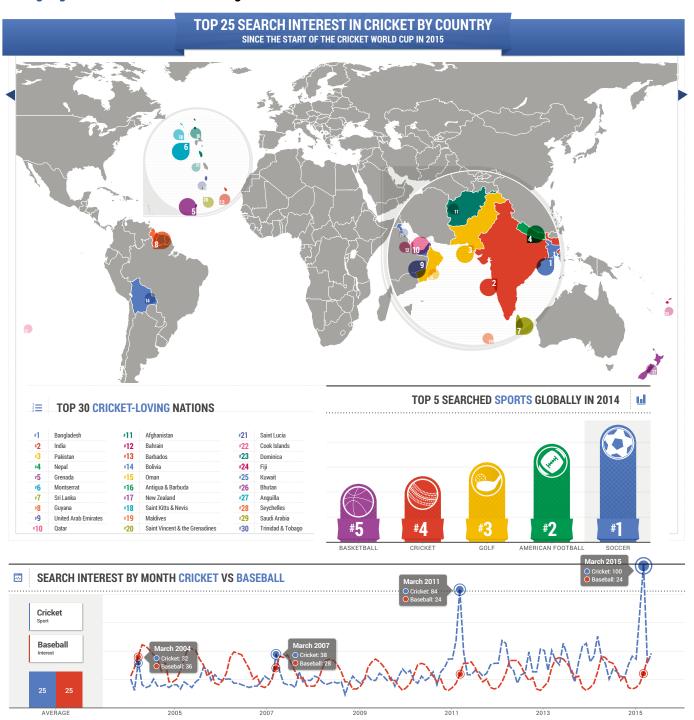


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The SOPA Awards for Editorial Excellence were established in 1999 as a tribute to editorial excellence in both traditional and new media, and were designed to encourage editorial vitality throughout the region. The awards cover a broad range of categories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

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

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

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

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

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Chairman's Message



The Society of Publishers in Asia (SOPA) is delighted to welcome you to the 17th Annual Awards for Editorial Excellence!

Founded in 1982 and now in its 33rd year, SOPA was established as a not-for-profit association to celebrate excellence in journalism, bolster freedom of the press, and share best practices that mutually support, encourage and benefit the publishing industry. Today, The Society of Publishers in Asia is comprised of 40 local and regional member organizations that collectively affirm these values. We embrace the innovative technological advances that expand the numbers in our audience and better serve the information needs of our readers.

The time tested maxim holds that there is power in the written word. And its inherent power is palpable: to influence, educate, collaborate, shape ideas and mold opinions. Burgeoning access to the public imbues journalists with ever increasing authority. The esteemed Joseph Pulitzer regarded journalism "a noble profession and one of unequaled importance for its influence upon the minds and morals of

the people." The SOPA Awards are therefore an essential benchmark for our industry and our region as they serve to recognize and honor the highest professional standards of true, constructive and impactful journalism across Asia.

SOPA is an active organization whose commitment to excellence is evidenced in a range of initiatives: the SOPA Awards workshop and media tour serves as an instructional program to hone and strengthen the skill set of journalism professionals; in partnership with the Bring Me A Book Foundation, SOPA embraces an ongoing commitment to encourage and develop literacy skills in underserved Asian children; building on the foundational library we dedicated in 2012 in Yuen Long, SOPA reaffirmed its commitment to reforming childhood illiteracy with a new endowment of English and Chinese language books presented earlier this year; and, our recent SOPA Media Insider's Breakfast challenged an authoritative panel of editors, publishers and advertisers to examine the commercial value of press freedoms.

This year a record number of journalistic entries have been submitted to the SOPA Awards committee. We recognize and appreciate the stalwart commitment made by our team of leading international judges who preside over all SOPA entries. These dedicated individuals volunteer their time throughout the year to ensure that the Awards come together flawlessly. Under the leadership of Tom Leander and Jeffrey Timmermans, the panel of judges ensures that each entry is analyzed and selected according to an exacting set of criteria.

The Awards have once again been assisted by experienced administrators at the Journalism and Media Studies Centre, The University of Hong Kong.

