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Excellence in Information Graphics

Honoring entries that demonstrate high standards in presenting information in graphical form.



Excellence in Information Graphics









Honorable Mention

 Publication:

 CommonWealth Magazine

 天下雜誌

Excellence in

Information Graphics

Title of Entry: Economic Explanation 經濟有解

Journalists: 賀桂芬、陳一姍、陳竫詒、 司徒嘉慧、史書華、劉凡瑄、 陳紹謙、洪梵軒



Judges' Comments:

Different aspects of the economic problems in Taiwan are faithfully manifested through the engaging motion graphics videos.





Award for Excellence

Excellence in

Information Graphics

Publication: Sing Tao Daily 星島日報

<u>Title of Entry:</u> Flood Relief System 世紀排洪

<u>Journalists:</u> Danny Wong

Judges' Comments: The realistic 3D rendering is very well done to depict the interrelationship between different components of the system.





Excellence in Information Graphics







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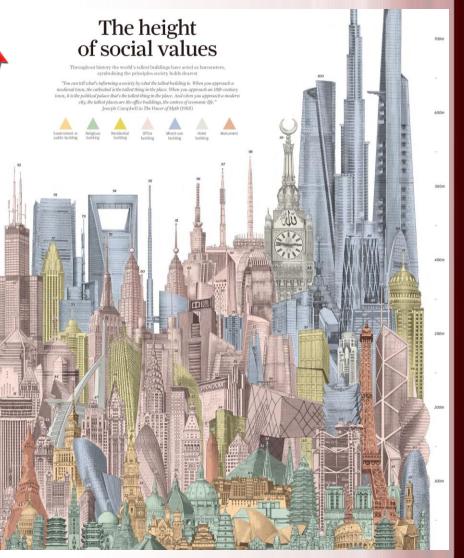
Honorable Mention

Publication: South China Morning Post

<u>Title of Entry:</u> The height of social values

<u>Journalists:</u> Alberto Lucas López

Judges' Comments: Overall effect and composition is strong and attractive. Excellent hand drawings of the tallest buildings.







Award for Excellence

Publication: South China Morning Post

Excellence in

Information Graphics

<u>Title of Entry:</u> Dead in life, alive in death

Journalists: Alberto Lucas López

Judges' Comments: This stands out completely from the rest of the entries and is a clear-cut winner.



Honoring the work that demonstrates high standards of reporting a breaking news event under deadline pressure.











Honorable Mention

Publication: Yazhou Zhoukan 亞洲週刊

Title of Entry:

Labour strike at the largest shoe-making factory in the world and the problems of immigrant worker welfare 世界最大鞋廠罷工 中國民工社保困局

<u>Journalists:</u> Liu Xiang, Zhu Yong Xiao, Ma Qian

世界最大鞋廠罷工

世界最大的鞋廠、台資裕元集團在廣東東莞的廠房爆發工潮,總數逾四萬的員工不滿資方少繳社保費,影響他 但對於補繳額度和覆蓋的時間,需待政府出台新規定才能確定。事件暴露社保政策的漏洞,以及政府監管不



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式這一棵,寫的創品,冒歐 那一件事,員工身份是「歐聯 」件事,員工身份是「歐難 他先記錄表」,表体是公司工名另一個事 世後把記錄表」,是自己身份是「歐難 她會和工作的時間是二零章 她會和工作的時間是二零章

工人與企業各執一詞的的繳費明細」。 反映的才是「單位和人均有繳費的」 明細





Honorable Mention

Judges' Comments:

Reporting on the organizational aspect of the strike was particularly praiseworthy, as it touched on the use of social media platforms by the workers and control by the authorities of the organizers.

專題題目方向正確,但到底罷工工人所指, 企業漏繳社保是否成立,此報導並未能清楚 交待,讀者看罷大概也是一頭霧水。記者固 然有責任報導勞資雙方以及政府說法,但同 時亦應盡力向讀者交待結論。若真相真的難 以判斷,也應補充一句"事件演成羅生門" 吧」







Award for Excellence

Publication: Apple Daily 香港蘋果日報

<u>Title of Entry:</u> Malaysian Airline tragedy 馬航空難

<u>Journalists:</u> 國際、突發、中國及靜態組







Award for Excellence

Judges' Comments:

This breaking news package covered the disappearance of the Malaysian flight MH370 in multiple perspectives, providing details on the development of events on several locations as well as in the background.

傑出的團隊合作讓新聞呈現更加完整全 面



國際規定民航機失蹤 30 秒後就要對外

通報,但馬航卻一直沒有這麼做,直至客機 **尺**)上空飛行,沒發出過出問題或求赦訊號

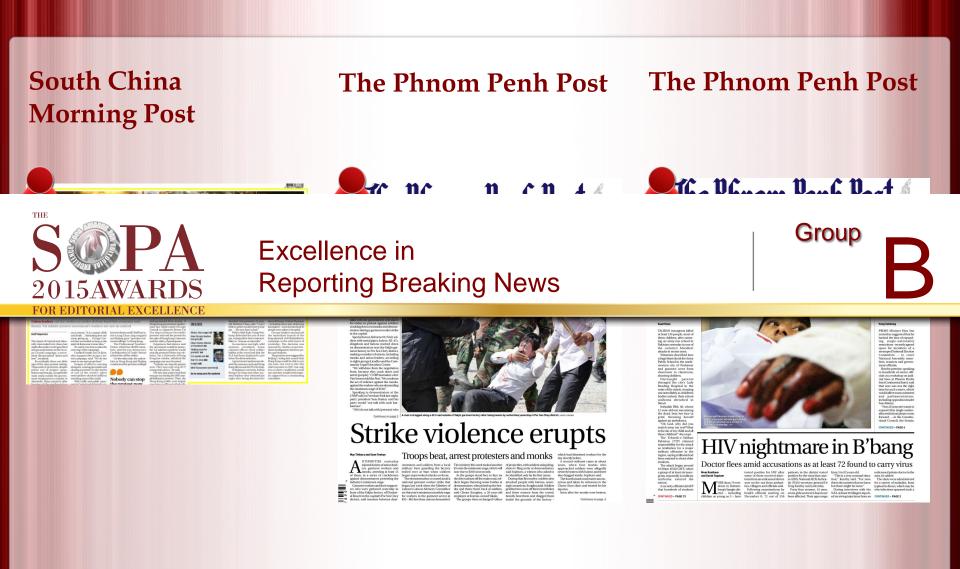
失去聯絡續6小時後,才宣佈客機失證,穩 而出事水城當時天氣良好。但有追蹤航機

馬航表示客機失蹤前在 10.670 米(35.00)

相關新聞刊42、44、45、46、478











Honorable Mention

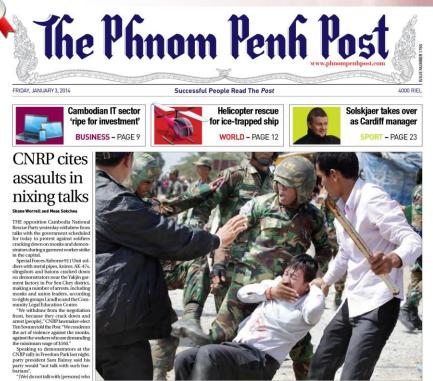
Publication: The Phnom Penh Post

Title of Entry: Deadly crackdown

Journalists:

Cheang Sokha, Sean Teehan, Shane Worrell, May Titthara, Kevin Ponniah, Daniel Quinlan, Phak Seangly, Mom Kunthear, Bennett Murray

Judges' Comments: Every story was timely, vivid, fair, well-written and rings with authority.



A man is dragged along a dirt road outside of Yakiin garment factory after being beaten by authorities vesterday in Por Sen Chev district, HEN Continues on page 2

Strike violence erupts

UTHORITIES vesterday injured dozens of union lead-ers, garment workers and of them, in a series of crackdowns against demonstrators protesting the dustry's minimum wage.

