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SOPA Mission

The Society of Publishers in Asia (SOPA) is dedicated to best practices in professional publishing. It works to enhance the professional standing of publishers in Asia, with a view to fostering better cooperation and understanding among members.

SOPA represents the interests of both local and international media brands in Asia. The Society provides a platform for Asian and international publishers to network and collaborate on areas of common industry concern. It looks after the interests of both business and editorial groups, and promotes ethical business and reporting practices.

SOPA is committed to establishing best industry standards and guidelines in publishing relating to issues such as quality control, professional development, government policies, trade conditions, copyright, circulation, advertising, new media and more. It facilitates training, educational programmes and events, and is active in lobbying on government reforms affecting the media and information industries throughout Asia.

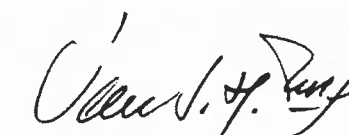
Underlying all SOPA activities is an uncompromising dedication to and promotion of the best traditions of independent, responsible journalism and freedom of the press, as a vital component of all free societies.

SOPA Chairman's Message

In tough times people crave for quality and credible information so they can stay informed on the rapid changing world around them. Insightful comment and original reporting are key elements in helping people understand events and it is these prime examples of high quality journalism that we are seeking to recognize today through the SOPA Awards for Editorial Excellence.

This year marks the eleventh anniversary of the awards. Over the years the awards have seen more and more exceptional journalistic pieces, continuously raising the bar of editorial excellence. The awards have also seen a stronger regional presence with nominations received from Australia, Cambodia and Thailand for the first time this year.

Separately, traditional print media expanding into digital arena is a reality and many media groups have put substantial investment into new media with re-engineered new business models. SOPA is committed to facilitating the exchange of best industry practices across all publishing platforms including digital and new media. The SOPA Awards for Editorial Excellence will continue to set world-class benchmarks for outstanding journalism across the region.

Terence Tung
SOPA Chairman
2008-09

Also noteworthy is the more than three-fold increase in entries from China, reflecting the growing importance of Chinese publications in Asia and a desire by journalists on the mainland to have their voices heard at the region's premier editorial awards event.



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Message from the Chairman of SOPA Awards Sub-committee

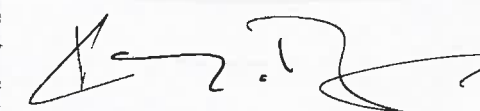
Since their inception in 1999, the SOPA Awards for Editorial Excellence have received entries from a large number of countries in Asia. This year the awards received 547 nominations from 97 publications comprising an even broader geographic mix which includes Australia, Cambodia and Thailand, highlighting the significance of the accolades across the entire Asia Pacific region.

In recognition of the shifting media landscape and the growing importance of new media, we have introduced a new category for purely digital media — those that do not have a print-based counterpart. Outstanding journalism is not bound by its presentation format, it is the quality of interpretation, commentary and insight that captivates the audience. The awards are aimed at honouring first-rate journalistic work in all forms of media.

The entries were assessed by 84 international judges comprising journalists, designers and photo editors from many of the region's leading newspapers and magazines, as well as notable academics from the media departments of prestigious uni-

versities. The high calibre of the judging panel, led by Professor Rusty Todd of the University of Hong Kong, reflects the stature of the awards.

As the culmination of SOPA's commitment to free speech and professional journalism, we hope the awards will continue to reach new heights in the quality of entries and help foster the vibrant editorial scene in Asia in the years to come.

Kevin Brown
Chairman
SOPA Awards Sub-committee
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About the SOPA Awards for Editorial Excellence

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.

As Asia's premier publishing accolades, the 2009 SOPA Awards registered a total of 547 entries from a broader geographical mix; a true reflection of the Awards' high standing across the region.

Key to the Awards' growing success is the high calibre 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. Each year, the number of judges willing to dedicate their time to the Awards has grown. This year the SOPA Awards judging panel comprised of professional journalists, design experts, photographic editors and notable academics from the media departments of prestigious universities collaborated to select winners.

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 Award rules, judges, entries, event, sponsorship and promotion all come together smoothly.

Corporate Support

Sponsorship is key to ensuring the Awards' growth and over the past years, SOPA has been fortunate to receive the continuous support from Invest Hong Kong. As the Awards have grown, so too has the interest from corporations, and in this year, the event is also sponsored by Grand Hyatt Hong Kong and Swiss Post International Management AG.

International Recognition

The SOPA Awards are supported by a number of international media organisations and regional media industry press; IFRA, International Federation of the Periodical Press (FIPP), the World Editors Forum (WEF), and the World Association of Newspapers (WAN).

The SOPA Awards for Editorial Excellence 2009 Award Categories

- Excellence in Investigative Reporting
- Excellence in Reporting Breaking News
- Excellence in Business Reporting
- Excellence in Human Rights Reporting
- Excellence in Reporting on the Environment
- Excellence in Feature Writing
- Excellence in Opinion Writing
- Excellence in News Photography
- Excellence in Feature Photography
- Excellence in Special Issue or Special Section
- Excellence in Editorial Cartooning
- Excellence in Information Graphics
- Excellence in Newspaper Design
- Excellence in Magazine Design
- Excellence in Digital Journalism
- The Scoop Award
- Journalist of the Year





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Kevin Brown – Chairman

Kevin Brown was appointed Asia News Editor of the Financial Times in December 2004, and is based in Hong Kong. He joined the Financial Times in 1980 in London, and has previously been Parliamentary Correspondent, Transport Correspondent, Australasia Correspondent, National News Editor, Chief Political Correspondent, Industry Editor, UK Affairs Editor, and Personal Finance Editor.



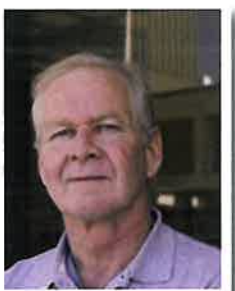
He is responsible for the news gathering operation throughout the Asia/Pacific region, for the presentation of Asian news in the Asia edition and in the FT's three other global editions, and for the Asian news coverage of FT.com. He has recently been appointed Asia Regional Correspondent of the FT, and has moved to Singapore to take up that post.

Brown has specialized in politics throughout much of his career, and has covered general elections in five countries (the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Fiji). He is married with one daughter, and his other interests include 19th Century English literature, watching cricket and painting. He is trying to learn Cantonese, without success.

Before joining the FT, Brown worked for Lloyd's List, the international shipping and insurance daily newspaper, and for several other UK newspapers.

Rusty Todd – Head of Judges

Rusty Todd is a professor of journalism at the University of Texas at Austin, where he specializes in business journalism and copy-editing. Now on leave, he is serving as director of business journalism at the Journalism & Media Studies Centre at the University of Hong Kong. He was chair of the UT Journalism School from 1993 to 1996. He came to UT from Dow Jones & Co., Inc., in 1993. At Dow Jones he was news editor of Hong Kong-based Asian Wall Street Journal; a beat reporter covering Southeast Asian stock markets and banks; and Asia-Pacific regional development manager for Dow Jones/Telerate. In New York Todd was founding editor of the Dow Jones Emerging Markets Report, a newswire covering developing economies. He was a faculty member at the University of Missouri School of Journalism, where he served as city editor of the Columbia Daily Missourian. He was also state editor at the Austin American-Statesman. Todd sits on the board of the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund. Todd, 58, holds a doctorate from Stanford University. Married 35 years, he has two children.



Members of SOPA Awards Sub-committee

Zoher Abdoolcarim

Based in Hong Kong, Zoher Abdoolcarim was appointed as Asia Editor, TIME International, in June 2008 overseeing TIME Asia edition. Prior to this role, he was a senior editor at TIME Asia, a position he held since 2002 where he helped shape all aspects of TIME's coverage of Asia. His cover stories include a June 2007 article on the 10-year anniversary of the British hand-over of Hong Kong to China.



Prior to joining TIME Asia, he was managing editor of Asiaweek and an editor at Singapore-owned Asian Business. Over the course of his career, Abdoolcarim has been a foreign correspondent based in Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore, with reporting assignments in the Philippines, India, Brunei and Hong Kong. He has been involved in watershed Asia stories including the Ninoy Aquino assassination, the ousters of Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines and former Indonesian Prime Minister Suharto, the Tiananmen Square killings in Beijing, Hong Kong's handover to China, the Asian financial crisis and the impact of September 11 on the region.

An ethnic Indian born and raised in Hong Kong, Abdoolcarim is a fluent Cantonese speaker and a British national. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Leonard M. Apcar

Leonard M. Apcar has been a correspondent and editor for more than 30 years first for The Wall Street Journal and later for The New York Times and its global edition, the International Herald Tribune.

He arrived in Hong Kong three years ago as deputy managing editor of the Herald Tribune and chief Asia editor. The award-winning Asia edition has the largest circulation of any international newspaper in the region. Previously, Mr. Apcar was editor-in-chief for NYTimes.com, the world's largest newspaper web site. Under his leadership, the site, which is considered an industry pacesetter, won numerous awards. He lectures frequently on web journalism, strategy and product development.

He is a member of the award subcommittee of the Society of Publishers in Asia and an advisor to the Pulitzer Prize Winners Workshop at Hong Kong Baptist University. In the U.S., he is a board member of the National Press Foundation and a former board member of the Online News Association.

