

**The SOPA 2018 Awards for Editorial Excellence - Awards Winners List**

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

Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Associated Press	The Thomson Reuters Foundation
Title of Entry:	Rohingya - Fleeing Rape	An Unequal Life – Women's Fight for Land in Asia
Award Recipients:	Kristen Gelineau	Rina Chandran
Judge Comment:	The entry, described by the judges, as "methodical, terrifying journalism," paints a stark and detailed picture of systematic rape, including gang rape, of Rohingya Muslim women and girls in Myanmar.	A "strong series that highlights an important (and so far relatively under-reported) aspect of 'Women's Issues'," and that highlights "essential issues in the gender power balance in Asia."

Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Fountain Ink	Rappler
Title of Entry:	The police rapes	Rape within the family: The Philippines' silent incest problem
Award Recipients:	Alia Allana	Natashya Gutierrez, Jaene Zaplan
Judge Comment:	Well-written, deeply reported and laced with chilling details. It's the kind of article you can't stop thinking about and it cuts to the heart of a major problem in Indian society.	This story is powerfully moving, exposing a horrifying social problem and providing a sharp analysis of the factors behind it. The narrative of the three sisters is very well written and told with great sensitivity and balance.

Group C

Award for Excellence

Honorable Mention

Publication:	Initium Media 端傳媒	HK01 香港 01
Title of Entry:	Ai Xiaoming: Trapped Beast Still fights 艾曉明：困獸猶鬥	The Harvey Weinstein of Asia 「影圈#metoo」系列報道
Award Recipients:	Zhao Sile 趙思樂	CHENG Kar Yue 鄭嘉如
Judge Comment:	A genuine report of a well-educated Chinese woman constantly affected by the new age and traditional power over several decades. She struggled with dilemmas of health, political pressure and family commitments.	One of the few stories that include reporting and analysis based on first-hand information from a local interview. It raises the issue of sexual assault in the local film industry to the public.

## Excellence in Journalistic Innovation

### Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Reuters	The New York Times
Title of Entry:	The Rohingya Crisis	How the Rohingya Escaped
Award Recipients:	Christian Inton, Jin Wu, Simon Scarr, Weiyi Cai, Karishma Singh	Tomás Munita, Adam Dean, Ben C. Solomon and Mona El-Naggar
Judge Comment:	Reuters deserve all the plaudits their journalists get for keeping on top of this story. Using an array of different visual formats the storytelling is powerful and shocking. Readers can almost smell the terror and scale of the mass exodus.	This no-holds-barred photo and video essay brings home the sheer horror of the Rohingya crisis as it unfolded

### Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Sydney Morning Herald	Sixth Tone
Title of Entry:	Year 12 with Cancer: Gabbie's Story	Hu Line: Journey Through China's Heartland
Award Recipients:	Matt Teffer, Simon Letch	Fu Danni, Zhou Pinglang, Colum Murphy, Liang Chenyu, Chen Xi, Wu Haiyun, Shi Yi, Wang Yun, Gu Yifan, Liu Chang, Daniel Holmes, Ding Yining, Tang Xiaolan, Qian Jinghua, Jessica Levine, Wang Yasai, Jiang Yong, Ji Guoliang, and Chen Ronghui
Judge Comment:	The short, graphic novel-type vignettes brought readers into the heart of Gabbie's struggles and experience of fighting cancer in a powerfully intimate way - and one which few 3,000-word stories could have matched.	A spectacular digital journey that opens China up. Readers travel down the Hu Line, learning about the country in a game-like fashion. A gargantuan and worthwhile project.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Paper 澎湃新聞	Initium Media 端傳媒
Title of Entry:	Hu Line: Journey Through China's Heartland 山河：活在臨界線上	Interactive Map: Hong Kong 1967 Leftist riots 互動地圖帶你重溫香港六七暴動
Award Recipients:	王昀、陳曦、呂妍、吳海雲、石毅、周平浪、顧一帆、田春玲、梁媽佳、龍慧、伍銀芳、蔡琳、江勇、蘇顥雲、王亞賽、黃桅、白浪、付敏、趙冠群、蔣濤、傅旦妮、Colum Murphy、梁晨昱、Owen Churchill、錢菁華、Jessica Levine、刘畅、丁依寧、陳榮輝	Ho Kamyuen、Chen Qianer、Wilson Tsang、Jin Qiufeng、Xu Chuangyan、Ho Mingyan、Chen Qiwen 何錦源、陳倩兒、曾永曦、金秋楓、許創彥、何明彥、陳綺雯
Judge Comment:	An eye-opening project of visual journalism.	A fantastic creative work for digital humanities.