Garment workers and their supporters who were gathered yesterday in front of the Yakjin factory, off National Road 4 in the capital's Por Sen Chev

Troops beat, arrest protesters and monks which had dismissed we day shortly before. onstrators and soldiers from a local The ministry this week tacked another military base guarding the factory \$5 onto the minimum wage, which will shots to fling rocks at demonstrators. monks. arresting at least 15 boiled over at 9am when soldiers now rise to \$100 next month.

egan unprovoked attacks on them. The demonstration occurred amid a national garment worker strike that diers began throwing water bottles at Internating guinedine view when the Ministry of demonstrates, when picket were when the Ministry of demonstrates, who picket dup the bot-set this year's Labour? Also you can be and three when back at solidiers, set this year's minimum monthly wage said chean Kongkea, a 20-year-old and three women from the crowd. for workers in the garment sector at employee at Korean-owned Yakjin. heavily beat them and dragged the \$95 - \$65 less than unions demanded. The groups then exchanged volleys

said Sophorn, a witness who asked to As the groups stood face to face on the dirt road just off the main road, sol-During that first melee, soldiers also attacked people with batons, seem-

scious and taken by witnesses to the Chom Chao clinic and treated for his Soon after the monks were beaten heavily beat them and dragged them

A second outburst came at about

noon, when four monks who approached soldiers were allegedly

severely beaten with batons and three

also dragged inside, Sophorn said. The fourth monk was beaten uncor





Award for Excellence

Publication: The Phnom Penh Post

Title of Entry: HIV outbreak

Journalists:

Chhay Channyda, May Titthara, Joe Freeman, Mom Kunthear, Shane Worrell, Sarah Taguiam; **Photographer: Heng Chivoan**

Judges' Comments: It takes a terrible topic and presents it in an even-handed way, void of sensationalism and is very transparent in its sourcing.









ANNIVERSARY FOR GWTW E- PAGE 1

Taliban kill 130 at Pakistan school

Saad Kha TALIBAN insurgents killed at least 130 people, most of them children, after storming an army-run school in Pakistan yesterday in one o the country's bloodies attacks in recent years Witnesses described how a huge blast shook the Army Public School in the north western city of Peshawar and gunmen went from classroom to classroom shooting children. Distraught parents thronged the city's Lady Reading Hospital in the wake of the attack, weepi uncontrollably as childre bodies arrived, their school uniforms drenched in Irshadah Bibi, 40, who 12-year-old son was among the dead, beat her face in grief, throwing herself against an ambulance "Oh God, why did you snatch away my son? Wha is the sin of my child and all these children?" she wept The Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) claimed responsibility for the attack as retaliation for a major military offensive in the

region, saying militants had been ordered to shoot older students. The attack began around 10:30am (0530 GMT) when a group of at least six insur gents, reportedly in military iniforms, entered the school. A security official told AFP that hundreds of students

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and Sarah Tagujar ORE than 70 residents in Battam-

now on the run from authori-ties, villagers and officials said. Following examinations by bang's Sangke dis-TV L bangs Sangke Gas-

tested positive for HIV after patients in the district tested from 3 to 82 years old. positive for the virus that caus-

unlicensed private doctor in the area, he added. The shots were administered

this is the number that we have, but there might be more." for a variety of maladies, from typhoid to fevers, which may be During interviews with the why infections spanned such a

"This is a very unusual situa

Premier mulls NA eligibility provisos

Vong Sokheng

PRIME Minister Hun Sen yesterday suggested that he backed the idea of expanding single-nationality restrictions-recently agreed upon for members of a revamped National Election Committee - to cover National Assembly members, senators and govern ment officials

But the premier, speakin to hundreds of senior off cials at a workshop on judicial laws at Phnom Penh's InterContinental hotel, said that now was not the right time for such a move, which would affect many ministers and parliamentarians including opposition leader Sam Rainsy. "Now, if [anyone] wants to

expand ithis single-nation ality restriction] please come forward ... in the Constitu tional Council, the Sena

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HIV nightmare in B'bang

Doctor flees amid accusations as at least 72 found to carry virus

some of them received injec-

health officials starting on December 8, 72 out of 556 been affected. Their ages range

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ity (NAA) secretary-general Dr Teng Kunthy said yesterday. Forty-four women, 14 men,





Bloomberg LP The International **Reuters New York Times** THE Group Excellence in **Reporting Breaking News** 2015AWARDS FOR EDITORIAL EXCELLENCE to on her high school's trip to the South Korean resort island of Jeju. She hated riding on ferries. When she called the grandmother who had raised her, more than 12 hours after the ferry had departed with her and more than 300 classmates Almost 300 people are missing of the 459 on board the "Sewol," the South Korean government said, with three confirmed dead. Source: Yonhap News via Bloomberg on it, the girl's voice was shaking. The two had spoken 90 minutes earlier, said Kim Ok Young, 74. Ji Yoon said then that the ferry hadn't yet reached Jeju. This call was different. "Two days before she was heading off on The ship was sinking, Ji Yoon said. this trip, she told us that she didn't want to go "Grandma, I think I'm going to die," she said. because she didn't want to travel on a ferry," said "The ship is sinking and I'm holding onto the rail." Kim, wearing a brown coat and red- framed Then the phone disconnected. glasses. She had raised the girl because Ji Kim reached her granddaughter one more time, Yoon's parents worked. "We told her that she Hong Kong's 'Umbrella she explained as she waited at the auditorium of would regret it if she didn't go. Now we regret it. Danwon High School in Ansan for word. We shouldn't have made her go." In that call, Ji Yoon said only "I have to go." then the phone cut off. At 10:09 a.m., she sent a Names List text with a single Korean character, one that Almost 300 people are missing of the 462 conveyed no meaning. Since then, nothing. on board the "Sewol," the South Korean A list of names was posted on a large government said, with nine confirmed dead. The **Revolution**' whiteboard at the school. Those who were ferry sank en route to Jeju; local media including accounted for were highlighted with a colored YTN TV reported it had sailed into rocks in foggy marker. Ji Yoon's name wasn't. conditions. Of the 325 students, in their Copyright (c) 2014. Bloomberg, L.P. BY GREG TORODE, JAMES POMFRET, BENJAMIN KANG LIM, KINLING LO, YIMOU LEE AND DAVID LAGUE I Think I'm Going to Die,' JULY 2 - OCTOBER 1 HONG KONG / BEIJING

2015 SOPA AWARDS REPORTING BREAKING NEWS 1



Excellence in Reporting Breaking News Honorable Mention



Publication: Reuters



2015 SOPA AWARDS NOMINATION for REPORTING BREAKING NEWS

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<u>Title of Entry:</u> Hong Kong's 'Umbrella Revolution

<u>Journalists:</u> Greg Torode, James Pomfret, Benjamin Kang Lim, Yimou Lee, Kinling Lo and David Lague

Judges' Comments:

The context, background and strong degree of color at times made the reader feel they were in amongst the protests.



Hong Kong's 'Umbrella Revolution'



Award for Excellence

Publication: Bloomberg LP

<u>Title of Entry:</u> Sewol Disaster

Journalists:

Heesu Lee, Cynthia Kim, Sam Kim, Seyoon Kim, Shinhye Kang, Eunkyu Seo, Jungah Lee, Sharon Cho, Seonjin Cha, Rose Kim, Anne Swardson, Peter Hirschberg, Chian-Wei Teo, Andrew Davis, Brian Fowler, Stuart Biggs, Rosalind Mathieson

Excellence in

Reporting Breaking News



Bloomberg NEWS

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By Heesu Lee Bloomberg News

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<u>Judges' Comments:</u> As the story unfolded, Bloomberg reporters filed timely, accurate and poignant stories under deadline pressure.