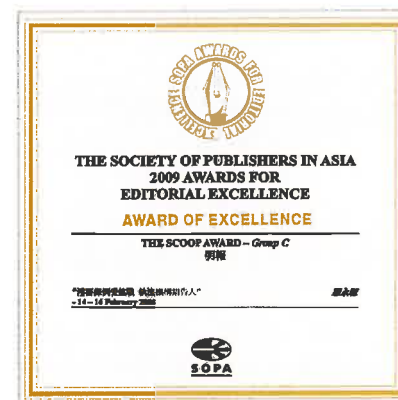


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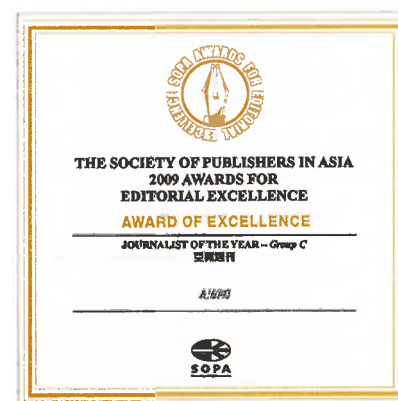
Ming Pao **The highest honour in Chinese publication**
The Scoop Award (Chinese Language)
“淫審條例受挑戰 執法機構錯告人”

Has great social impact, monitors the government and protects people's rights. This report brought up new evidence to challenge police's "established" practices and procedures of prosecuting a person on charge of releasing obscene articles. After this report, police revised their prosecuting procedures and human rights to be better protected.



Yazhou Zhoukan **Journalist of the Year (Chinese Language)**

Outstanding exclusive interviews allow readers to understand first-hand information behind the news scene.



SOPA AWARDS 2009 - Ming Pao Daily

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| • Excellence in Reporting Breaking News (Chinese Language) | “四川大地震系列報道” |
| • Excellence in Editorial Cartooning (Chinese Language) | “噤噤格格漫畫” |
| • Excellence in News Photography (Chinese Language) - Honourable Mention | “回鄉心切” |
| • The Scoop Award (Chinese Language) - Honourable Mention | “明報格價網：超市格價系列” |

SOPA AWARDS 2009 - Yazhou Zhoukan

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| • Excellence in Reporting on the Environment (Chinese Language) | “成都環保風暴 公民抗議地震帶建石化廠” |
| • Excellence in Human Rights Reporting (Chinese Language) - Honourable Mention | “胡佳現象台前幕後 中國維權最新模式” |

Members of SOPA Awards Sub-committee

Cliff Buddle

Cliff Buddle is Deputy Editor of the South China Morning Post. He has worked as a journalist for the last 27 years. Mr Buddle began his career as a news agency reporter at the Central Criminal Court in London. In 1994 he was hired by the South China Morning Post and brought to Hong Kong. He was the Post's chief court reporter for six years, during which he covered a wide variety of cases including most of the landmark constitutional legal battles which followed Hong Kong's return to China. Since then, he has worked as an editor of the opinion pages, news editor, and chief leader writer. From time to time, he has also written columns on legal affairs. He was appointed Deputy Editor in 2005.

Mr Buddle passed the Common Professional Examination (post-graduate diploma in law) in 2000. Then, in 2005, he graduated from the Master of Laws (Human Rights) programme at the University of Hong Kong. His dissertation was on the legal framework underpinning Hong Kong's political system.



Adrian Dickson

Adrian Dickson is Managing Editor, Asia for Reuters the news division of Thomson Reuters. Based in Hong Kong since 2007 he oversees a team of over 700 journalists across 18 countries in the Asia Pacific region.



Adrian began his journalistic career covering the civil war in El Salvador in the mid 1980's. An Argentine national, he worked for several regional and international publications before joining Reuters in Buenos Aires in 1988. During a 20 year career at Reuters he has worked as a correspondent and editor in several countries including Argentina, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil and the United States. In 2002 he became Japan Editor based in Tokyo.

Don Durfee

Don Durfee is a partner with The Editors Group, a Hong Kong and New York-based editorial services company. He is the former editor of CFO Asia and CFO China, two specialist magazines published by The Economist Group. He joined the magazines in January 2007 as managing editor after many years with CFO magazine in New York. Don has written award-winning features on topics ranging from executive pay to GE's expansion in China.

Prior to his time at CFO, Don was a senior editor with the Economist Intelligence Unit in New York. He also served as the managing editor of the Alliance Analyst, a fortnightly newsletter examining joint ventures and partnerships. Don has undergraduate degrees in history from Tufts University and music from New England Conservatory. He also holds a master's degree from Columbia University, where he studied international economic policy. He speaks Mandarin Chinese.



Kin-ming Liu

Kin-ming Liu is Director of Special Projects at Hong Kong Economic Journal and a blogger at PostGlobal, a global debate blog on international affairs and foreign policy on the Washington Post website.

Prior to joining HKEJ in November 2006, Mr. Liu was a columnist based in Washington, D.C. writing for The New York Sun, The Hong Kong Standard and other publications. From 1999 to 2005, he was working for Apple Daily in which he had served as Opinion Page Editor, Director of Public Affairs and General Manager. He was Opinion Page Editor at Hong Kong Economic Times from 1997 to 1999. Since entering the field of journalism in 1992, he had also worked for Yezhou Zhoukan and Sing Tao Daily.

Mr. Liu served as Chairman of the Hong Kong Journalists Association from 1998 to 1999 and as Board Member of the Foreign Correspondents' Club, Hong Kong from 1997 to 2001. He was the winner in English commentary in the Human Rights Press Awards in 1998.



Robyn Meredith

Robyn Meredith is the author of the New York Times bestseller, "The Elephant and the Dragon: The Rise of India and China and What it Means for All of Us," published by W.W. Norton, and she is Senior Editor, Asia for Forbes, based in Hong Kong. She oversees Asia news coverage for www.forbes.com and writes the biweekly "Off Shore" column on globalization for Forbes.com.

For Forbes, she has written cover stories on Sony, General Motors, Kodak, Microsoft, Philips, Toyota, Ratan Tata, Li & Fung, and Infosys. Ms. Meredith joined Forbes as its Detroit Bureau Manager in April, 2000 to write about the auto industry. One of her Forbes articles was included in the 2002 Edition of the book "The Best Business Stories of the Year".

From January, 1996 until April, 2000, Ms. Meredith was a Detroit correspondent for The New York Times, where she covered the auto industry and other Midwestern news. She spent the 1998-1999 academic year as a Knight-Wallace Fellow at the University of Michigan Business School.

Ms. Meredith wrote for USA Today as a business reporter in 1995. She spent the previous two years as a reporter in the Washington bureau of the American Banker newspaper, where her reporting exposed a pattern of insider deals at savings and loans that led to four Congressional hearings and an overhaul of U.S. banking regulations governing initial public offerings.

Ms. Meredith received a B.A. degree, *cum laude*, from Boston University in 1990. For more information about her book, see www.elephantanddragon.com.



Peter Stein

Peter Stein is Hong Kong Bureau Chief for The Wall Street Journal and Associate Editor of The Wall Street Journal Asia.

As Hong Kong Bureau Chief, Mr. Stein oversees a group of reporters that primarily cover financial deals, markets and economic issues across Asia, with an emphasis on Greater China. He also engages in public representation on behalf of the Journal in Asia.

Prior to being appointed to his current positions in October 2005, Mr. Stein served as Managing Editor of the Asian Journal from 1998. Mr. Stein was a Senior Reporter in Hong Kong and led a group of reporters covering the transfer of Hong Kong from British to Chinese sovereignty (from 1994 to 1998).

From 1986-88, he spent two years in Wuhan, China on a Yale-China Association fellowship, teaching English at Huazhong Normal University and studying Chinese. Born in New York City, he graduated from Yale University, and speaks both Mandarin and Cantonese.



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The Wall Street Journal Asia's Christine Glancey received the Excellence in Reporting Breaking News award from Simon Galpin, Director-General of Investment Promotion, Invest Hong Kong



Peter Stein of The Wall Street Journal Asia was congratulated by Simon Galpin, Invest Hong Kong's Director-General of Investment Promotion for Excellence in Business Reporting



Simon Galpin, Director-General of Investment Promotion at Invest Hong Kong, presented an award to Newsweek's Alexandra Seno for Excellence in Human Rights Reporting

Winners of 2009 SOPA Awards – Group A

Regional newspapers, large magazines and wire services published in English, including their affiliated online publications and websites.

Excellence in Investigative Reporting

Award of Excellence

Publication: International Herald Tribune
Entry Title: **Cyclone Nargis In Myanmar And Its Aftermath**
Journalist: Choe Sang-Hun, Thomas Fuller, Mark McDonald, Seth Mydans

Comments: A brilliant and moving account of a disaster. The reporters faced considerable risks and hardships in getting the story and protecting their sources in the face of authorities bent on preventing the journalists from doing their work.

Honourable Mention

Publication: Newsweek
Entry Title: **Murder At The Drum Tower**
Journalist: Written by Melinda Liu, Photographs by James Whitlow Delano

Comments: The story has effectively shown the stresses in Chinese life. This is probably the most purely investigative piece that focuses on Asia-based reporting.