## Excellence in Video Reporting

### Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The New York Times	Sky News
Title of Entry:	Inside a Rohingya Refugee Camp	Battle for Marawi
Award Recipients:	Ben C. Solomon	Katie Stallard
Judge Comment:	There were many entries on the dire Rohingya situation, but none of them evoked emotion like Ben C. Solomon's video. Strong narration, beautiful camera work, and heartbreaking images, this one brought the crisis to life for the viewer.	Brave reporting in a war zone. Skilled camera work capturing falling bombs and whizzing bullets. Humanization of war through the images of a terrified family. This concise and information-packed report is the total package.

### Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Mediacorp CNA Digital	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	The real Suicide Squad: Heroes of Marawi	Chinese roots
Award Recipients:	Anna Tolentino and Ruth Smalley	Lea Li and Bernice Chan
Judge Comment:	Excellent visual storytelling using user-generated content on a topic worthy of attention. This is very well paced and structured.	The video breaks stereotypes about what it means to be Chinese in a nicely structured story with strong technical skill.

### Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Apple Daily 蘋果日報	Apple Daily Taiwan
Title of Entry:	China's Orphan Acrobatic Troupe 中國孤兒雜技團	200 new innovations and inventions with global success 吞辱被笑像狗爬 200種發明揚威國際
Award Recipients:	Siu Yu, Cheng Yuet Tung, Chu Ka Chun, Yik Yeung Man 蕭宇、鄭悅童、朱家駿、易仰民	Huang Ching-Feng, Lee Bo-Yi 黃競鋒、李柏毅
Judge Comment:	A wonderful story, powerful images.	What an enlightening story!

## Excellence in Human Rights Reporting

### Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Reuters	The New York Times
Title of Entry:	Duterte's war falters	A Humanitarian Crisis Unfolds
Award Recipients:	Clare Baldwin and Andrew R.C. Marshall	Hannah Beech and Jeffrey Gettleman
Judge Comment:	Excellent and dangerous reporting on one of the biggest human rights issues in Asia.	Probably the best of many excellent entries on the Rohingya human rights abuses.

### Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Phnom Penh Post	Frontier Myanmar
Title of Entry:	The sky became white	We eat the same rice
Award Recipients:	Kong Meta and Andrew Nachemson	Thomas Manch
Judge Comment:	This story uncovers Vietnam war abuse not previously documented, and has both excellent on-the-ground reporting and good background and analysis.	This story provides an insightful look into longstanding anti-Muslim discrimination in Myanmar that later escalated into the persecution of Rohingya Muslims. The entry shows the strength of local media in explaining the history and nuance of ethnic conflict that are often missed in mainstream media coverage.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	HK01 香港 01	The Agriculture Media 農傳媒
Title of Entry:	Death of Liu Xiaobo: reported in Shenyang, Beijing and Guangzhou 劉曉波病逝系列報道：瀋陽、北京、廣州直擊	Viewing the Occupational Diseases of Agricultural Workers in Taiwan 把脈百萬農民大軍 農業職災誰聞問？
Award Recipients:	Lao Xianliang 、 Yu Chun Leung 、 Zhang Xiao 、 Ng Wai Ho 勞顯亮、余俊亮、張虢、吳煒豪	Hui Chen Lin, Shih-Tse Huang, Haohsiang Ko 林慧貞、黃世澤、柯皓翔
Judge Comment:	A significant effort to document China's human rights condition.	Humanized story with a thoughtful layout.