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Excellence in **Opinion Writing**

在今年3月以前,台湾人一提到"服贸",第一个反应绝对不是最近的大热门 《海峡两岸服务贸易协议》,而是"服冒",一种缓解感冒症状的冲泡热饮。

3月以前,也很少人知道服留协议的具体内容甚什么,只隐约知道有个关于两 岸的商业协议,但没太多人去关心,该做什么,还是继续做什么。

服贸争议开始发酵,是在3月17日晚上6点的"立法院"内政委员会上,国民党籍 的委员会主席张庆忠仅以30秒的时间草率宣告:"出席52人,已达法定人数, 开会,进行讨论事项,海峡两岸服贸协议已逾3个月期限,依法视为已经审 查,送院会存查,散会。"宣告会议结束。

到了3月18日晚上9点左右,有400多名学生趁着警员不备,进入"立法院"内静 坐抗议,并突破警方的封锁线占领"立法院"议场。同时,开始有人在网络上通 过各种社交网站及软件,不断转发学生为什么要占领"立法院",并要大家快到 现场声援。结果,在26小时内"立法院"附近街道就聚集了近一万人,并且持续 增加;本以为随着一天天过去,热度会降低,但没想到到了3月30日,竟然有 二十多万人上街头声援,这恐怕是当初学生们发动学运时始料未及的事。

在台湾,过去不管是支持服贸或反对服贸的人,大部分都不知道服贸协议的具 体内容是什么,所以就有个网络的讽刺短片,是说一个人感冒了要吃服冒,结 果都没看说明书上写了些什么,就一口气通通吃了下去。而这次的学运,也引 却了近冬云流上的根本心,肯定沉下每千了好眼望我别的出家到停着他儿儿。

羊的框架?可称其为元首体制,或新权威体制,颇接近5 紧急体制。当时蒋介石越过全党,用完全听命于他一人的国民党改造委员会,实际取代了国民党 中常委。

> "三中框架"的国安会、全面深化改革小 组,加上升级版的中纪委,与当年国民党改 造委员会的功能相似,一定程度架空了政治 局和国务院,成了习近平的左膀右臂。目的 也与当初蒋介石要彻底改造国民党相似,是 彻底改造中共,救党、保权。

> 权力架构完毕,战略目标明确,关键就 在怎么做。习近平会拿出怎样的举措?

第一是肃贪, 第二是清党, 第三是全面 改革。这些举措已很清楚,但这些都属于技

术层面。就总体策略而言,则是"中间突破,强势推进"。

习氏执政策略:用共富稳住底层、用改革稳住中层、拒绝左右绑架

者。会议相关发言还将在FT中网专题中陆续刊发

邓小平与未完成的中国社会转型

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Honorable Mention

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背景

Excellence in

Opinion Writing

Publication: Financial Times FT中文网

Title of Entry:Deng: The Doors He Opened andthe Windows He Closed邓小平打开的门和关上的窗

<u>Journalists:</u> Wu Wei

Judges' Comments: It nicely relates Deng Xiaoping role in development to Chinese government's recent policies, such as anti-corruption, constitutional and political reform.

2014年11月10日07:33 AM 邓小平打开的门和关上的窗

作者:中国现代史学者、前中共中央政治体制改革研究室研究员 吴伟

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【编者的话】今年是邓小平诞辰110周年。今日 中国的诸多成就与种种问题,无不与邓小平上 世纪八十年代以降的执政历史紧密关联。为此 天则经济研究所/中评网和《炎黄春秋》杂志在9 月底举办了《邓小平与今日中国》研讨会,本 文系中国现代史学者吴伟先生在会上的发言, 经天则所和作者本人复核并授权刊发,以飨读

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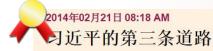
Opinion Writing

Publication: Financial Times FT中文网

<u>Title of Entry:</u> The Third Road Xi's Taking 习近平的第三条道路

<u>Journalists:</u> Xiao Shu

Judges' Comments: Very thorough and solid analysis



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【编者按】2014年中国"两会"将在10天后召开。这是中共十八届三中全会为中国未来十年的发展勾勒方略后,中国最高立法机构的首次关键会议,也是新一届政府就任一年后的述职时刻。 在这个时间节点上,中国资深媒体人笑蜀通过回顾三中全会以来中国出现的各种政治和社会动向,试图探究和界定新领导层为中国选择的发展路径。

习近平不出意外地出任了中共全面深化改革小组组长和国家安全委员会主席,"三中框架"大体尘埃落定。

这是一个怎样的框架?可称其为元首体制,或新权威体制,颇接近50年代初国民党改造时的 紧急体制。当时蒋介石越过全党,用完全听命于他一人的国民党改造委员会,实际取代了国民党 中常委。

> "三中框架"的国安会、全面深化改革小 组,加上升级版的中纪委,与当年国民党改 造委员会的功能相似,一定程度架空了政治 局和国务院,成了习近平的左膀右臂。目的 也与当初蒋介石要彻底改造国民党相似,是 彻底改造中共,救党、保权。

权力架构完毕,战略目标明确,关键就 在怎么做。习近平会拿出怎样的举措?

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术层面。就总体策略而言,则是"中间突破,强势推进"。

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Big brother behind you

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gime of Prime Minister Hun Sen. In the maritime domains - both coup coalition for overthrowing Thaksin - alleged corruption as south - China's territorial claims are fiercely contested, with the abuse of power - was hard for Washington to reject, partly be-U.S. military presence constraining Beijing's freedom of action. tip must be secured. Thailand is thus a key piece of China's

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grave choices must be made.

We were not silent during reformasi. Neither have we been shy when power is abused or civil rights trespassed.

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Good men and women cannot stay idle and do nothing. Speak out when persecution occurs, stand firm in rejecting the tide of sinister forces.

At certain junctures in a nation's life, its people are called upon to make stark choices. No longer is it a mere ballot cast for one candidate over another, but rather a moral choice on the fate of the nation.

Russia faced such a choice in 1996, during a runoff between independent incumbent Boris Yeltsin against Gennady Zyuganov representing the old-guard Communist Party. It was a moral choice for hope versus remnants of the past. They chose hope.

In five days this nation too will make a moral choice. In an election like no other - divisive in its campaigning, precarious in its consequences - Indonesians will be required to determine the future of our body politic with a single piercing of a ballot paper.

The Jakarta Post in its 31-year history has never endorsed a single candidate or party during an election. Even though our standpoint is often clear, the Post has always stood above the political fray.

But in an election like no other, we are morally bound to not stand by and do nothing. We do not expect our endorsement to sway votes. But we cannot idly sit on the





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<u>Title of Entry:</u> Thitinan Pongsudhirak

<u>Journalists:</u> Thitinan Pongsudhirak

Judges' Comments: There are few tougher journalistic challenges than writing critical opinion columns on the Thai junta for an international publication when you're a Thai academic living in post-coup Thailand.

Geopolitical ripples from Thailand's coup

THITINAN PONGSUDHIRAK

Thailand's May 22 military coup has generated sharp geopolitical divisions across the globe, as seen in the range of responses from Washington and Beijing, to Southeast Asian and European capitals and beyond. Western powers, particularly the U.S., roundly condemned the putch: and exhorted Thailand's military authorities to protect human rights and restore democratic rule. But Asian governments – with notable exceptions such as Tokyo's expression of "grave concern" and mild cautions from Jakarta and Mania – have larged ymet the military intervention with a business-assual shrug. In its previous coup, in September 2006, which ousted Prime

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To mark the 40th anniversary of the establishment of bilateral relations, Beijing has invited Gen. Prem Tinsulanonda, Thailand's former army chief and current president of the Privy Council, the elite palace body, for an official visit in coming months. Over the years, the Chinese have warmly received Thailand's royal family, particularly Crown Princess Sinnihorn.

In stark contrast with the West, China becomes more supportive when Thailand takes authoritarian turns, as seen after the September 2006 coup and this May. But Beijing has remained a

close partner during Thailand's democratic periods as well. The Chinese have found ways to be Thailand's friend through thick and thin because they are not burdened by democracy promotion; Beijing is more than willing to deal with authoritarian regimes.

For Beijing, Thailand is now pivotal to its geostrategic outlook. Myanmar's opening since 2011 has eroded China's dominance in that country, and just across Thailand's eastern border, Cambodia's seesaw election in July 2013 weakened the pro-Beijing re-

ASIAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE LARGELY MET THE MILITARY INTERVENTION WITH A BUSINESS-AS-USUAL SHRUG

gime of Prime Minister Hun Sen. In the maritime domains – both with Japan in the east and the Philippines and Vietnam in the south – China's territorial claims are fercely contested, with the U.S. military presence constraining Beijing's freedom of action. Losing influence in Myanmar and Cambodia can be offset by gaining leverage through Thailand is resurgent authoritarianism. If China's southern maritime flank is unstable, its southern mainland tip must be secured. Thailand is thus a key piece of China's strategic igisew puzzle.