Excellence in Reporting Breaking News

Award of Excellence

Publication: The Wall Street Journal Asia
Entry Title: **Terror In Mumbai**
Journalist: Eric Bellman, Geeta Anand, Yaroslav Trofimov, Peter Wonacott, Gaurav Raghuvanshi, Matthew Rosenberg, Zahid Hussain

Comments: An excellent mix of breaking detail and the unfolding context behind the terror. Telling quotes, anecdotes and the sheer microscopic detail painted a vivid picture of the attacks.

Honourable Mention

Publication: TIME Asia
Entry Title: **Saving Burma**
Journalist: Hannah Beech
Comments: Dodging military checkpoints, hiding in the hulls of boats, the reporter captured the devastation caused by Cyclone Nargis in her gripping account. Even more, her outraged point of view indicted a suppressive junta "...more concerned with keeping foreigners out than allowing aid in".

Excellence in Business Reporting

Award of Excellence

Publication: The Wall Street Journal Asia
Entry Title: **China's New Economic Struggle**
Journalist: Mei Fong, Sky Canaves, James T. Aredy, Andrew Batson, Shai Oster

Comments: The series combined some really excellent coal-face reporting with a lot of balanced context. It was researching from the bottom, speaking to lots of sources and providing a lot of very original work. Again the kind of labour intensive, detailed but ground breaking journalism that really needs to be applauded and acknowledged. An excellent series. Detailed, insightful, groundbreaking.

Honourable Mention

Publication: International Herald Tribune
Entry Title: **The Food Chain**
Journalist: Keith Bradsher, Andrew Martin, Somini Sengupta

Comments: Takes a complex topic, breaks it down nicely, and makes the issues clear through strong reporting. It's the kind of journalism that makes you proud to be a journalist as it tackles a complex and important issue from so many angles with a lot of energy and thought.



Award-winning journalism



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Adding to a long list of awards and accolades for editorial excellence, The Wall Street Journal Asia recently received top honors from the Society of Publishers in Asia (SOPA) for Excellence in Reporting Breaking News and Excellence in Business Reporting as well as Honorable Mention for Excellence in Feature Writing.

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The Excellence in Reporting on the Environment award was bestowed to Simon Cholmeley of Discovery Channel Magazine by Gladis Young of the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong



Zohar Abdoocarim of TIME Asia was presented the Excellence in Feature Writing award by Gladis Young of the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong



Leonard M. Apar of International Herald Tribune received two awards from Gladis Young of the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong for Excellence in Opinion Writing



Gladis Young, Marketing Communications Manager, the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong presented the award for Excellence in News Photography to Alison Leung of Reuters

Excellence in Human Rights Reporting

Award of Excellence

Publication: Newsweek
Entry Title: **Lured Into Bondage**
Journalist: George Wehrfritz, Erika Kinetz, Jonathan Kent, Joe Cochrane, Jonathan Adams, Ron Brownlow, Marites Vitug, Tonette Orejas, Sonia Kolesnikov-Jessop, Sudip Mazumdar, Akiko Kashiwagi

Comments: It is exactly what great human rights reporting should be: A heavily researched, nuanced and multi-faceted look at the exploitation of millions of emigrants merely seeking to improve their lives. It produced a powerful picture of globalisation's ugly underbelly. The article, while brief, covered all the bases. It really went beyond the norm. This shows what a regional publication can do with the proper application of resources to a subject. Multinational reporting like this connects the dots in important ways and it is rarely done this well.

Honourable Mention

Publication: International Herald Tribune
Entry Title: **In The Shadow Of The Olympics**
Journalist: Andrew Jacobs

Comments: Absolutely superb deadline reporting on a human rights issue. Dogged coverage of a topic essential to human rights, freedom of expression.

Excellence in Reporting on the Environment

Award of Excellence

Publication: Discovery Channel Magazine
Entry Title: **The Man Who Saved The Aral Sea**
Journalist: John Dyson

Comments: It really stood out as being well reported and a great story, going to the heart of environmental degradation and innovative ways to mobilize people and resources to find a way back to a healthier interaction between man and nature.

Honourable Mention

Publication: TIME Asia
Entry Title: **A Wound In The Earth**
Journalist: Petter Ritter

Comments: It should be mentioned as a good combination of a down-to-the-village-level approach to an environmental problem, and an easy-to-understand scientific explanation of that problem. Exciting to read.

Excellence in Feature Writing

Award of Excellence

Publication: TIME Asia
Entry Title: **Crazy For Gold**
Journalist: Hannah Beech

Comments: Excellent, sensitive "write what you see" reporting. This story stood out with good first hand feature that told the story of China's medal machine vividly through the words of the athletes.

Honourable Mention

Publication: The Wall Street Journal Asia
Entry Title: **China's Olympic Moment**
Journalist: Geoffrey A. Fowler, Rebecca Blumenstein, Ian Johnson, Jason Dean, Betsy McKay

Comments: Bravo. Not only were these pieces well reported and written, but they exploited fresh angles and approaches for explaining themes that many others were writing about at the same time.

Excellence in Opinion Writing

Award of Excellence

Publication: International Herald Tribune
Entry Title: **Letter From India**
Journalist: Anand Giridharadas

Comments: A different, absolutely compelling take on India. The reporter's humanistic reflections shares with readers the paradoxes of today's India society and its people, from the apathy of the affluent, the distinct sentiments towards Western influence between the early- and the late-adopters, and the "feminist" in chic-lit versus the village women who decided to take things into their hands. His column is an exemplary blend of humour and serious contemplations, leaving readers yearning for more the next week.



TIME Asia's Maria Wood received the award for Excellence in Feature Photography, presented by Dieter Pluess, CEO, Asia for Swiss Post International Management AG



Dieter Pluess for Swiss Post International Management AG, presented the award for Excellence in Feature Photography to Simon Cholmeley of Reader's Digest Asia



The Excellence in Newspaper Design award, was received by David Pilling of the Financial Times from Terence Tung, SOPA Chairman



Robert Jan Fernhout and Matt Leppard from Travel + Leisure Southeast Asia, took the Excellence in Magazine Design award from Terence Tung, SOPA Chairman



SOPA Chairman Terence Tung presented to Loh Yew Seng of Female Magazine, the Excellence in Magazine Design award



The newly introduced award category, Excellence in Digital Journalism, was scooped by Edward Cheng of the Financial Times



Jeffrey Ng from Dow Jones Newswires was bestowed The Scoop Award by SOPA Chairman Terence Tung



Joe Leahy, Mumbai Bureau Chief of the Financial Times was honoured the Journalist of the Year

Honourable Mention

Publication: International Herald Tribune
Entry Title: **Asia Amid The Global Slowdown**
Journalist: Philip Bowring

Comments: The reporter demonstrates a depth of knowledge about Asia that few can match and manages to convey it in a fluid style. These stories show he was well ahead of the pack in identifying economic realities that have now become apparent to all.

Excellence in News Photography

Award of Excellence

Publication: Reuters
Entry Title: **Gunfire Erupted Outside A Village In Helmand Province**
Journalist: Goran Tomasevic

Comments: Good spot news. Catching the striking decisive moment.

Honourable Mention

Publication: TIME Asia
Entry Title: **Helmand - Afghanistan**
Journalist: Zalmi

Comments: Very artistic, involving daily lives. Nice contrast.

Excellence in Feature Photography

Award of Excellence

Publication: TIME Asia
Entry Title: **Crazy For Gold**
Journalist: Ian Teh

Comments: Grabs that feeling of China aiming to dominate the Olympics. A fresh look at a subject we have seen before. Great opener, strong images.

Honourable Mention

Publication: Reader's Digest
Entry Title: **Democracy Comes To The Kingdom**
Journalist: Scott Woodward
Comments: Dreamy and lovely.

Excellence in Special Issue or Special Section

Award of Excellence

Publication: TIME Asia
Entry Title: **Summer Journey Double Issue: Games People Play**
Journalist: Michael Elliot, Zohar Abdoolcarim

Comments: Really surprising and refreshing package of stories that go far beyond sport to illuminate the role sports play in society. Great reporting, great context.

Honourable Mention

Publication: Financial Times
Entry Title: **FT Report On China**
Journalist: Geoff Dyer, David Pilling, Mure Dickie, Martin Dickson

Comments: Solid and professional. Very thorough recap of China during the crisis.

Excellence in Information Graphics

Award of Excellence

Publication: Discovery Channel Magazine
Entry Title: **Big Rig**
Journalist: Illustrator: Bryan Christie Design; Designer: David Ross

Comments: Classic, meaty combo of graphics, pictures and texts.

Honourable Mention

Publication: TIME Asia
Entry Title: **A Wound In The Earth**
Journalist: Cecelia Wong

Comments: Beautifully realised illustration of physical calamity Olympics.

Excellence in Newspaper Design

Award of Excellence

Publication: Financial Times
Entry Title: **Saturday 20 September Issue**
Journalist: Financial Times

Comments: It stands out as having the best 'bones' or structure for building a contemporary newspaper. It is disciplined, with enough dynamics to hold the reader. Photo editing is strong.

Excellence in Magazine Design

Award of Excellence

Publication: Travel + Leisure Southeast Asia
Entry Title: **December 2008**
Journalist: Art Director: Fah Sakhareh; Editor-In-Chief: Matt Leppard

Comments: The innovation, complexity and photo editing make it outstanding. The design comes together architecturally using strong type to offset lyrical images. A really strong design, dealing with a lot of editorial complexity in an elegant way.