## Excellence in Feature Writing

### Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The New York Times	The New York Times
Title of Entry:	How to Get Away with Murder	Japan's 'Lonely Deaths'
Award Recipients:	Ellen Barry	Nori Onishi
Judge Comment:	It is one of the most compelling pieces of journalism on India I have ever read in that it illuminated the complexity of life in that vast country beyond its urban concentrations, especially the relations between men and women.	Beautifully written. The author achieves the rare feat of bringing alive a morbid topic

### Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	ABS-CBN News Digital	Frontier Myanmar
Title of Entry:	Healing the wounds from the drug war	The muzzling of the Myanmar Times
Award Recipients:	Fernando G. Sepe, Jr.	Sean Gleeson
Judge Comment:	Poignant portrayal of the victims of Duterte's brutal war on drugs, and of the people and organizations trying to help them. Beautifully photographed and presented, this is the human story of the impact of the Philippines' latest flirtation with authoritarianism.	A well written, reported and detailed account of the Myanmar Times' rise and fall at a crucial time of transition for the country and a broader corrosion of media freedoms.



Group C

Award for Excellence

Honorable Mention

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Initium Media 端傳媒	The Stand News 立場新聞
Title of Entry:	Will people who have left, stay today? Revisiting Hong Kong People in the 1997 Documentary 離開過的他們，今天會留下嗎？重訪 97 紀錄片中的香港人	China loses Chan Kin-man, the most distressing thing after the Umbrella Movement 【北進·未竟】「雨傘運動最令人痛心的， 是中國失去了陳健民」
Award Recipients:	Chen Qianer 陳倩兒	Ho Kwai Lam, Gwyneth 何桂藍
Judge Comment:	The reporter re-visited some Hongkongers who were in a documentary of Hong Kong's 1997 handover. Through the interviews, these Hongkongers were connecting to their past selves. They discussed their views towards the transition in Hong Kong. It gave some insight to the readers.	Excellent feature story. CHAN Kin-man presented different images to communities and beneficial groups. The story gave a timeline of how CHAN Kin-man promoted civil society and rules of law in China for the past two decades and outlined his changing political views and psychological journey towards the pro-establishment camp and the Occupy founders.

## Excellence in Magazine Design

### Group A

## Category Cancelled

### Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Tasting Kitchen	Billionaire
Title of Entry:	Nordic Odyssey	Billionaire
Award Recipients:	Alicia Beebe	Tara Loader Wilkinson
Judge Comment:	Gorgeous, stunning photos that pop with color and add a layer of old-world sophistication to the magazine.	Superb layout which is clean and stylish and at the same time celebrates excellent photography.

### Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	LIFE MAGAZINE 《生活》月刊	CITY MAGAZINE 《號外》
Title of Entry:	GROWING CITY 城市生长	POEMS OF CITY 「島敘詩人」
Award Recipients:	Designer: Life Magazine 设计：生活月刊	[Designer] Noël Fong [設計師]方君儀
Judge Comment:	A convincing demonstration of why magazine survives in the digital age.	The photos are special and help people undergo a different sensory perception.

## Excellence in Arts & Culture Reporting

### Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Economist	Mabuhay
Title of Entry:	Coverage of China's Arts and Culture Soft Power	Modern Ikebana
Award Recipients:	Rosie Blau	Claire Knox
Judge Comment:	Compelling writing, useful analysis, in-depth reporting, and entertaining anecdotes on one of the most important factors in the world today: the growth of China's soft power.	A deeply reported, beautifully photographed and lavishly presented in-depth examination of ikebana today.

### Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Phnom Penh Post	Khmer Times
Title of Entry:	A 'crime' against local history	Street art
Award Recipients:	Alessandro Marazzi Sassoon and Kong Meta	Mom Kunthea
Judge Comment:	This well-written and researched piece skilfully highlights how ignorance and the drive of profit is seeing the loss of unique written records of Cambodian history, religion and culture -- to the tourist trade.	A vivid portrait of an artistic talent, literally making treasure out of other people's trash. This story shows how one man is challenging and changing people's perception of what is of value and what is not, and touches on a wider societal issue of waste and pollution.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Initium Media 端傳媒	The New York Times Chinese 纽约时报中文网
Title of Entry:	Philosophical Education: The Updated Foundation 哲學來了！	Tiananmen Pictures: Hidden Shots From the Square 尘封 28 年的“六四”照片 / “六四”后藏起的底片，终于拿出来了
Award Recipients:	Li Po Yi, Tsao Ho Man, Stanley Leung 李寶怡、曹浩文、梁詩聰	罗四鸞
Judge Comment:	Effectively merged articles, photos, video and animation to explore how popular philosophy is evoking a heated discussion in society.	An excellent work that makes arts and culture reporting relevant to politics and humanity