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As democratization and geopolitics are increasingly intertwined for Thailand, Asia's democratic voices must rudge the country toward geopolitical balance and a democratic future. While Philippine and Indonesian leaders displayed their democratic instincts, discreetly conveying mild disapproval of the coup, other democratic governments in the broader region, particularly South Korea and India, could make a big difference by taking a similar stand. This would ultimately promote their interests by encouraging China to play by the rules of international conduct.

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Publication: The Jakarta Globe

<u>Title of Entry:</u> Outstanding editorial coverage by the Jakarta Globe

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Journalists: The Editors at the Jakarta Globe

Judges' Comments: Another example of fearless editorial commentary in a country in which it can still be dangerous to take on vested interests.

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Fearful India Sees a Savior in Narendra Modi

By Pankaj Mishra Bloomberg View

February 10, 2014 - Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh thinks he will be a "disaster" for India. Nobel laureate Amartya Sen deplores his administration's "terrible record" against minorities - the heavy taint of an anti-Muslim pogrom and extrajudicial killings. His authoritarian traits have divided members of his own Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party.

Nevertheless, India's biggest businessmen want Narendra Modi, the chief minister of Gujarat, to be the country's next prime minister. As I wrote in my previous column, Modi's bountiful concessions to India's corporations at a time of political dysfunction in Delhi naturally make him seem like the right man to restart India's thwarted economic modernization. Bollywood celebrities who touch his feet (literally) may be hoping to buy themselves some

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insurance against the storm troopers of the Hindu right, who now routinely assault any artist or entertainer they deem offensive.

But a simple quid pro quo doesn't explain the effervescent cult of Modi among upper-caste urban Hindus, including some of my own friends and relatives, or the fervor among even a section of the intelligentsia for a leader whom Ashis Nandy, one of India's most respected public intellectuals, describes as a "classic, clinical case of a fascist," with "clear paranoid and obsessive personality traits.

not fully captured by economic history, political science, anthropology or indeed any specialized academic discipline, let alone by a corporateowned news media wholly mesmerized by him; it still awaits a cultural historian, who can do justice

The great national drama of Modi's ascent is

bathroom people. It has loos disguised as stacks of books and conveniences that flush with grey water from the sink. The best seller is a sleek commode designed by a former Audi stylist, with a leather seat made by the people who supply BMW with

residents of Shanghai by Roca, the Spanish

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Nothing would be easier than to caricature China's golden water closets as symbols of a civilisation in decline. But that's not what I see in them. Because development is always, when it comes right down to it, about just such everyday intimacies: is the loo half a football field away or right next to the bedroom? Does it reek or sit there quietly conserving water? Does it open automatically, play music and let you trade stocks from the comfort of its heated surface? Proper pundits mutter darkly about rule of law and universal suffrage, shadow banking and debt defaults. But I prefer to tell a tale of toilets.

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Publication: Financial Times

Title of Entry: India's 2014 election

<u>Journalists:</u> **Amy Kazmin and David Pilling**

Judges' Comments: These pieces combine a masterly overview of the scene with strong and well-argued opinions about it.



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Publication: Financial Times

<u>Title of Entry:</u> Life in China

<u>Journalists:</u> Patti Waldmeir,

Judges' Comments: Waldmeir is a breath of fresh air even when she is writing about toilets - in a field where people tend to take themselves much too seriously.

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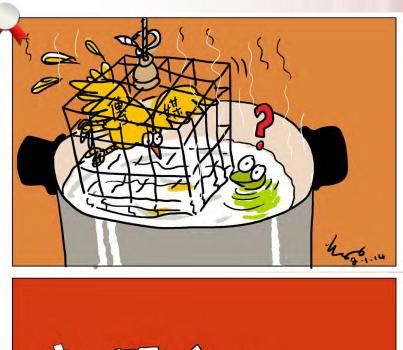


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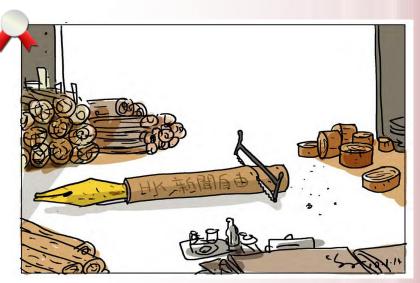
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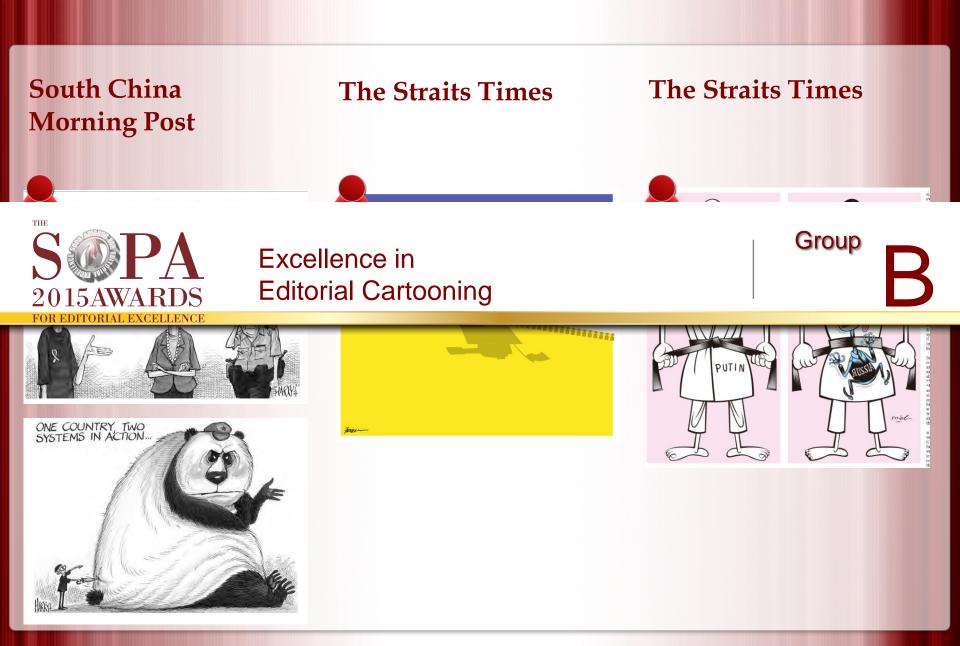
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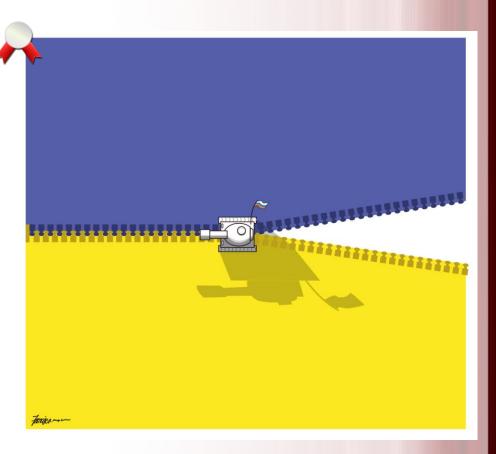
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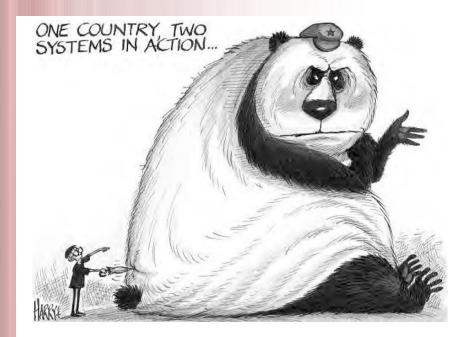


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Journalists: 何榮幸、劉光瑩、陳寧、李郁欣

Judges' Comments: A powerful illustration of the way in which the quality of Taiwan's nature environment is compromised by China's illegal dredging and generation of rubbish.