Honourable Mention

Publication: Female
Entry Title: **Female September 2008**
Journalist: Female Design Team - Jonathan Chia, Audrey Chan, Aaron Lee, Jean Lee, Penny Seow

Comments: Clean, clean, clean, the up market content is mimicked by the modern and fashion forward design. A strong, well directed magazine that exudes class.

Excellence in Digital Journalism

Award of Excellence

Publication: Financial Times
Entry Title: **China And The Olympics**
Journalist: Geoff Dyer, Jamil Anderlini, Patti Waldmeir, Edward Cheng

Comments: Great variety of stories, good use of video, pictures and writing, good reporting.

Honourable Mention

Publication: TIME Asia
Entry Title: **A Series of Online Reporting On Cyclone Nargis In Burma**
Journalist: Andrew Marshall

Comments: Well covered, lots of interesting anecdotes, brought the story to life. Good interviews, very compelling, good use of internet for weekly magazine, good new angles each day.

The Scoop Award

Award of Excellence

Publication: Financial Times
Entry Title: **David Li Insider Trading Settlement With SEC**
Journalist: Tom Mitchell, Robin Kwong, Brooke Masters, Francesco Guerrero

Comments: Detailed reporting and a clear scoop. Good scoop!

Honourable Mention

Publication: Dow Jones Newswires
Entry Title: **Australian Mining Mergers & Acquisitions**
Journalist: Alex Wilson

Comments: Reporter broke numerous, repeated hard-news stories on this very competitive topic. An impressive series of scoops — only possible with an extensive and well-maintained network of sources.

Journalist of the Year

Award of Excellence

Publication: Financial Times
Journalist: Joe Leahy

Comments: From a chilling account of the terrorist massacre in Mumbai to a revealing profile of the world's sixth richest industrialist driven by killer instinct and sibling rivalry, the reporter unveils the layers, flavours and complexities of modern India. His poignant description of a debt-desperate farmer who committed suicide and his enterprise reporting from a remote rural area about a land dispute involving one of India's largest conglomerates together pointed to the larger story of the plight of farmers caught in the country's struggle to become an industrial power. The report's articles and columns help readers understand the conflicts, issues and human protagonists with details and insights that illuminate and linger.

THE SCOOP AWARD

Journalist of the year - Joe Leahy

Digital Journalism - China and the Olympics

Special section - China report

Feature Writing - FTChinese.com

Newspaper Design



FT scoops six awards at SOPA.

At this year's SOPA (Society of Publishers in Asia) Awards, the FT's Asia team won six honours, including Journalist of the Year, Excellence in newspaper design, digital journalism and feature writing, plus The Scoop Award. The FT also received an honourable mention for its special section report on China. The awards recognise the FT's unrivalled commitment to high-quality, global news reporting, commentary and analysis.

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Terence Fernandez and R. Nadeswaran of The Sun received the Excellence in Investigative Reporting award from Simon Galpin, Director-General of Investment Promotion, Invest Hong Kong



Francis Chan of The New Paper received the Excellence in Reporting Breaking News award from Simon Galpin, Director-General of Investment Promotion, Invest Hong Kong



The Excellence in Reporting Breaking News award was bestowed to Carolyn Hong of The Straits Times by Invest Hong Kong's Director-General of Investment Promotion, Simon Galpin



The Excellence in Business Reporting award was scooped by A. Lin Neumann of The Jakarta Globe

Winners of 2009 SOPA Awards – Group B

Local newspapers and small magazines published in English, including their affiliated online publications and websites and independent online publications.

Excellence in Investigative Reporting

Award of Excellence

Publication: South China Morning Post
Entry Title: **Dirty Secrets**
Journalist: Al Guo
Comments: Brilliantly written. The reporter took a story of global interest, went to the heart of the issue and found out how the scandal was allowed to happen. Well written and brilliantly researched under difficult conditions. Excellent.

Honourable Mention

Publication: The Sun
Entry Title: **Public Land Gone**
Journalist: R'Nadeswaran, Terence Fernandez
Comments: The reporters were fearless in their pursuit of the truth and exposed new ground in the public interest. Excellent investigation.

Excellence in Reporting Breaking News

Award of Excellence

Publication: The New Paper
Entry Title: **4 Minutes Of Terror: Student Captures S'pore Zoo Workers Death On Video**
Face To Face With Tigers. He Did Not Want To Die
Victim's Sisters Watch Video Of Tiger Attack
Journalist: Teh Jen Lee, Desmond Ng, Tan May Ping, Tay Shi'an, Mohd Ishak

Comments: Tenacious, resourceful, fast reporting—a humane story resulted. Super! The reporters took what could have been a routine story and ran with it. Their tenaciousness, smart use of multiple resources, and ability to reach out quickly to a variety of key contacts all yielded a gripping, humane story.

Honourable Mention

Publication: The Straits Times
Entry Title: **Shifting Ground Under Their Feet**
State Jewels But Little Experience To Govern Then
Anwar Plots Opposition's Next Move
Malay Swing Stuns Both Opposition And Umno
Umno Battles Its Own Demons
Journalist: Carolyn Hong, Reme Ahmad, Leslie Lopez
Comments: This was smart, balanced election reporting tapping into a range of key angles and never leaving the reader bored.

Excellence in Business Reporting

Award of Excellence

Publication: Jakarta Globe
Entry Title: **Tripanca's Collapse**
Journalist: Kafil Yamin
Comments: Easy to follow yarn and a textbook example of jumping on a big story and wrestling it to the ground.

Honourable Mention

Publication: The Straits Times
Entry Title: **Retirees Recount Their Big Losses**
Journalist: Francis Chan
Comments: This story shows how ordinary people were swept up by the global economic storm, in a newsy engaging way. Good anecdotal examples. Well told.



Seth Meixner from the Phnom Penh Post was awarded Excellence in Human Rights Reporting by Invest Hong Kong's Simon Galpin



Gladis Young from the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong presented the Excellence in Reporting on the Environment award to Colum Murphy of the Far Eastern Economic Review



Sylvia Chan from Muse Magazine was presented the Excellence in Feature Writing award from the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong's Gladis Young



Dieter Pluess, CEO, Asia for Swiss Post International Management AG presented two awards for Excellence in Feature Photography to Ronald Liem of DestinAsian



The Excellence in Special Issue or Special Section award went to Surinder Jessy of Options, The Edge



Cliff Biddle of the South China Morning Post was presented the Excellence in Information Graphics award from Swiss Post International Management AG's Dieter Pluess

Excellence in Human Rights Reporting

Award of Excellence

Publication: The Phnom Penh Post
Entry Title: **Escape From Hell On The High Sea: Nine Trafficked Men Return Home**
Journalist: Christopher Shay, May Titthara
Comments: Enterprising work from a small publication.

Honourable Mention

Publication: South China Morning Post
Entry Title: **Help Wanted**
Journalist: Staff Reporter
Comments: Excellent on-the-ground reporting on an important topic.

Excellence in Reporting on the Environment

Award of Excellence

Publication: The Far Eastern Economic Review
Entry Title: **Playing Air-Quality Games**
Journalist: Steven Q. Andrews
Comments: A convincing, deep and impressive reporting.

Honourable Mention

Publication: South China Morning Post
Entry Title: **Power At A Cost**
Journalist: Shi Jingtao
Comments: The series was admirably ambitious and brought into perspective one of the most pervasive economy vs. people phenomena in China.

Excellence in Feature Writing

Award of Excellence

Publication: South China Morning Post
Entry Title: **Luck Beats A Lady**
Journalist: Joyce Siu
Comments: Interesting view of one element of society; well told; would have preferred to see women use their real names, but the anonymity in this case is understandable and the significance of the issue justifies it.

Honourable Mention

Publication: Muse Magazine
Entry Title: **It Started With A Fire**
Journalist: Sylvia Chan
Comments: A poignant, well-researched piece of writing that brings an abandoned public housing estate back to life. A fascinating reminder of how rich the routine of daily life was—and remains—in Hong Kong's neighbourhoods.

Excellence in Opinion Writing

Award of Excellence

Publication: South China Morning Post
Entry Title: **Dealing With Disasters**
Journalist: Wang Xiangwei
Comments: Best reporting. Well written. Critical issues for China, willingness to criticize where criticism is warranted and give credit where credit is due. Good perspective and ability to compare to a variety of other nations. The reporter has emerged as an important voice on Chinese politics.

Honourable Mention

Publication: MINT
Entry Title: **Café Economics**
Journalist: Niranjana Rajadhyaksha
Comments: The reporter combines strong prose with trenchant analysis, and has a gift for setting national issues in a much wider context. Truly a voice that speaks from India to the world. The reporter was my clear favourite, partly for his lucid writing style, partly for the breadth of his thinking.

Excellence in News Photography

Award of Excellence

Publication: The Phnom Penh Post
Entry Title: **Boeing Kak Lake Land Evictions**
Journalist: Vandy Rattana, Chhay Channyda, Rick Valenzuela
Comments: Striking, heartbreaking images that are also visually complex.