This evening, we are also pleased to celebrate the notable journalistic achievements of Mr. Philip Bowring as we induct him as an Honorary Member into The Society of Publishers in Asia. A graduate of Cambridge University and an Asia based journalist for more than 40 years, Mr. Bowring's lifetime body of work across multiple print and digital publishing platforms reflects an unwavering commitment to the highest standards of principled, journalistic integrity.

Special thanks and appreciation are due our sponsors InvestHK, Google, K11, CatchOn and Media OutReach whose support is vital to the success of this important event.

On behalf of the SOPA Board, I extend our thanks to you for joining with us in celebration of the 17th SOPA Annual Awards for Editorial Excellence.

Enjoy the program!

Raymond T. Warhola

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Editorial Committee Chairman's Message



The Society of Publishers in Asia awards enters its 17th year with a healthy stride. The awards are Asia's premier press awards and, as such, a strong advocate of free press and free speech. The coverage up for consideration this year encompassed the Occupy Central demonstrations, a remarkable event in Hong Kong's history and evidence of the grit of many of the Hong Kong's citizens in the face of government opposition to open elections.

As you would expect, the year's entries are marked by lively coverage of the demonstrations. The competitive nature of the enterprise – local and foreign news organizations in this media centre had a world story at their doorstep – proved to be a refiners' fire bringing out the best.

Elsewhere in the region the year was characterized by equally remarkable stories and impressive coverage – of Modi's ascension in India; Widodo's in Indonesia; China's confidence under Xi Jinping coming to full economic and political bloom; the coup in Thailand; the Sewol tragedy in South Korea; the disappearance of a Malaysian Airline jet followed by the downing of another in the Ukraine, to name a few. But it is stories that explore the remarkable, desperate and shocking in the status quo that draw special attention, such as those that exposed the horrifying plight of migrants in Southeast Asia or oppression suffered by domestic helpers in Hong Kong.

The role of the SOPA Awards in valuing the best and most independent in journalism in Asia would appear to be locked in. But we work in a region marked by fast-paced social and political change and in an industry in which digital reality is altering economic models. Business as usual is gone forever. SOPA needs the support of journalists at a grassroots level to ensure independence and to keep up with an industry in the process of reinventing itself. The awards have continued to expand, embracing a greater variety of publications from all points in the region. But they need to keep going, to reflect the region they cover. SOPA is fighting to do this, but we'll always need your help.

I would like to thank Ying Chan and the Journalism and Media Studies Centre at Hong Kong University for its dedication in supporting the judging process – the single most important component of the awards, and the guarantor of its independence and guardian of its quality. I would like to thank head judge Jeffrey Timmermans, deputy head judge King-wa Fu and Will Chang, champion administrator, for their dedication, hard work and common sense. I would also like to thank Christine Wong, SOPA's marketing director, who has done so much to help grow these awards, and two of my colleagues on the SOPA board, Ray Warhola and David Eugene Smith, for supporting the independence of the SOPA committee and quick comprehension of the importance of independence when it has been challenged. Thanks, too, to the SOPA committee members, friends, as well as determined colleagues, in making sure the awards stay fresh and grow, and that their integrity remains intact.

Tom Leander — Chairman

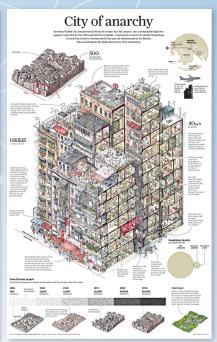
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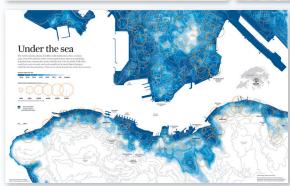
















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Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to SOPA and to our hardworking teams at the *South China Morning Post* for continuing to strive for excellence in journalism.



Head of Judges' Message_



nyone reading through the 662 entries for the 2015 SOPA Awards would have to admit it was a great year for journalism in Asia. Certainly, the many dramatic events of the year were a factor, from the still-unsolved mystery of Malaysia Airlines flight 370 and the tragic Sewol ferry accident in South Korea, to the Umbrella Movement in Hong Kong. But the fact that the number of entries in 31 out of 54 categories topped last year's figures, resulting in another record-breaking total for the year, is evidence for the wide range of outstanding work being done by journalists throughout the region. Naturally, this made the judging panel's task especially difficult this year. The 112 industry professionals and academics who volunteered as judges this year spent many hours of their valuable time reviewing entries, and then had an often agonizing choice at the end of the process. On behalf of the entire SOPA awards committee, I'd like to offer our deepest thanks to the judges - and to ask them to consider volunteering again next year!