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Journalists: 陳伊敏

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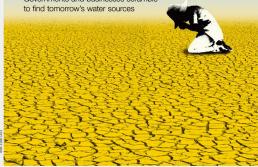
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Honorable Mention

Publication: Thomson Reuters Foundation

<u>Title of Entry:</u> Water Shortages in India

<u>Journalists:</u> Thomson Reuters Foundation

Judges' Comments:

This is best-of-class in terms of article packages, taking a significant topic, splitting it into meaningful areas and creating through the series a full sense of - in this case - the urgency of the water problem in India.



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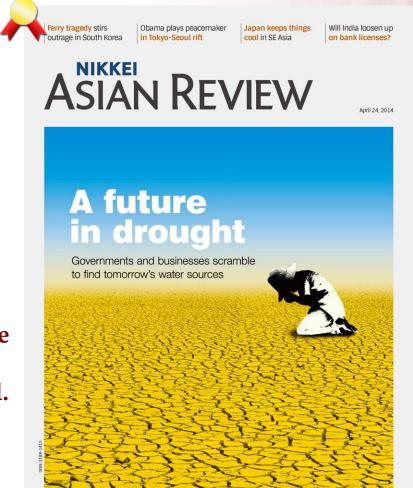
Award for Excellence

Publication: Nikkei Asian Review

<u>Title of Entry:</u> A future in drought

<u>Journalists:</u> Gwen Robinson

Judges' Comments: A remarkably comprehensive and illuminating package of articles on the problem of water shortages across Asia, well-written and well-presented.



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Troubling Portrait

Dying Kids

Sanjay and Rakesh live near Jadugora, a town of 19,500 people about 850 road miles (1,370 kilometers) from New Delhi in east India's Jharkhand state. Once ringed by lush tribal

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We're here not only to run our businesses, but to also serve the nation," said Abhaya Shankar, a director of India's Asbestos Cement Products Manufacturers Association.

In India, the world's biggest asbestos importer, it's a \$2 billion industry with double-digit annual growth, at least 100 manufacturing plants and some 300,000 jobs.

The International Labor Organization, World Health Organization, the wider medical community and more than 50 countries say the mineral should be banned. Asbestos fibers lodge in the lungs and cause many diseases. The ILO estimates 100,000 people die every year from workplace exposure, and experts believe thousands more die from exposure outside the workplace.

The asbestos executives who gathered in the ballroom of a luxury New Delhi hotel wanted to knock down those concerns. The risks are overblown, many said, and scientists and officials from rich Western nations who cite copious research showing it causes cancer are distorting the facts.

More than two-thirds of India's 1.2 billion people live in poverty on less than \$1.25 a day, including hundreds of millions still in makeshift rural dwellings that offer little protection from insects, harsh weather and roaming predators such as tigers and leopards.

"These are huge numbers. We're talking about millions of people," Shankar said. "So there is a lot of latent demand."

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Honorable Mention

Publication: Reuters



By Bill Tarrant Filed Dec. 22, 2014, 2 p.m. GMT

<u>Title of Entry:</u> In Jakarta, that sinking feeling is all too real

<u>Journalists:</u> Bill Tarrant

Judges' Comments: To the best of my knowledge, this is the first thorough article about the effects of global warming in Indonesia.



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Publication: Bloomberg LP

<u>Title of Entry:</u> The bleakest side of India's modernization

Journalists:

Rakteem Katakey, Rajesh Kumar Singh, Tom Lasseter, Ken Wells, Jason Rogers, Andrew Hobbs, Indranil Ghosh, Peter Langan, Robert Blau, John Voskuhl, Will Wade **N**vino

Dying Kids, a Poor Indian Village, Uranium and a Mystery

By Rakteem Katakey Rajesh Kumar Singh Tom Lasseter Bloomberg News

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Judges' Comments: A heartbreaking tale of the price the common people pay when money and politics conspire to silence them all in the name of "progress."



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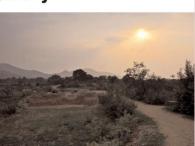
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Publication: Today 今周刊

<u>Title of Entry:</u> Manor of Human 人的莊園

<u>Journalists:</u> Ching-Hui Chou

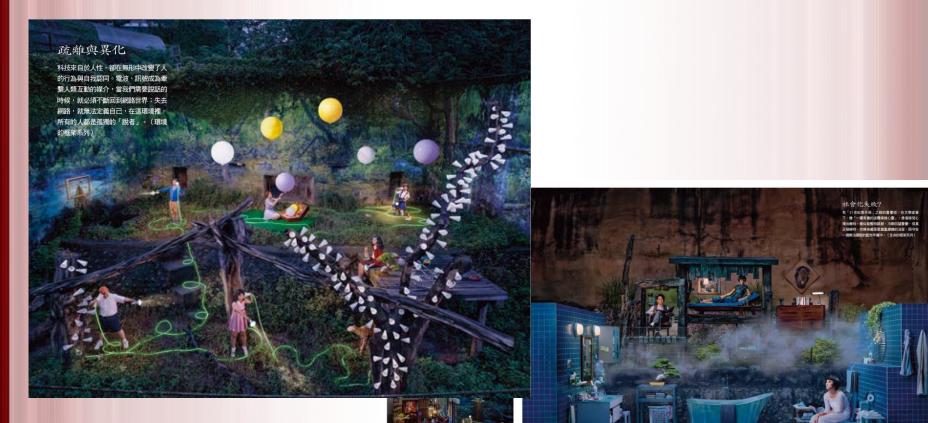
Judges' Comments: The artist showed imagination and skillful execution of photographing a difficult exhibit.





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Publication: The Outlook Magazine 新視線

Excellence in

Title of Entry: Special Issue of Tokyo, Volume I 东京(上)别册

<u>Journalists:</u> Peng Yangjun

Judges' Comments: The series of B/W pictures of Tokyo is very well done, creating an in-depth visual report. 攝影師以日本常見的黑白攝影語言拍攝東京,帶點模擬之餘卻又充滿個人深入觀 察,見樹又見林。



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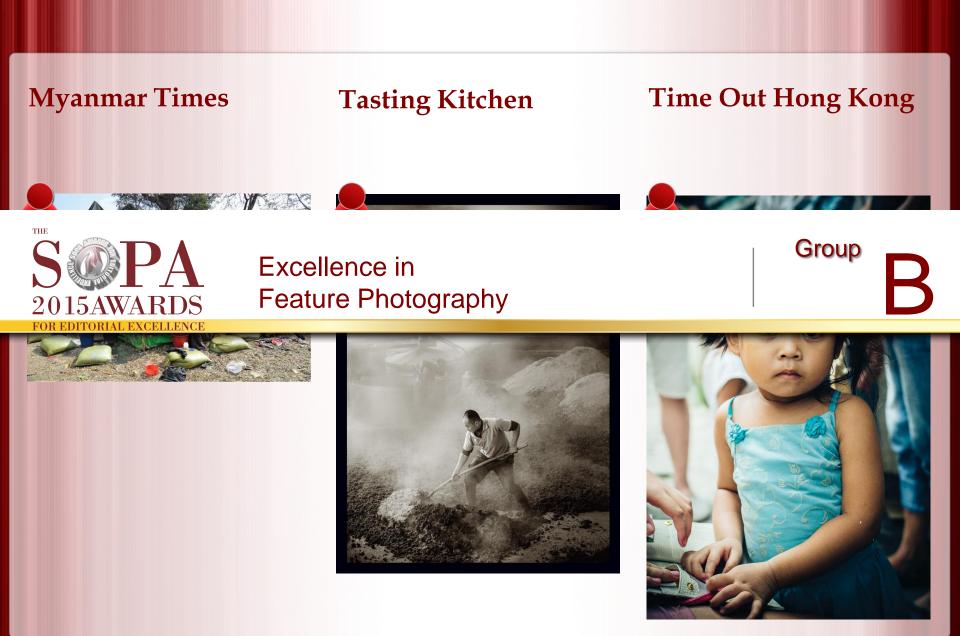






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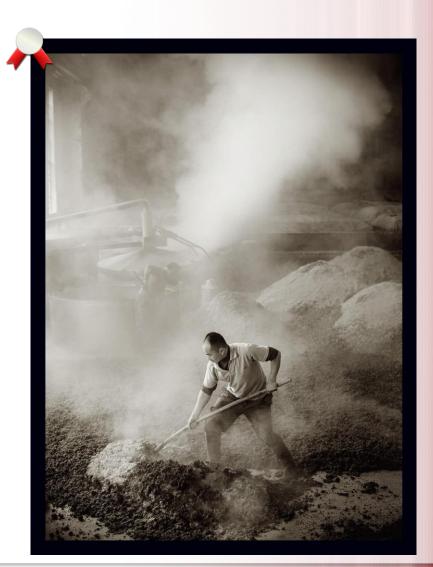


Publication: Tasting Kitchen

<u>Title of Entry:</u> Refined by Time

<u>Journalists:</u> David Hartung

Judges' Comments: This was a superb example of thoroughly integrating beautiful photography with a thought provoking feature story.