Honourable Mention

Publication: South China Morning Post
Entry Title: **Against The Odds**
Journalist: Robert Ng
Comments: Powerful, heartbreaking but also subtle images. The reporter found the individual stories swirling within that tornado of pain, and treated them directly but sensitively.

Excellence in Feature Photography

Award of Excellence

Publication: DestinAsian
Entry Title: **A World Away**
Journalist: Matthieu Paley
Comments: Simply stunning photos, the kind that leap off the page and invite you to walk into them. Gorgeous images from a far-away land I know I'll probably never get to, but now at least can dream about.

Honourable Mention

Publication: DestinAsian
Entry Title: **Into The Heart Of Siberut**
Journalist: Martin Westlake
Comments: Rich, sensitive portrayal of a unique culture. Depicts human and geographic scales effectively. Great dignity shown in Siberut's people. Never condescends or stoops to cliché!

Excellence in Special Issue or Special Section

Award of Excellence

Publication: South China Morning Post
Entry Title: **Beijing 2008, Olympic Odyssey**
Journalist: SCMP Sports team: Editor – Noel Prentice, Art Director – Carl Jones
Comments: Competent job by a seasoned team of sports journalists. An entertaining and comprehensive look at the Olympic Games.

Honourable Mention

Publication: Options, The Edge
Entry Title: **On The Heritage Trail In Penang**
Journalist: Surinder Jessy
Comments: Good combination of editorial, pictures, design and local knowledge to produce a stand-out issue on a topic that has been covered often but not usually as well.

Excellence in Information Graphics

Award of Excellence

Publication: South China Morning Post
Entry Title: **Campaign Face-Off**
Journalist: Terry Pontikos
Comments: Eye catching, good sense of humour, comprehensive.

Honourable Mention

Publication: The New Paper
Entry Title: **Raising A Dead Princess**
Journalist: Fadzil Hamzah, Celestino del Rosario Gulapa
Comments: Informative and elaborate graphics. "Boy's Own" stuff, made with love.

Excellence in Newspaper Design

Award of Excellence

Publication: South China Morning Post
Entry Title: **Dream Finale**
Journalist: SCMP Production Team, Production Manager: Ung Mah Pheng, Art Director: Terry Pontikos
Comments: Mature layout with excellent grid line, fonts and high level of editorial photos. The whole layout are well balanced and reader friendly. Unique and unforgettable.

Honourable Mention

Publication: MINT
Entry Title: **Obama Issue**
Journalist: Art Director: Abel Robinson
Comments: Nice usage of colours, fonts and creative elements like colour shades and lines. Great use of photos, particularly the double truck, and sheer volume of material gave it the edge.

TIME achieved recognition in 8 categories at the SOPA Awards for Editorial Excellence 2009

Excellence in Special Issue or Special Section

Summer Journey



Honorable Mention: Excellence in Reporting of Breaking News

Saving Burma



Excellence in Feature Writing

Crazy for Gold



Honorable Mention: Excellence in Digital Journalism

Time.com reporting on cyclone Nargis in Burma



Honorable Mention: Excellence in Reporting on the Environment

A Wound in the Earth



Excellence in Feature Photography

Inside China's Olympic Machine



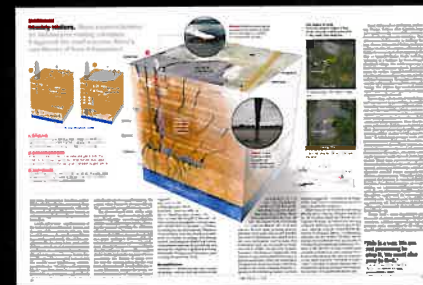
Honorable Mention: Excellence in News Photography

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Honorable Mention: Excellence in Information Graphics

A Wound in the Earth



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TIME



SOPA Chairman Terence Tung bestowed the Excellence in Magazine Design award to Power Magazine's Anthony Spaeth



Chungoh Bang from Chosun Ilbo, Korea scooped the newly introduced award—Excellence in Digital Journalism



SOPA Editorial Awards Sub-committee Chairman Kevin Brown congratulated Greg Torode, Chief Asia Correspondent of the South China Morning Post on the Journalist of the Year accolade

Excellence in Magazine Design

Award of Excellence

Publication: ish
Entry Title: **ish 9.5 - Shopping For Life**
Journalist: ish team

Comments: A real standout. Good concept, fun photos and spreads, interesting work with pages. It delivers visual excitement that is only possible with terrific photography and a willingness to take risks in terms of graphics design.

Honourable Mention

Publication: Power Magazine
Entry Title: **Power December Issue**
Journalist: Group Art Director: Darren Long

Comments: This is just blazing -- great photos, great page design and the elements it brings together, from editorial to photographs to graphics and layout, are separately great and integrated beautifully in this truly beautiful new publication. I just loved this magazine.

Excellence in Digital Journalism

Award of Excellence

Publication: Chosun Ilbo
Entry Title: **On The Border**
Journalist: Lee Hark Joon, Park Jong In, Bang Jung O

Comments: Breathtaking stories that once again define the ultimate form of investigative journalism. Authoritarian oppression and the irrepressible longing for freedom are a familiar theme but an effective combination of print, online and broadcast journalism makes it a refreshing experience for the audience.

Honourable Mention

Publication: South China Morning Post
Entry Title: **Space Invaders**
Journalist: SCMP News and Multimedia teams

Comments: The story is a vivid example of how an Asian society such as Hong Kong's is often still torn between commercial modernity and political/cultural underdevelopment with regards to human and civil rights. At the same time, it's indeed an innovative form of news reporting for print media seeking a new business model.

The Scoop Award

Award of Excellence

Publication: South China Morning Post
Entry Title: **Oil Territory**
Journalist: Greg Torode

Comments: This is an example of top-notch reporting and writing. The reporter dug up an important and far-reaching story, researched it well and told it well, exploring the international ramifications in knowledgeable and understandable terms.

Honourable Mention

Publication: The JoongAng Daily
Entry Title: **North Korea Allows A Separated Couple To Reunite After 47 Years**

Journalist: Ryu Kwon-ha, Ser Myo-ja
Comments: The paper worked for more than a year on the story and managed to keep it under wraps; the story had international impact. Nicely done!

Journalist of the Year

Award of Excellence

Publication: South China Morning Post
Journalist: Greg Torode

Comments: Strong regional coverage. Authoritative and wide-ranging. Solid work.



Chum Shun Kin of Ming Pao Daily received the Excellence in Reporting Breaking News award from Simon Galpin, Director-General of Investment Promotion, Invest Hong Kong



Alain Deroche of Asian Business Leaders won the Excellence in Business Reporting award



The Excellence in Human Rights Reporting award was scooped by Alone Her of Global Views Monthly



The Grand Hyatt Hong Kong's Gladis Young presented to Yazhou Zhoukan's Annie Zhang Jieping the Excellence in Reporting on the Environment award



Gladis Young from the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong presented the Excellence in Reporting on the Environment award to CommonWealth Magazine's Sheree Chuang



FTChinese.com's David Pilling was congratulated by Gladis Young of the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong for Excellence in Feature Writing



Apple Daily's Hung Hing Cho, Kevin was bestowed the Excellence in News Photography award by Gladis Young, Marketing Communications Manager, the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong

Winners of 2009 SOPA Awards – Group C

Chinese-language publications, including Chinese-language websites and wire services

Excellence in Investigative Reporting

Award of Excellence

Publication: 中國新聞周刊 China News Weekly
Entry Title: 甕安事件調查 –
· 探尋暴力之源
· 少女李樹芬三次屍檢內幕
· 風暴眼中的甕安官員
· 被免職的公安局長: 我所看到的甕安江湖

Journalist: 吳晨光、王剛、蔡如鵬、王維博、劉震

Comments: Courageous coverage in China! This topic is highly influential, meaningful yet difficult. It conducts an in-depth analysis on the structural problems, not sensational but impressive. Refined language and artwork, stunning photos.

Honourable Mention

Publication: 天下雜誌 CommonWealth
Entry Title: 破碎的農地 消失的糧食
Journalist: 莊素玉、汪文豪、辜樹仁、陳一嫻

Comments: In-depth analysis, not just criticisms. Attractive photos and text, thought-provoking.

Excellence in Reporting Breaking News

Award of Excellence

Publication: 明報 Ming Pao Daily
Entry Title: 四川大地震系列報道
.....明報中國組、港聞組、攝影組

Comments: Well-organised, timely and comprehensive. Some of the anecdotes the reporters collected were truly moving, and reminded me of how traumatic those days were for the victims.

Honourable Mention

Publication: 蘋果日報 Apple Daily
Entry Title: 鳳姐連環被殺案
Journalist: 突發組

Comments: Proper treatment and prudent from sensationalism. There's no question that there was competition from all newspapers on this breaking story, and there's no question that this publication kept on top of the competition in pulling it off, revealing fresh details and putting it in a juicy package that should be judged on the merits of the product that this publication provides. In that respect, this is exactly what the newspaper does best, and this is an exemplar of that.

Excellence in Business Reporting

Award of Excellence

Publication: 東方企業家 Asian Business Leaders
Entry Title: 中國製造: 野蠻升級
Journalist: 作者: 方浩、閻婷、鄒瑞霞; 插圖: 徐鵬
Comments: A thought-provoking perspective of the way forward for the Chinese economy and an in-depth analysis.