Jeffrey Timmermans — Head of Judges SOPA 2015 Awards Editorial Committee

Mission Statement

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Interviewee and Guest of Honor



Jimmy Lai
Founder, Next Media Group

Jimmy Lai is the founder and major shareholder of the Next Media Group. Mr Lai migrated to Hong Kong at the age of 12 and built several businesses, including a major garment export firm, and the well known Giordano retail chain. Mr. Lai entered media in the late 1980's and built Next Media into the largest news media group in both Hong Kong and Taiwan according to AC Nielsen and Comscore.

Interviewer



Hugo Restall
Editorial Page Editor, The Wall Street Journal Asia

Ugo Restall edits the Journal's opinion pages in Asia. He became a member of The Wall Street Journal editorial board in 2004. He joined the Asian Journal in April 1994 as an editorial page writer and subsequently worked as deputy editorial page editor. He also served as editor of the Far Eastern Economic Review, a monthly journal of opinion and analysis published in Hong Kong. He is an Asian Studies graduate of Dartmouth College and studied Mandarin Chinese at Yunnan University.

Master of Ceremony_____



Tara Joseph

Chief Correspondent, Reuters TV, Asia

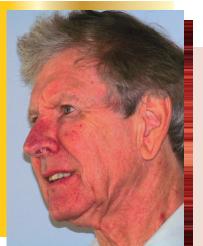
Tara has been a journalist with Reuters for two decades, and is currently Chief correspondent for Reuters TV, Asia. She covers general and financial news stories across the Asia region, syndicated to Reuters clients globally and on Reuters digital products.

Before moving to Asia, Tara was the lead anchor for Reuters Financial TV based in London, and was appointed global editor in 2000. She started her journalism career as a freelancer based in Hong Kong, and worked as an assistant producer at the MaNeil/Lehrer NewsHour in New York.





SOPA Honorary Member 2015_____



Mr. Philip Bowring

The Society of Publishers in Asia is especially proud this evening to celebrate the induction of Mr. Philip Bowring as an Honorary Member of SOPA. Based in Asia since 1973, Mr. Bowring has served as a journalism professional in the region for more than 40 years. Across the decades, he has merited a well-earned reputation for integrity and smart, insightful reporting in newspapers, magazines and digital platforms. His lifework embodies the highest standards of journalistic integrity that SOPA so esteems.

Philip hales originally from the UK where he worked for the Investors Chronicle in London. He subsequently served as a freelancer in Africa and a Financial Journalist and Correspondent for overseas media in Sydney, before joining the Far Eastern Economic Review in Hong Kong as its Business Editor.

Serving for five years at The Review, he moved briefly to its sister publication The Asian Wall Street Journal, before advancing to the Financial Times as Correspondent covering Southeast Asia.

In 1980, Philip returned to the FEER as Deputy Editor and upon the retirement of Derek Davies in 1988, Philip Bowring was named the publication's Editor. Following changes of ownership at The Review, he left the magazine in 1992 to become an independent columnist and consultant. From 1992 to 2011, he wrote a regular Opinion Page column for the International Herald Tribune. For 20 years he has been writing a fortnightly column for the South China Morning Post and serves as a consultant to financial institutions and research organisations on regional political and financial issues.

In 2006, Philip Bowring founded the Asia news and analysis website www.asiasentinel.com. He remains a contributor to the site and occasionally, to other publications, including a recent 3,000 words obituary of Lee Kuan Yew for The Guardian. He is the author of the recently published "Free Trade's First Missionary", the biography of a distant relative who was Governor of Hong Kong and author of the Bowring Treaty between Siam and Britain. Philip is endeavoring to write a history of maritime southeast Asia.

Philip Bowring holds a degree in History from Cambridge University where he is a Fellow Commoner of St. Catharine's College, and also a research student (1963-64) at the University of Khartoum, Sudan. He is married to fellow journalist and current Civic Party member of the Hong Kong Legislative Council, Claudia Mo. They have two sons.



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