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Publication: Time Out Hong Kong

Excellence in

<u>Title of Entry:</u> The Forgotten Cost of Domestic Help

<u>Journalists:</u> Calvin Sit, Anna Cummins, Mark Tjhung

Judges' Comments: These photographs are a revelatory picture of domestic workers' lives and the sacrifices they make.











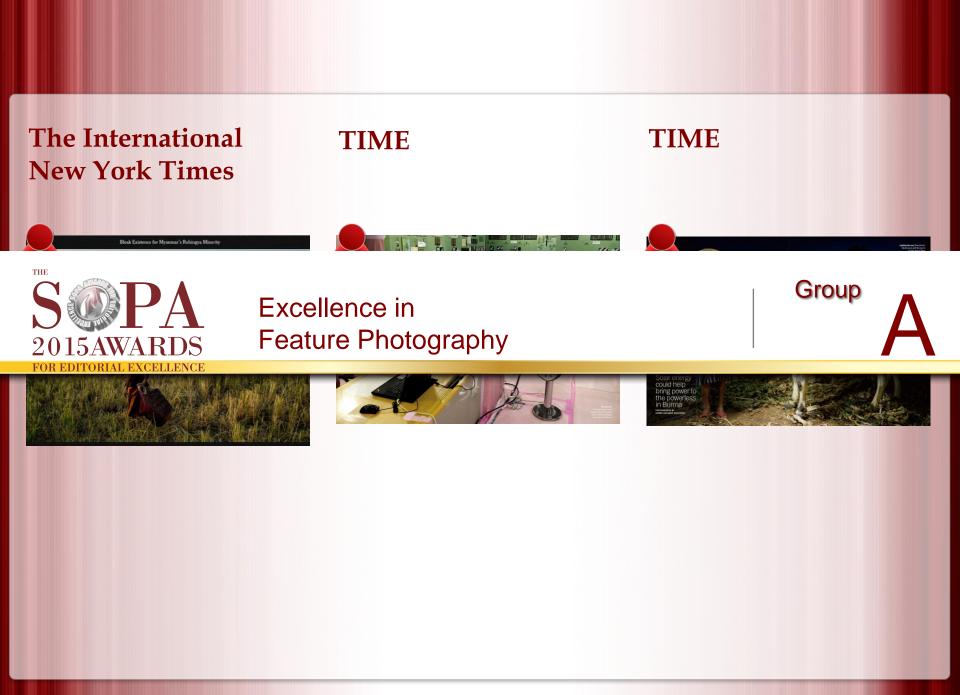






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Publication: TIME

<u>Title of Entry:</u> The World's Most Dangerous Room

<u>Journalists:</u> Simon Lee, Henry Sanderson, Rosalind Mathieson, Neil Western

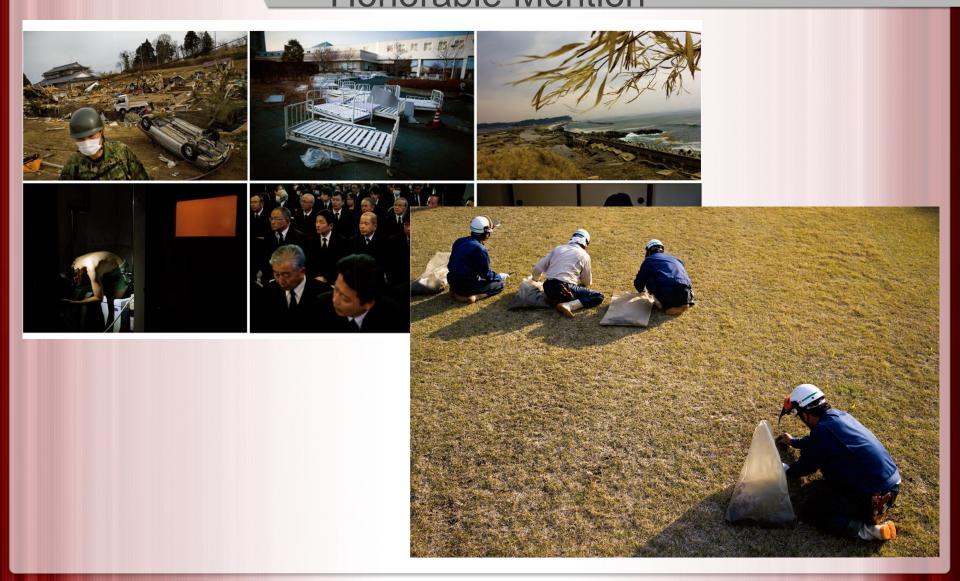
Judges' Comments: Dominic Nahr's photographs are a chilling look at the impact of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant meltdown and how far Fukushima is from recovery.





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Publication: The International New York Times

<u>Title of Entry:</u> The Plight of the Rohingya

<u>Journalists:</u> Amy Sawitta Lefevre and Andrew R.C. Marshall

Judges' Comments: Tomas Munita's "Plight of the Rohingya" aren't just a series of photographs. They are proof, evidence, a voice of a people on the run, looking for a home.

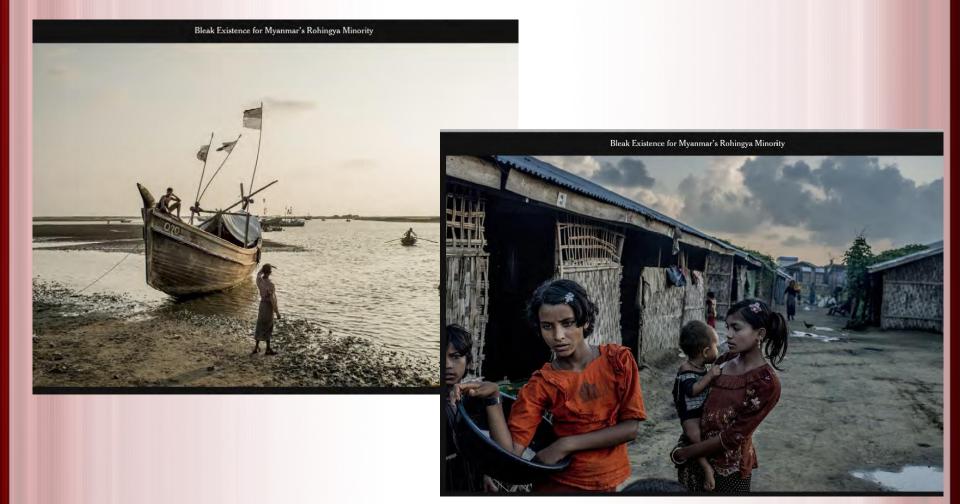






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Honorable Mention

Publication: Business Weekly 商業周刊

Title of Entry:Hard Choices: Reliance on Chinamakes Taiwan Vulnerable抉擇 越倚賴中國,台灣越脆弱

<u>Journalists:</u> His Ju Tien, Yi-Ling Kuo, Kiri Tseng, Chiu Piling



<u>Judges' Comments:</u> This in-depth interview with Hillary Clinton reveals her thoughts on cross-straits relations with significant impact. 訪問深入,影響深遠。





Award for Excellence

Publication: Apple Daily 香港蘋果日報

Title of Entry: PLA's secret military radar over Tai Mo Shan 解放軍大帽山秘密建軍事雷達

<u>Journalists:</u> 梁御和、林偉聰

Judges' Comments: Apple Daily provided a pretty good scoop revealing a secretive PLA military facility in Hong Kong. 調查困難度高,影響深遠