Honourable Mention

Publication: 財務總監 CFO China
Entry Title: 陰翳遮天
Journalist: 盧楓、吳晨
Comments: It touched an issue which had great impact to Mainland, Hong Kong and also Taiwan. The story was in-depth, comprehensive and has some first hand information from the magazine's survey.

Excellence in Human Rights Reporting

Award of Excellence

Publication: 遠見雜誌 Global Views Monthly
Entry Title: 撿回來的校長獎
Journalist: 楊瑪利、王一芝、林妙玲

Comments: With thorough investigation and well-written case studies, it provides an in-depth analysis of a social problem and the potential solutions to Taiwan and other developed societies. Readers are well-informed of a problem that could be happening next door.

Honourable Mention

Publication: 亞洲週刊 Yazhou Zhoukan
Entry Title: 胡佳現象台前幕後 中國維權最新模式
Journalist: 章海陵、張潔平、李永峰、紀碩鳴

Comments: The team has been able to demonstrate its capability to expand a story from one breaking point and broaden its analysis into the root. Covering such a topic in China takes great courage and I think the writers should be rewarded for the risk they took.

Excellence in Reporting on the Environment

Award of Excellence

Publication: 亞洲週刊 Yazhou Zhoukan
Entry Title: 成都環保風暴 公民抗議地震帶建石化廠
Journalist: 張潔平、譚作人

Comments: Comprehensive, in-depth, shows courage and conviction. The story is an exclusive report on a resistance movement in Chengdu against plans to build a chemical plant in the earthquake zone. Rich in details, the story captured the anger and dedication of the local residents. It also explains the science of pollution, and the danger of building in the earthquake zone. The hero of the story has since been arrested and held in detention.

Honourable Mention

Publication: 天下雜誌 CommonWealth
Entry Title: 破碎的農地 消失的糧食
Journalist: 莊素玉、汪文豪、辜樹仁、陳一嫻

Comments: The story is compassionate and informative report on a critical environmental issue of our time, supported by detailed reporting and thorough research.

Excellence in Feature Writing

Award of Excellence

Publication: FT 中文網 FTChinese.com
Entry Title: 《丁學良回望中國改革“三十年”》
Journalist: 丁學良

Comments: Macroscopic perspective, thorough and in-depth analysis. Well-written.

Honourable Mention

Publication: 中國新聞周刊 China News Weekly
Entry Title: 大案律師的“羅生門”
Journalist: 吳晨光、周華蕾

Comments: Simple language, precise analysis.

Excellence in News Photography

Award of Excellence

Publication: 蘋果日報 Apple Daily
Entry Title: 雷曼苦主討血汗錢
Journalist: 黃賢創、鄭逸宇、李家皓、黎樹雄、孔慶初

Comments: Very impressive photos that showed how the demise of an investment bank thousands of miles away affected many ordinary people's lives in this side of the world.

Honourable Mention

Publication: 明報 Ming Pao Daily
Entry Title: 回鄉心切
Journalist: 林振東

Comments: It is an excellent photo to symbolize the real and instant situation on the news spot. Original compositions, attention-grabbing news, body language on the photos conveys quite a strong message.

AT THE FOREFRONT OF EDITORIAL EXCELLENCE FOR 6 STRAIGHT YEARS

THE **SOPA**
2009 AWARDS
FOR EDITORIAL EXCELLENCE

SPH has once again, triumphed at the 11th Society of Publishers in Asia Awards. For its unwavering dedication to excellence in news coverage and presentation styles, it has received honours in major categories.



The New Paper



Excellence in Reporting Breaking News



Excellence in Information Graphics
Honourable Mention

The Straits Times



Excellence in Business Reporting
Honourable Mention



Excellence in Reporting
Breaking News
Honourable Mention

Female



Excellence in Magazine Design
Honourable Mention
SPHmagazines



Chenlung Kuo from Business Weekly was given the Excellence in Special Issue or Special Section award by Swiss Post International Management AG's Dieter Pluess



Dieter Pluess for Swiss Post International Management AG presented the Excellence in Special Issue or Special Section award to Daniel Wong for Eastweek



The Excellence in Editorial Cartooning award went to Doo Lok Man of Ming Pao Daily



Apple Daily's Yeung Wing Chong, Christopher was presented the Excellence in Information Graphics award from Dieter Pluess, CEO, Asia for Swiss Post International Management AG

Excellence in Feature Photography

Award of Excellence

Publication: 生活月刊 Life Magazine

Entry Title: 《長江家書》:

全景長江+幻影長江+人文長江

Journalist: Kadir van Lohuizen, 馬嶺, 顏長江

Comments: Good complementary pictures, interesting and informative.

Honourable Mention

Publication: 蘋果日報 Apple Daily

Entry Title: 水浸上環

Journalist: 李家皓

Comments: First rate photo finish, no nonsense pictures complement the story.

Excellence in Special Issue or Special Section

Award of Excellence

Publication: 商業周刊 Business Weekly

Entry Title: 勤樸

Journalist: -

Comments: Apparently, the team has made great effort to make it happen. It is well written and the presentation is easy to digest. A work that reflects the professionalism of the editorial board.

Honourable Mention

Publication: 東周刊 Eastweek

Entry Title: 哀悼·世紀災難

Journalist: 東周刊美術部 Eastweek Art Department

Comments: Very emotional story produced with sympathy towards victims of the earthquake. Pictures are appealing and hard to forget.

Excellence in Editorial Cartooning

Award of Excellence

Publication: 明報 Ming Pao Daily

Entry Title: 嘸嘸格格漫畫

Journalist: 黃照達

Comments: Creative presentation. First rate, supreme.

Honourable Mention

Publication: 蘋果日報 Apple Daily

Entry Title: 等一票

Journalist: 尊子

Comments: Simple, but it explains the political situation.

Excellence in Information Graphics

Award of Excellence

Publication: 蘋果日報 Apple Daily

Entry Title: 四川大地震專版之震散豆腐渣教學樓

Journalist: 美術部CG組

Comments: Good graphic simulation of the structural issues during earthquake.

Honourable Mention

Publication: 東周刊 Eastweek

Entry Title: 驚世巨建解構

Journalist: 東周刊美術部 Eastweek Art Department

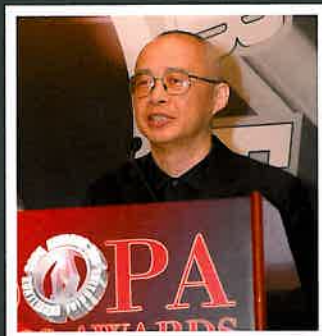
Comments: Good graphic presentation of data, information and knowledge.



Terence Tung, SOPA Chairman awarded Sun Wen Kuei, Felix of Apple Daily Taiwan Excellence in Newspaper Design.



Alain Deroche and Ching Siu Wai of City Magazine received the Excellence in Magazine Design award from SOPA Chairman Terence Tung.



Yazhou Zhoukan's Editor-in-Chief, L.P. Yau delivered a speech on behalf of the Journalist of the Year award winner Kei Shek Ming, Senior Correspondent.

Excellence in Newspaper Design

Honourable Mention

Publication: 蘋果日報 Apple Daily
Entry Title: 7死14失蹤 1斷斷6橋 山崩埋8車
Journalist: -

Comments: The collapse of the highway image is used very effectively across the two pages. It shows an angle that helps explain the disaster very well.

Excellence in Magazine Design

Award of Excellence

Publication: City Magazine
Entry Title: Home想家
Journalist: 《號外》設計部
Comments: Superb photographs used in a creative manner to express a central theme. Simple and elegant execution.

Honourable Mention

Publication: 新視線 The Outlook Magazine
Entry Title: 奧運特刊
Journalist: 《運動最光榮》- 策劃: 彭楊軍、陳皎皎;
撰文: 林昱、江楠
《權力建築》- 策劃: 彭楊軍、陳皎皎,
撰文: 黎詩話、王思及、胡續冬、趙思奇
《決戰奧林匹亞》- 攝影:
Eugenio Recuenco

Comments: A creative presentation of the Olympics story with historical and images. Visually stunning and exuding a sense of excitement and occasion commensurate with the scale and importance of the event.

The Scoop Award

Award of Excellence

Publication: 明報 Ming Pao Daily
Entry Title: 淫審條例受挑戰 執法機構錯告人
Journalist: 羅永聰

Comments: Has great social impact, monitors the government and protects people's rights. This report brought up new evidence to challenge police's "established" practices and procedures of prosecuting a person on charge of releasing obscene articles. After this report, police revised their prosecuting procedures and human rights to be better protected.

Honourable Mention

Publication: 明報 Ming Pao Daily
Entry Title: 明報格價網: 超市格價系列
Journalist: 張岳強、鄺詠恩
Comments: The report demonstrated the finest of journalism. Lies and misleading advertisements for big commercial interests could not fool the eyes of the journalist.