## Excellence in Explanatory Reporting

### Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal	Bloomberg
Title of Entry:	Inside North Korea: A Guided Tour Through The World's Most Reclusive and Dangerous Nuclear State	Feeding China
Award Recipients:	John Lyons, Jonathan Cheng, Alastair Gale, Jeremy Page and Paolo Bosonin	Shuping Niu, Emma O'Brien, Borges Nhamire, Haze Fan, Tom Mackenzie, Bruce Einhorn, Rachel Chang, Christina Larson, Lulu Yilun Chen, Vicky Feng, Qilai Shen, Waldo Swiegers, Daniel Acker
Judge Comment:	A breathtakingly detailed analysis of a subject at the top of the world's news agenda that explains why secretive North Korea is the way it is and how Kim Jong Un has positioned himself as one of the world's most important and feared leaders. Outstanding work!	A meticulous, well thought out and imaginative explanation drawing the reader's attention to a very important subject that doesn't get the coverage it deserves.

### Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Sixth Tone	ABS-CBN News Digital
Title of Entry:	Spilled Milk: How China Failed Its Dairy Farmers	Buhay pa kami': Dispatches from Marawi
Award Recipients:	Lin Qiqing, Colum Murphy, Julia Hollingsworth, Liu Chang, Mayura Jain, Li Yi, Chen Na, Qian Zhecheng, Cai Yiwen, Qi Ya, and Wang Yasai	Jeff Canoy Val Cuenca
Judge Comment:	A beautifully written look at the impact on individuals of China's efforts to remake an industry.	A visually compelling and moving account told from several different points of view of living through the siege of Marawi.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Citizen News 眾新聞	Mirror Media 鏡週刊
Title of Entry:	Tracking Ho Chi-ping's African bribes 追蹤何志平涉賄非洲政要	Way Back Home: Why Traditional Indigenous Territories of Aboriginals bring Controversy 一起回家：原住民傳統領域在吵什麼
Award Recipients:	Alvin Lum 林勵	Producer: Chien Hsin-chan Journalist: Lee Yu Ju Photographer: Lin Chun-Yao, Chien Hsin-chan, Jhong Sheng-Syong, Yang Tzu- Lei Video: Yang Jen-Hsiang, Chen Yueh-Wei Design: Chen Yi-Chian Web developing: Hsiung Kai Wen 製作人：簡信昌 文字採訪：李又如 攝 影：林俊耀、簡信昌、鐘聖雄、楊子磊 影音：楊仁翔、陳岳威 視覺設計：陳 怡蓓 網頁製作：熊凱文
Judge Comment:	Good use of texts and graphics in explaining an important but complicated issue to readers.	Visually stunning way to illustrate the issues with concise articles. Very creative and a very enjoyable tour.

## Excellence in Business Reporting

### Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Financial Times	The New York Times
Title of Entry:	Unravelling the mystery of China's HNA	Tracking HNA
Award Recipients:	Lucy Hornby, Arash Massoudi, Sherry Ju, Liu Xinning, Tom Mitchell, Archie Zhang, Don Weinland, James Kynge	Sharon LaFraniere, Michael Forsythe, Alexandra Stevenson and David Barboza
Judge Comment:	This is an important body of work shining a spotlight into one of China's leading offshore companies. It involved extensive investigation by the FT and revealed contacts between the company and the highest levels of government in China.	Another excellent piece of work on HNA. It was a good read and pulled all the issues and facts together.

### Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Frontier Myanmar	Euromoney
Title of Entry:	Funny money	Inside Ant Financial's Nest
Award Recipients:	Thomas Kean, Hein Ko Soe and Kyaw Phone Kyaw	Chris Wright
Judge Comment:	Thorough, hard-hitting reporting that documents exactly how a large and influential company was flouting consumer protection rules -- and forced the regulators to take action.	A very well reported and written explanation of the culture and strategy of this rapidly growing Chinese company that has ambitions to become a major global enterprise. The detail in the story reflects the reporter's persistence in pushing for access to company officials and facilities.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Caixin Media	CommonWealth Magazine 天下雜誌
Title of Entry:	A Maze of Capital Leads to Anbang's Aggressive Expansion 穿透安邦魔術	Battling for the Mekong River 決戰湄公河
Award Recipients:	Writer: Guo Tingbing, Translator: Han Wei, Developer: Liu Yanzuo, Editor: Ling Huawei, Producer: Huang Chen 特约撰稿人：郭婷冰；译者：韩薇；开发： 刘彦佐；编辑：凌华薇；监制：黄晨	Elaine Huang, Kwang Yin Liu, Brian Chen, Maureen Wang 黃亦筠、劉光瑩、陳顯仁、王珉瑄
Judge Comment:	This story created social impact and delivered the online digital relations charts in an innovative manner. A typical data journalism story in the 21th century.	In this story, Common Wealth magazine discovered how the Taiwanese survived among various large countries. A representative work that simply explained the changing trends and relationship from a global perspective.



## Excellence in Information Graphics

### Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Reuters	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Duterte's War on Drugs	The fire and fury behind North Korea's weapons
Award Recipients:	Jin Wu, Simon Scarr and Weiyi Cai	Simon Scarr, Jin Wu, Weiyi Cai, Wen Foo and Chris Inton
Judge Comment:	Chilling demonstration of the power of data visualization to drive a narrative - and uncover police abuses.	Colorful, well-made graphic together with photography, video, animation and text and a multi-sided presentation of the topic.

### Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	South China Morning Post	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	What happens in the cage, stays in the cage	What's in a face?
Award Recipients:	Marcelo Duhalde and Dennis Wong	Marco Hernandez, Marcelo Duhalde
Judge Comment:	Fantastic use of detailed diagrams and explanations. The subject matter is interesting and draws people in immediately. The online version is a particularly successful deconstruction of the backpage graphic. SCMP have led the charge in the region to convert beautiful full page works into a useful format for the smartphone, ensuring the survival and evolution of the medium.	Explaining the evidence, what we all take for granted, is not an easy task. And this graphic achieves it successfully. Packed with interesting information, designed with cleanliness and clarity, this infographic nourishes the local or foreign readers. The illustrated style facilitates access to information despite describing complex information.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Caixin Media	Business weekly
Title of Entry:	Beijing's population 北京人口	Look Back, Look Forward: The World's Economy in Three Decades 大破壞大連結之深度圖解 全球財經 30 年大勢
Award Recipients:	Editor: Zhang Yihua Designer and Developer: Wei Men Producer: Huang Chen 特约编辑：张艾华 设计开发：韦梦 监制：黄晨	Hui-Ping Lo、Chiu Pi-ling、Yang Shao-Chang、Chen Siao-Jing、Sun Hsiu-Hui 羅惠萍、邱碧玲、楊少強、陳筱晶、孫秀惠
Judge Comment:	The interactive charts clearly illustrate the severe situation in Beijing in terms of population over-growth and income disparity among the residents. The combination of graphic and text presents a comprehensive report on the living condition of the local population.	The creative usage of infographics successfully presents the many winners and losers in the last thirty years of globalization, letting the reader feel the joy or the pain.

## Excellence in Reporting Breaking News

### Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Inside the Bizarre and Brutal Assassination of the Half-Brother of North Korea's Dictator	The Battle for Marawi
Award Recipients:	Ben Otto, Anita Rachman, Yantoultra Ngui, Kwanwoo Jun and Alastair Gale	Romeo Ranoco, Roli Ng, Tom Allard, Martin Petty
Judge Comment:	Gripping accounts that seamlessly weave together historical and current events to present a chillingly coherent narrative. The reporters for this series of breaking news stories, working in multiple countries, managed to piece together one of the most bizarre stories of the year, the assassination of Kim Jong Un's half brother in Malaysia, making it read like a real life spy thriller.	Reuters journalists on the ground provided a penetrating blow-by-blow of the Philippine government's battle to retake Marawi City from Islamic State-inspired militants, mixing the breaking news with analysis of the conflict and the radical group's long term plans in Southeast Asia. This is on-the-ground reporting at its finest.

Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	New Straits Times	The Phnom Penh Post
Title of Entry:	Assassination of Kim Jong-Nam	CNRP Dissolved: Supreme Court ruling 'death of democracy'
Award Recipients:	Farrah Naz Karim, Sharanjit Singh, Faisal Asyraf, Hariz Mohd	Ben Sokhean, Mech Dara and Ananth Baliga, with Chhay Channyda, Phak Seangly, Kong Meta and Leonie Kijewski
Judge Comment:	NST's fast reaction in coordinating coverage of a shocking crime with global implications is clearly evident here. You can sense the urgency in the journalists' efforts to stay on top of this rapidly developing story. NST owned this story from the start and kept up with it, and the result is a series of exclusives that kept pace with events.	This is a bold and important story that's all the more impressive because of the difficult circumstances the journalists faced. The Post delivered a comprehensive picture of the events to its readers despite the restrictions.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	HK01 香港 01	Business Today
Title of Entry:	News series on MTR firebomb attack 港鐵縱火案系列報道	How long do we wait for justice in sports world? 體育界的轉型正義 還要等多久?
Award Recipients:	Lui Ying Man、Choi Ching Bong, James、Yeung Yuen Ting、Wong Yik Yeung 呂凝敏、蔡正邦、楊婉婷、王譯揚	賴若函、陳柏樺、陳虹宇
Judge Comment:	Covering breaking news challenges the rapid response and capabilities of news media. The entry has an excellent story, photos and videos.	Comprehensive reporting and in-depth investigation with rich data and multi-media production.

## **Excellence in Opinion Writing**

### Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The New York Times	Financial Times
Title of Entry:	Myanmar Is Not a Simple Morality Tale	China and the rise of dictatorship
Award Recipients:	Roger Cohen	Jamil Anderlini
Judge Comment:	Roger Cohen, stands out among the rarest of opinion builders to treat an unfolding humanitarian crisis the way it ought to be treated.	The author's deep knowledge of China is put to work in these insightful and important columns.

### Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Nikkei Asian Review	Sixth Tone
Title of Entry:	Philippine peso flashes warning signs for Duterteonomics	The Realistic Response to China's Prostitution Problem
Award Recipients:	William Pesek	Pan Suiming
Judge Comment:	Pesek's columns show real depth of knowledge and writing flair. The topics are important and the writer has a clear point of view.	Eminently sensible analysis of a sensitive topic. A clearly presented and engaging argument that combines smart political analysis, historical context and good use of data.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Opinion@CommonWealth 獨立評論@天下	The News Lens 關鍵評論網
Title of Entry:	Dennis Huang Column: Reaction 黃哲斌專欄 – 反作用力	The #MeToo Movement is Making a Difference for Human Rights, Rule of Law and Social Paradigm #MeToo 的三個論述：是人權，是對法治的補充，是改變社會範式的運動
Award Recipients:	Dennis Huang 黃哲斌	Gua-Teng Lee 黎蝸藤
Judge Comment:	Based on what the writer experienced and observed, the commentary series outlined news media's confrontation of the challenges of internet and social media and the rapid changes in the industry.	A concise and persuasive story with a strong argument. The article was brief, forceful and a direct response to the misunderstandings and confusions on the metoo movement.

## Excellence in Reporting on the Environment

### Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The New York Times	The Wall Street Journal
Title of Entry:	Changing Climate, Changing Cities	The Tragedy of India's Holy Yamuna River: The World's Next Environmental Disaster
Award Recipients:	Michael Kimmelman and Josh Haner	Krishna Pokharel, Preetika Rana and Karan Deep Singh
Judge Comment:	Two superb articles on the environmental threats facing two Asian cities, highlighting issues that apply to all urban centers the world over. NYT's rainbow coverage of an impending environmental disaster of global proportions is journalism par excellence.	The whole package is beautifully presented, perfectly thought out with all the graphic and other elements carefully choreographed and dancing well with the poignant story-telling in the text. The story itself is well-told and humanized by various characters, providing awareness of one of India's major environmental disasters.

### Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Sixth Tone	Frontier Myanmar
Title of Entry:	Addicted to Coal, Northern China Goes Cold Turkey	An army, a mountain and the ADB
Award Recipients:	Fan Liya and Wang Lianzhang	Su Myat Mon
Judge Comment:	Given the constraints on Chinese-owned publications, this was an excellent report from the front line of China's battle against air pollution, and how a well-intentioned policy to replace coal with gas backfired, causing widespread suffering amid a freezing north China winter.	This story highlights the ongoing pervasive influence of the army and its commanders' abilities to profit from the country's opening up at the expense of local people and the environment. The headline, An Army, a Mountain and the ADB, sums it up beautifully.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Global View Monthly 遠見雜誌	Initium Media 端傳媒
Title of Entry:	Recurrence of Taiwan's mountain of trash. 350,000 tonnes of trash wandering every year 台灣垃圾山重現！每年 35 萬噸垃圾在 流浪	Fishing in West Africa: the Destiny of the Last Pure Fisheries 世界最後一片純淨漁場：西非海洋生死 劫
Award Recipients:	Grace Peng 彭杏珠	Ho Hsin-chieh, Zhang Jieping, Tseng Lee- yu, Jin Qiufeng 何欣潔、張潔平、曾立宇、金秋楓
Judge Comment:	A thorough investigation on the ground with detailed analysis, not only discovering the environmental problems, but also trying to look for feasible solutions - a classic piece of work of solutions journalism.	Unusual investigative piece involving long distance travelling.



## Excellence in Photography

### Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The New York Times	TIME
Title of Entry:	The Rohingya in Flight	In Manila, Death Comes by Night
Award Recipients:	Adam Dean and Tomás Munita	James Nachtwey
Judge Comment:	The misery, suffering and extraordinary human tragedy comes out all too clearly in these series of photos. Words simply cannot describe!	The dramatic use of black and white accentuates and underscores the horror of death and the tragedy that it spreads on the affected families in these images about the execution campaign proposed by Duterte.

### Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Mediacorp CNA Digital	Tasting Kitchen
Title of Entry:	Asia's Toughest Jobs: The fire and brimstone miners of Ijen Crater	Wynning Combination
Award Recipients:	Jackson Board	David Luke Hartung
Judge Comment:	Important and serious topic illustrated with excellent photos and video. The photos aren't just document and illustrate the topic, but they are unique artworks with artistic compositions, colors and forms.	Nicely done, well composed portraits. We see the humour and camaraderie among these men. Each photos stands on its own, as a profile of the chef with his favorite tool or ingredient and the photos work together as a body of artwork.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Apple Daily Taiwan	Business Weekly
Title of Entry:	Apple Daily: Exploring the mass killings of 730,000 Rohingya refugees 《蘋果》前進洛興雅 73 萬難民悲慘逃屠殺	Series: Toxic Air Pollutants in the South. 800 根煙囪的家
Award Recipients:	何柏均	Cheng , Szu-Ti 程思迪
Judge Comment:	Incredible documentary photos. They precisely express the atmosphere through the camera.	Powerful, truthful and bold images that tell the story.

## The Scoop Award

### Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The New York Times	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Behind the Dismantling of a C.I.A. Spy Network	How North Korea evades sanctions
Award Recipients:	Mark Mazzetti, Adam Goldman, Michael S. Schmidt and Matt Apuzzo	James Pearson, Rozanna Latiff, Tom Allard, Sue-Lin Wong and Philip Wen
Judge Comment:	This amazing story was perhaps the biggest spy scandal of the decade, and perhaps since the end of the Cold War -- the dismantling of the entire American spy network inside China and the imprisonment and execution of intelligence operatives. This is the very definition of a scoop, and deserves the highest praise.	This was a very timely piece of reporting on an important topic, and pulled the veil back on how North Korea operates in the region to evade U.N. sanctions.

### Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Sixth Tone	South China Morning Post
Title of Entry:	Shortage of Critical Leukemia Drug Threatens Ill Children	Party promotions
Award Recipients:	Ni Dandan	SCMP Staff Reporters
Judge Comment:	This was a fascinating story that illuminated a serious issue and its roots and repercussions. It shows how a single tip from an average person can result in a scoop that has a broad impact, bringing widespread attention to an important situation.	SCMP's coverage shows a deep knowledge of the situation, with stories that provide a confident and authoritative description of the thinking and inner workings of the government. An excellent display of what well-sourced journalists can deliver, and the coverage is even more impressive considering the importance of the subject matter.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	Initium Media 端傳媒	HK01 香港 01
Title of Entry:	Exclusive: Liu Xiaobo's last handwritten note to his wife 獨家：劉曉波 7 月 5 日最後手稿全文披露，送給劉霞的最後禮物	CY Leung failure to declare role in two private companies 梁振英卸任後開兩公司無申報
Award Recipients:	Zhang Jieping 張潔平	Chan Shun Hei, Zhang Wen, Chow Wai Keung, Lao Xianliang 陳信熙、張雯、周偉強、勞顯亮
Judge Comment:	The task of acquiring the writings in prison of the dying Nobel Peace Prize laureate LIU Xiaobo was challenging. These precious manuscripts are the last words from LIU and each word is filled with tears and emotions.	The reporter focused on the Belt and Road economic initiative and revealed the potential conflicts of interests of the former Chief Executive CY Leung over this initiative. The story is time-critical and to the point.

## Excellence in Investigative Reporting

### Group A

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	The Wall Street Journal	Reuters
Title of Entry:	China's All-Seeing Surveillance State Is Everywhere	Duterte's killer cops
Award Recipients:	Josh Chin, Liza Lin, Eva Dou, Clément Bürge, Giulia Marchi and Paolo Bosonin	Clare Baldwin and Andrew R.C. Marshall
Judge Comment:	Meticulous firsthand reporting, carried out fearlessly, in a very tough spot to cover the issue.	This story shows why investigative reporting is important. Reporters risked their lives in unearthing the true nature of the "war on drugs."

### Group B

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	R.AGE	Malaysiakini and Tempo
Title of Entry:	Student/Trafficked	Following the illegal Indo-M'sia maid trade
Award Recipients:	Elroi Yee, Ian Yee, Samantha Chow, Shanjeev Reddy, Lim May Lee, Satpal Kaler	Alyaa Alhadjri, Malaysiakini Stefanus Teguh Edi Pramono, Tempo Yohanes Seo, Tempo
Judge Comment:	This is a fresh and moving look at the evolution of human smuggling from Bangladesh, so well-reported and well-told that it moved the government to action. It is rare that journalism can actually help repair human suffering.	Impressive cross-border collaboration, bolstered by careful documentation and tenacious work tracking down all the players and convincing them to speak.

Group C

	Award for Excellence	Honorable Mention
Publication:	FactWire 傳真社	HK01 香港 01
Title of Entry:	Series on the vulnerability of the new air traffic control system 新空管系統安全隱患系列報道	Investigation: Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge Seawalls Collapse 港珠澳大橋海堤崩塌
Award Recipients:	傳真社「調查組記者」	Chiu Chun Lung, Fung Po Yin, Chan Hoi Man, Lung Yuen Ki, Ng Kwong Hei, Chan Yun Nam 趙振龍、馮普賢、陳凱敏、龍婉琪、吳光熙、陳潤南
Judge Comment:	Exposes the government's malpractices and hidden incidents that the public have the right to know about. Shows solid evidence and relevant background information for better public understanding.	Exposes the potential safety problems of the bridge as well as the transparency and accountability of the government department in responding to the public queries on the safety matters.

**SOPA Award for Public Service Journalism**

Award for Excellence

Publication:	Reuters
Title of Entry:	Persecuting the Rohingya
Award Recipients:	Antoni Slodkowski, Wa Lone, Simon Lewis, Krishna N. Das, Andrew R.C. Marshall, Shoon Naing, Weiyi Cai and Simon Scarr
Judge Comment:	The Reuters team braved considerable danger to document the atrocities perpetrated against the Rohingyas. But for its efforts, one of the biggest humanitarian disasters of our times would not have been made known to the world.