GlobalPost South China Nikkei Asian Review **Morning Post** th Korea pulled strings as San Miquel proposes \$10B airport for Manila- Nikkei Asian Revie THE Group The Scoop Award 2015 AWARDSFOR EDITORIAL EXCELLENCE "It will be a new airport that will outclass rybody in the region," Ang said. He sees the Philippine air travel sector continuing its CRACKDOWN ascent in a country of around 100 million people "We have a very high population base," he said. "We have very nice tourist destinations. Our Filipino population loves to travel and work in other countries. So it is a good opportunity." The airport project will be offered to the government under a build-operate-transfer scheme, which means the airport's ownership will be turned over to the state after 25 years, he said. San Miguel, which owns 49% of Philippine Airlines, is proposing its own airport amid the congestion at NAIA. IN MACAU Manila's airport handled about 33 million passengers last year, far exceeding its capacity. The single-runway system has also resulted in frequent flight delays. The proposed airport, which could be built in five years' time, will become the exclusive hub of Philippine Air in the first few years of operation. It will be offered to other domestic and foreign carriers later, Ang said. To bankroll the project, San Miguel plans to take in one local investor and a foreign partner, which will likely assume the role of airport operator, Ang said. CASINOS San Miguel, which started as a food and beverage firm in the Spanish colonial period in the late 19th century, started diversifying into rs await police behind a burning barricade on January 3, 2014 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Dozens have heavier industries in mid-2005. been injured, and at least five people have reported dead after police broke up demonstrations by garment workers demanding wage increases. South Korea is now boasting a behind-the-scenes role in the crackdo The airport project is part of a \$37 billion capital expenditure budget for the next three years aimed at growing San Miguel's basinesses, which span roads, power, telecommunications, oil refining and banking. San Miguel also operates Caticlan airport in the central Philippines. The proposal is expected to be heavily scrutinized by the Philippine government, which has shown a preference for solicited projects over unsolicited proposal The government has also embarked on its own study to address airport congestion, enlisting the Japan International Cooperation State-backed UnionPay announces measures to Agency to look into other possible locations for the country's primary aviation hub. stem massive flight of capital from the mainland through illegal payment devices used by visitors laporight © 2015 Nikkei Inc. All rights reserve trols. The mobile swipe devices Toh Han Shih and Niall Fraser are also used to evade tax on the mainland, which is why they rehttp://asia.nikkei.com/print/article/22753 Macau is facing a major capitalquire authorisation for use there. flight crackdown amid Beijing Macau police have carried out concerns that tens of billions of a handful of raids in and around

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Group B

Honorable Mention

Publication: Nikkei Asian Review

<u>Title of Entry:</u> San Miguel proposes \$10B airport for Manila

<u>Journalists:</u> Kenji Kawase

<u>Judges' Comments:</u> This was a genuine business scoop, with other major media citing Nikkei's story in their own followup reporting.

San Miguel proposes \$10B airport for Manila- Nikkei Asian Review

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March 25, 2014 12:47 am JST San Miguel proposes \$10B airport for Manila CLIFF HARVEY C. VENZON and MINORU SATAKE, Nikkel staff writers

MANILA -- Philippine conglomerate San Miguel plans to build a \$10 billion airport to replace the aging and congested gateway currently serving the country's capital.

"I am set to present this airport project to the president (Benigno Aquino III) around April," San Miguel President and Chief Operating Officer Ramon Ang said in an interview.

The 800-bectare proposed airport, which would be located in metropolitan Manila, will have four runways and an enlarged passenger capacity, he said. The existing Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) operates under a single-runway system and occupies 400 hectares in the Pasay area of Manila.

Ang would not specify the airport's location to avoid speculation in property prices near the area.

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Publication: South China Morning Post

Title of Entry: Crackdown in Macau

Journalists: Niall Fraser

Judges' Comments: It's a textbook example of what good beat reporting should be: Developing the sources and expertise that enable one to be ahead of the competition on key developments.



SWIPE-CARD CRACKDOWN IN MACAU CASINOS

State-backed UnionPay announces measures to stem massive flight of capital from the mainland through illegal payment devices used by visitors

Toh Han Shih and Niall Fraser

Macau is facing a major capitalflight crackdown amid Beijing concerns that tens of hillions of yuan in illicit funds are being funnelled out of the mainland and into casinos in contravention of national currency controls.

China's state-backed bank payment card UnionPay last night announced a raft of measures in what it described as a "committed" drive to "combat overseas money laundering, capital flight and other illegal bank card use" in the former Portuguese enclave.

Gaming insiders and security sources in Macau told the South China Morning Post that the anticorruption drive launched by President Xi Jinping (習近平) had taken the problem of payment card transactions to worrying levels, much of it driven by hundreds of illegal hand-held payment devices used in and around the booming casinos.

Analysts say the amount involved could have been more than 40 billion vuan (HK\$50.3 billion) last year.

Mobile UnionPay payment devices from the mainland have illegally entered Macau at a rapid rate and are being used for unauthorised dealings that appear as domestic transactions, there by circumventing currency con-

trols. The mobile swipe devices are also used to evade tax on the mainland, which is why they require authorisation for use there. Macau police have carried out a handful of raids in and around casinos in recent months and seized devices and cash, but the

problem has reached dimensions that the central government could no longer ignore. said a well-placed gaming analyst. "The growth in payment

cards is huge, because of China's corruption crackdown. Mainland gamblers in Macau don't want to reveal how much they gamble, so they use cards," the analyst said. The phenomenon meant under-reporting of gaming revenue, he added

Officially reported gaming enue in Macau stood at US\$45 billion last year, but the analyst estimated there was a further CF US\$90 billion unreported. A Macau consultant familia with the pawnshop industry esti-

mated 200 billion yuan of transactions are conducted in Macau each year through UnionPay cards, around 20 per cent of them through mobile devices.

Yesterday the Macau General 5 Chamber of Pawnbrokers said the multibillion-yuan illicit trade had caused their business to slump by as much as 40 per cent > CONTINUED ON A3

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Amazon Japan's website for Hallowee "candy," they got a shock: pictures of scantily clad pre-pubescent girls popped up on their screens

The photobooks and DVDs, which were available last month at Japan's three largest retail websites - Amazon Japan K.K., Rakuten Inc. and Yahoo Japan Corp. - are part of the "idol" industry that generated \$615 million last year from bands, models and starlets.

"It's disgusting. They are the age of my firstgrader," said one Tokyo mother of three. She asked not to be named because of threats against her online campaign to rid retailers of the material. "They shouldn't be selling these products."

Five months after Japan revised its laws to ban possession of child pornography, it remains unclear how the amendment applies to the junior idol industry, which features young children. The gray area allows mainstream retailers such as Amazon Japan, Rakuten and Yahoo Japan to carry the products, leaving lawyers and regulators to debate where child abuse ends and freedom of expression begins.

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As of Nov. 19, a search for "Candy Doll Collection" on Yahoo Japan's shopping site returned 17 results containing images of girls who appear about 6 or 7 years old, wearing underwear, bikinis and costumes. Photografie: Bant LawyBlomberg

"It's extremely difficult to say whether these materials can be classified as child pornography," said Ryoji Mori, an attorney at Cyber Law Japan Eichi Law Offices in Tokyo. *It's obvious that the target audience is pedophiles, but the manufacturers have done it in such a way that it's

Mori is an adviser to the Japan Internet Safety Promotion Association, a non-profit organization working with the police to block online child pornography.

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powered chemical analyses on a drug sample to check for impurities that day. A certain level of impurity means the whole batch is supposed to be thrown out.

That's not what happened. Instead, the results of the failed tests were deleted, according to a previously undisclosed account detailed in a November 2013 FDA document obtained by Bloomberg News, The following day, workers used a sample from the same batch that passed the test. That result got entered, and the entire batch was declared clean and ready to ship abroad, eventually to be used by patients in the U.S. The FDA's computer forensics experts eventually found 5.301 additional deleted results from chromatography tests at the facility.