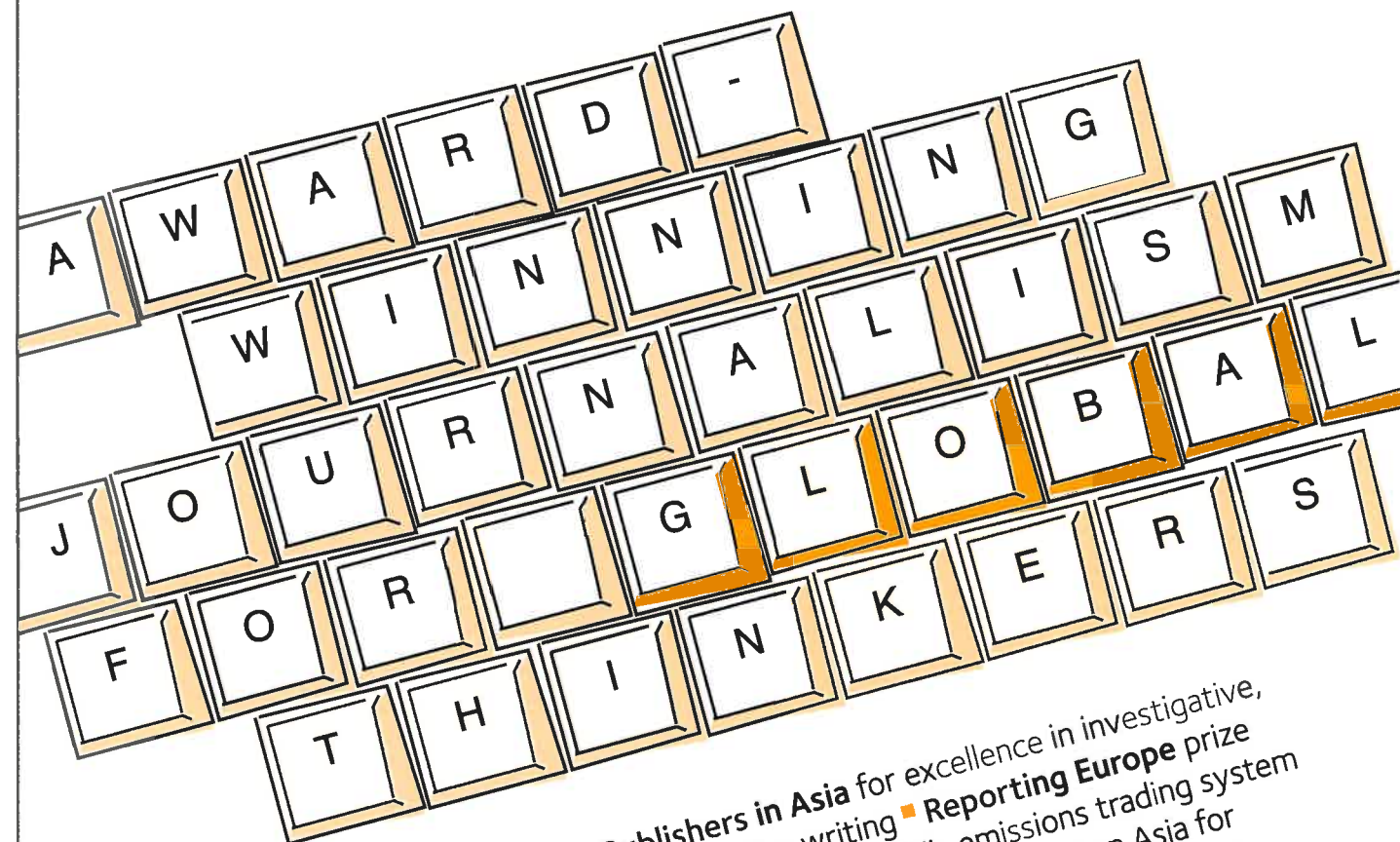
Journalist of the Year

Award of Excellence

Publication: 亞洲週刊 Yazhou Zhoukan
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SOPA 2009 Awards for Editorial Excellence Prize Presentation Dinner

The SOPA Awards for Editorial Excellence were established in 1999 to honour high standards of journalism in Asia, underpinning SOPA's commitment to free speech and professional integrity. Celebrating its eleventh anniversary, the awards saw a staggering 547 entries from 97 English and Chinese language publications across Asia Pacific vying for honours in 17 categories.

Eighty-nine outstanding journalists were honoured at the SOPA 2009 Awards for Editorial Excellence gala dinner on 11th June 2009 at the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong.

The event was hosted by Mr. Jim Laurie, Director of Broadcasting Program & Senior Teaching Consultant at the University of Hong Kong. Keynote speaker Mr. Jimmy Lai, Chairman of Next Media Limited, was interviewed live in front of nearly 300 senior media executives, editors, journalists and industry peers from across the Asia Pacific region.

"I was extremely impressed with the breadth and depth of work in many of the entries. The entries in certain categories broke new ground, and it's only reporters' determination to get to the bottom of subject that a story emerged. Congratulations must be given to all," said Mr. Kevin Brown, Chairman of the Editorial Awards Sub-committee.

SOPA Chairman Mr. Terence Tung added that the standards delivered by the winners are typical of the work that SOPA seeks to endorse. "There was some brilliant reporting and very enterprising coverage often delivered in very demanding and difficult conditions," he said.

SOPA presented a cheque to The Society for the Relief of Disabled Children at the gala dinner as part of the Society's annual donation to charity from the proceeds of its activities.



SOPA Chairman Terence Tung presented the charity donation cheque to Vivian Lee, Chairman of The Society for the Relief of Disabled Children



Keynote speaker Jimmy Lai from Next Media Ltd. was interviewed on stage by 2009 SOPA Awards Sub-committee member, Robyn Meredith at Forbes (right)



(From left to right) SOPA Chairman Terence Tung and Deputy Chairman Christina Lee welcomed Mimi Lam from Invest Hong Kong and L.P. Yau from Yazhou Zhoukan



Sophie Leung from Bloomberg and Raymond Warhola from Forbes Inc., member of SOPA Executive Board



Mark Cochrane and Paul Woodward from Business Strategies Group with Joe Spitzer from Dow Jones, member of SOPA Executive Board



(From left to right) Dieter Pluess, Jerry Leung and Chris Stevens from Swiss Post International Management AG were greeted by Iris Fung, SOPA Executive Director



SOPA Chairman Terence Tung greeted Mark Simon from Apple Daily



Power Magazine's Anthony Spaeth and Muse Magazine's Frank Proctor, member of SOPA Executive Board

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- ✓ Award of Excellence in Information Graphics
- ✓ Award of Excellence in Newspaper Design
- ✓ Honorable Mention in News Photography
- ✓ Honorable Mention in Digital Journalism
- ✓ Award of Excellence in The Scoop Award
- ✓ Journalist of the Year – Greg Torode

South China Morning Post



SOPA 2009 Awards for Editorial Excellence Prize Presentation — Cocktails



Kevin Brown, SOPA Editorial Awards Sub-committee Chairman and Iris Fung, SOPA Executive Director



(From left to right) Cliff Buddle and Karen Chan from the South China Morning Post, with Victor Fung from Hong Kong Baptist University



(From left to right) Rebecca Tjouw from Dow Jones, Mimi Lam from Invest Hong Kong, Dawn Chan from Dow Jones and Charles Ng from Invest Hong Kong



William Mellor of Bloomberg and Liu Heung Shing of Modern Media Group



Enid Tsui and Edward Cheng from the Financial Times



Global Asia's David Platt and Muse Magazine's Joyce Choi

SOPA 2009 Awards for Editorial Excellence Prize Presentation — Cocktails



(From left to right) Guangzhou Daily's Chen Lin and Lin Jianfen



Kevin Murphy of the Phnom Penh Post, S. Karene Witcher of The Wall Street Journal Asia and Steve Petersohn of the Phnom Penh Post



Matthew Driskill at Wildcat Productions and Philip McClellan at International Herald Tribune



Nick West and Azmar Sukandar of the Financial Times



Paulyi Kwok and Sylvia Chan from Muse Magazine



Rebecca Tjouw from Dow Jones and Jonathon Hardy from Energy Media



The Bloomberg team - Joshua O'Connor, Bob Chen and Ellen Chiu



The Financial Times ladies - Charmain Regis and Azmar Sukandar



(From left to right) The South China Morning Post's Daniel Jeffreys and Bloomberg's Nick Gentle



Thomas Crampton for Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide and Philip McClellan for International Herald Tribune



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Winner of Excellence in News Photography :

Apple Daily (雷曼苦主討血汗錢)

