>Cattle Hustle</u>	Investigation: Hong Kong's role in illegal deforestation of the Amazon rainforest in Brazil
Award Recipients:	Kannikar Petchkaew, Gebu, Konlaphat Siri, Aung Myo Htut, Vũ Thanh, Nattakit Meesakul, Chris Trinh	Mercedes Hutton, Piero Locatelli
Judges' Comments:	Seven journalists from six newsrooms across Southeast Asia collaborated to expose the dangers of cattle smuggling, revealing intricate networks sustaining China's beef demand. Despite risks like disease transmission and corruption, the investigation sheds light on neglected public health threats and the trade's role in regional conflicts.	A best-in-class piece of investigative journalism resulting from an increasingly important source of such work - collaboration between independent journalists and publications.





	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	端傳媒 Initium Media	BBC 中文 BBC Chinese
Title of Entry:	「走線,未完成」系列報導/Walk the line, the	大學假學歷風波:拆解中國學生天價「保錄」背
	journey continues	後的香港高校收生漏洞/The Price of Admission:
		How Fake Degrees and 'Guaranteed' Offers Exploit
		Hong Kong's University System
Award Recipients:	馮兆音 Feng Zhaoyin、傅蓓夢 Fu Beimeng、	李澄欣 Joyce Lee
	董孟渝 Mengyu Dong	
Judges'	Solid field investigations and multi-dimensional	This investigation, with impressive on-site
Comments:	perspectives have redefined the observation	reconstruction and institutional analysis, elevates
	9 9	the issue of cheating in university admissions from
	phenomenon of immigration smuggling. The	individual cases to systemic public concern. The
	series consistently regards immigrants as active	report not only exposes the dark side of the cross-
	agents rather than passive victims, and this	border education industry chain but also
	ethical reporting distinguishes it from simplistic	demonstrates the power of journalistic supervision
	disaster narratives. A valuable account of	over educational equity.
	contemporary social mobility.	



SOPA Award for Young Journalist

Combined English and Chinese-language groups

	Award for Excellence
Publication:	The Information
Title of Entry:	The U.S China Tech Conflict
Award Recipient:	Qianer Liu
Judges'	This outstanding body of work highlights Qianer Liu's exceptional talent for uncovering and breaking
Comments:	stories that offer unique insights into the tech competition between the U.S. and China, as well as
	broader implications across Asia. This is a deeply impressive enterprise reporting on one of the most
	geopolitically sensitive and commercially consequential beats today. What elevates this submission is
	not just the detail, but the originality and impact. Several of these stories drove follow-up
	investigations or public scrutiny, showing real-world consequences - a gold standard in journalism.



SOPA Award for Public Service Journalism

	Award for Excellence
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal
Title of Entry:	A Vicious New Scam Industry Metastasizes
Award Recipients:	Feliz Solomon, Rachel Liang, Patricia Kowsmann, Jemal R. Brinson, Clarence Leong
Judges'	This deep-dive investigation exposes the brutal reality of "pig butchering" cyber fraud, a global
Comments:	criminal enterprise that has devastating reach across continents and has defrauded victims of
	billions. Through meticulous reporting and unprecedented access to both victims and rescued
	scammers, the series reveals the inner workings of a sophisticated criminal enterprise that has
	trapped hundreds of thousands. The direct prevention of scams and subsequent victim support
	demonstrate journalism's power to create immediate positive change, even when covering complex
	transnational crimes.