"Our review found that analysts regularly delete undesirable chromatographic results, and products are retested without initiating an investigation as required," inspectors wrote in the

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Disamban

A chemist performs new drug discovery research at a research and devolopment facility of Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited in Ne 19. ographer: Zorial/Redux

document. The incident "raises concerns about the integrity of all data generated by your firm," the FDA wrote in a separate warning letter to Sun in May. Two months earlier, the agency had banned imports from the plant, near the western city of Vadodara.

The name of the drug or ingredient that the company was testing was redacted in documents Bloomberg obtained from the FDA under a Freedom of Information Act request. Frederick Castro, a spokesman for Sun Pharma. declined to comment.

Not Isolated The incident wasn't isolated to Sun A review of FDA documents by Bloomberg News found

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Closing in on Zhou's circle

BY BENJAMIN KANG LIM AND BEN BLANCHARD

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<u>Title of Entry:</u> Closing in on Zhou's circle

<u>Journalists:</u> Benjamin Kang Lim and Ben Blanchard

Judges' Comments: Kudos to the team for digging deeper, confirming details and information, and weaving together a well-written story that skillfully explains the context, the history, and the political and legal implications in China.



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Publication: Bloomberg LP

<u>Title of Entry:</u> Deleting Drug Tests

Journalists:

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Publication: Apple Daily 香港蘋果日報

Title of Entry:Delayed and overspending high-speed rail series高鐵延誤及超支系列報導

Journalists: 盧勁業、伍雅謙、鄭啓源、林偉聰

<u>Judges' Comments:</u> High quality investigative articles which showed solid research and real digging.





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Publication: Ming Pao 明報

 Title of Entry:

 Investigative series on BVI offshore

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 權貴BVI離岸公司與利益衝突調查系列

Journalists: 偵查組

Judges' Comments: Good investigative pieces which unveil secretive facts and links among the rich and the powerful.





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Publication: The Phnom Penh Post

Title of Entry: The calculus of logging

Journalists: May Titthara and Daniel Pye; **Photographer: Heng Chivoan**

Judges' Comments: Gutsy, detailed reporting despite sometimes harrowing conditions, such as when the reporter was chased by men on motorcycles who were carrying assault rifles.



A logging free-for-all

PVihear villagers 'levelling forest' for MDS came to the village, asking them to go into the forest and clear as much as possible. Takes from the company

HE scale of mass logging in once-dense woodlands in Cambodia's north now more homemade tractors to their houses, ready for Try Pheap's MDS Import closely resembles the freeor-all of a gold rush than the sustain

able forestry more often associated with these communities. transport timber impounded by For-estry officials in the province and logs With the financial backing of power cleared from economic land concessions. But the licence does not permit his company to pay villagers to log in ful businessmen, villagers in three districts of Preah Vihear are clearfelling at will, transporting the logs on community forests

Nearly every household here has at "The boss comes to buy timber at least one chainsaw at the ready for the people's homes, and they spray paint Export Co Ltd to carry them to the border with Vietnam. Pheap has a licence to collect and Pheap ha a notification of purchase," says Thong Kosal, a resident protesting against the logging in one village in profitable to continue the trade here. The tractors, overladen with rare the commune. "But I do not know what it [the paint]

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Kosal says a representative of MDS

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arrive in the evening to weigh and price the stacks of wood piled under each house

Villagers say the authorities are tolerating this great rush to log Preah Vihear because they have been bought off by the company. "Since before and after the election

results, Try Pheap and his rep



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Publication: Malaysiakini

<u>Title of Entry:</u> The rise of the Johor royal family's **business empire**

Journalists: Nigel Aw

Judges' Comments: A rare and successful attempt to pull open the veil that hides the activities of Malaysia's royal families.



The case of Forest City and the Johor sultan - Malaysiakini

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SPECIAL REPORT The astounding rate of development in Johor's Iskandar Malaysia region has proven to be difficult for any layman to keep up with, but among the myriad of projects, Forest City stands out.

A man-made island that will be close to 2,000 hectares, Forest City will be almost half of the size of Putrajaya, and will rise in the Johor Straits, southwest of Johor Bahru, where the second link to Singapore is situated.

Forest City has made headlines in recent weeks, from Singapore's border concerns to not having a detailed environmental impact assessment (DEIA) report and, potentially, having detrimental effects on the nearby port of Tanjung Pelepas.

The project is widely reported as a joint-venture between a top developer from China, Guangdong -based Country Garden Holdings and the Johor state-owned Kumpulan Prasarana Rakyat Johor (KPRI).

For the purpose of this joint venture, Country Garden Pacific View Sdn Bhd was formed as the vehicle to make Forest City a reality.

CGPV is 66 percent owned by the China-based giant through Malaysian registered subsidiaries Country Garden Waterfront Sdn Bhd, Country Garden Danga Bay Sdn Bhd and Country Garden Real Estate Sdn Bhd.

The state government's share of the project, or more specifically KPRJ, is purportedly through Esplanade Danga 88 Sdn Bhd, which holds a 34 percent stake in CGPV.

However, upon closer scrutiny of Esplanade Danga 88 Sdn Bhd, Malaysiakini found KPRJ only holds a meagre 20 percent stake in the company that supposedly represents the state government's one-third interest in Forest City.

'Johor sultan's joint venture'

The largest shareholder of Esplanade Danga 88 Sdn Bhd, with a controlling stake of 64.4 percent, is in the name of Johor Sultan Ibrahim Ismall, thus effectively making Forest City a joint venture between Country Garden and the Johor monarch.

The remaining 15.6 percent stake is held by Daing A Malek Daing A Rahaman, a member of the royal court of advisers to the Johor sultan.

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The information is accurate as of May this year, according to a Companies Commission of Malaysia search by Malaysiakini last week.

How exactly Forest City will look like when, and if, it is completed remains unclear, but Johor crown prince Tunku Ismail Idris reportedly announced in May that it will include a new 50,000 capacity stadium for the state's football team.

Despite growing concerns over Forest City, the Johor government has constantly appeared reluctant to rein in the project.

However, pressure piled after Singapore lodged a complaint with Putrajaya over concerns that the project will affect the city-state's shorelines, thus bringing the federal government into the picture.

The state government finally issued a stop-work order on the reclamation works for the project last month pending a DEIA by the developer and discussions with the Department of Environment (DOE).

Strangely, the state government justified the absence of a DEIA by stating the reclamation work was only 49 hectares and in phases, one hectare shy of requiring the report.

'Circumventing EIA

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Troubling Portrait

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Publication: Bloomberg LP

<u>Title of Entry:</u> The bleakest side of India's modernization

Journalists:

Rakteem Katakey, Rajesh Kumar Singh, Tom Lasseter, Ken Wells, Jason Rogers, Andrew Hobbs, Indranil Ghosh, Peter Langan, Robert Blau, John Voskuhl, Will Wade

<u>Judges' Comments:</u> A stunning indictment of India cutting corners and covering up hazards from breakneck growth.

Dying Kids, a Poor Indian Village, Uranium and a Mystery

By Rakteem Katakey Rajesh Kumar Singh Tom Lasseter Bloomberg News

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Publication: Financial Times

<u>Title of Entry:</u> China in Africa: how Sam Pa became the middleman

<u>Journalists:</u> Tom Burgis and Demetri Sevastopulo

Judges' Comments: For those who wonder how China swings its many deals not just in Africa but in Asia and Latin America, this piece provides a detailed explanation of opaque deal making and questionable ethics.



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By Tom Burgis with Demetri Sevastopulo in Hong Kong and Cynthia O'Murchu in London Author alerts $\,\,\checkmark\,\,$

For a decade, Sam Pa has opened doors for Beijing in Africa. But his story reveals a troubling side to China's ambitions. An FT investigation by Tom Burgis



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Publication: Philippine Daily Inquirer

Journalists: Nancy Carvajal

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Courageous and excellent work in exposing official corruption in a country where journalists face death and physical attack. Ms Carvajal shows that power of good journalism in promoting transparency and accountability in high places. Nancy Carvajal deserves the top honor due to the especially challenging circumstances in which she works in the **Philippines.**

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