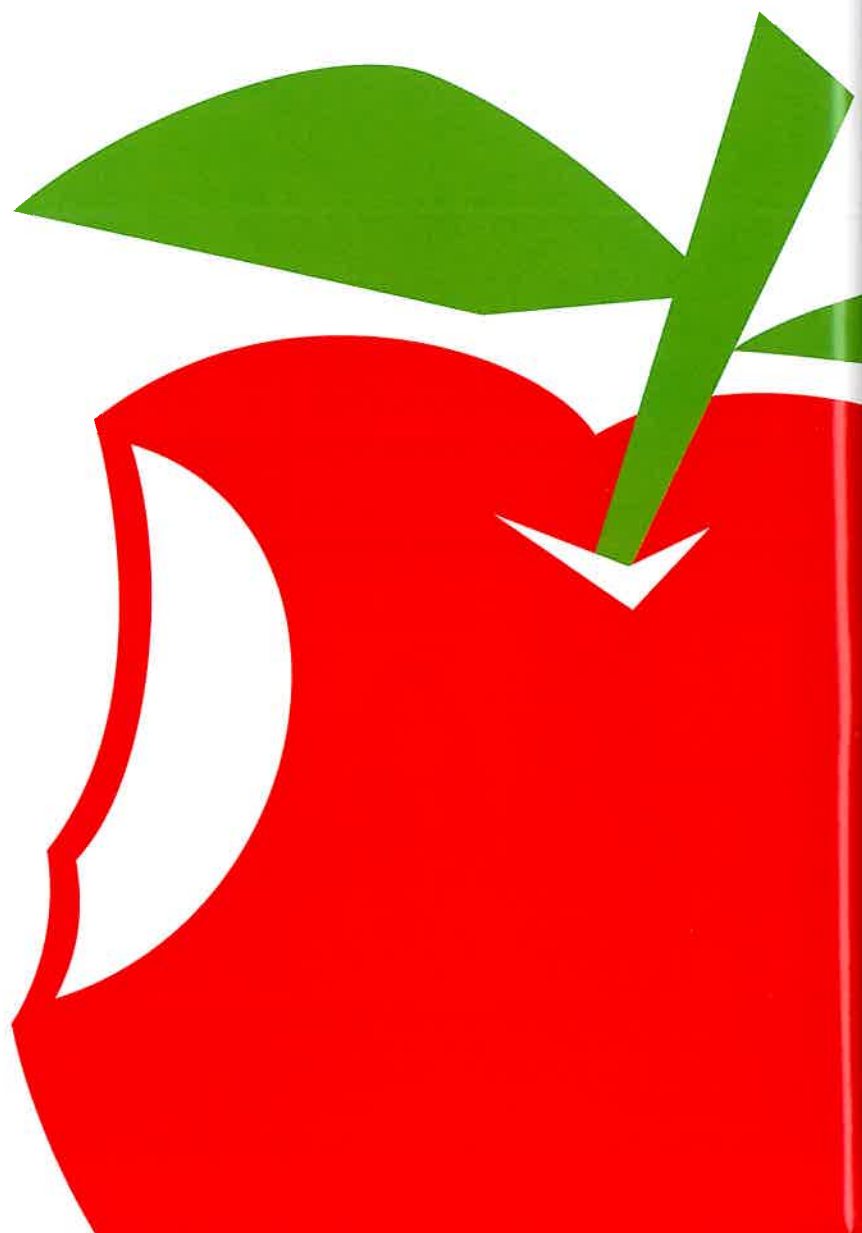
"Very impressive photos that showed how the demise of an investment bank thousands of miles away affected many ordinary people's lives in this side of the world."

Winner of Excellence in Information Graphics :

Apple Daily (四川大地震專版之震散豆腐渣教學樓)

"Good graphic simulation of the structural issues during earthquake."

- Judges' citation



SOPA 2009 Awards for Editorial Excellence Prize Presentation — Gala Dinner



Terence Tung, SOPA Chairman delivered a welcome speech



Jim Laurie, Master of Ceremony



Cindy Kwong from Invest Hong Kong chatted with Jimmy Lai from Next Media Ltd.



(From left to right) Terence Tung, SOPA Chairman and Simon Galpin, Director-General of Investment Promotion at Invest Hong Kong



Jimmy Lai, Chairman of Next Media Ltd. and Terence Tung, SOPA Chairman



Christina Lee, SOPA Deputy Chairman and Dieter Pluess, CEO, Asia of Swiss Post International Management AG



Sophie Leung and Douglas Wong from Bloomberg

SOPA 2009 Awards for Editorial Excellence Prize Presentation — Gala Dinner



(From left to right) A get-together for peers across the region – Ronald Liem and Kim Kenchington from DestinAsian, Matthew Leppard and Robert Jan Fernhout from Travel + Leisure Southeast Asia, and Kevin Drew from CNN International



The Apple Daily table



The Eastweek team: Paul Chan Hau Po, Marical Chau Sheung Yin, Daniel Wong Chi Yung



Guests at the Thomson Reuters table



The Bloomberg table: (From left to right) Ben Richardson, Joost Akkermans, William Mellor and Tom Kohn



The Newsweek table: (From left to right) Alexandra Seno, Claren Mui, Iris Ng (HSBC), San Chan (HSBC), Stella Yang, Peggy Ho



The South China Morning Post table: (From left to right) Karen Chan, Noel Prentice, Daniel Jeffreys, Luisa Tam, Carl Jones



A time of glory for the Financial Times team



Winners from Ming Pao Daily and Yezhou Zhoukan posed with their awards



The Dow Jones team—The Wall Street Journal Asia, the Far Eastern Economic Review and Dow Jones Newswires—were honoured for their outstanding journalistic work



The award winners



SOPA 2009 Awards for Editorial Excellence Prize Presentation — Gala Dinner



Winners of the SOPA Awards proudly embraced their awards - a celebration of journalistic excellence in their respective fields



The award-winning South China Morning Post team



Broad grins from the South China Morning Post team



A joyful moment for Daniel Molloy, President of FT Chinese.com/ FT Rui



Triumphant smiles from The Wall Street Journal Asia's Christine Glancey and S. Karene Witcher



The Chosun Ilbo team from Korea were thrilled about their first ever SOPA Award



The Muse Magazine team celebrated their award win

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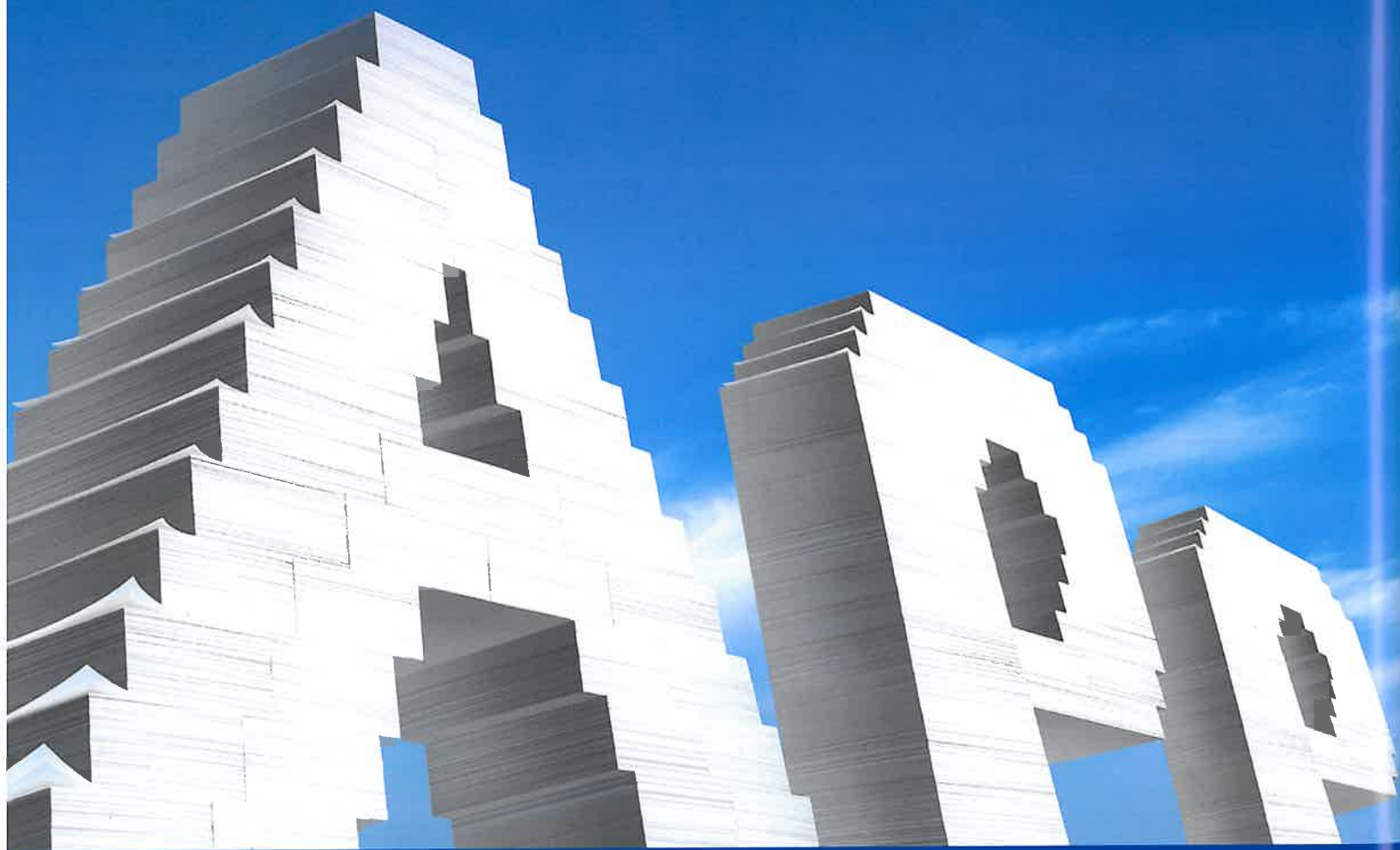
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Issue 382 (July 2008)
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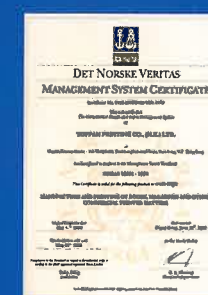
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