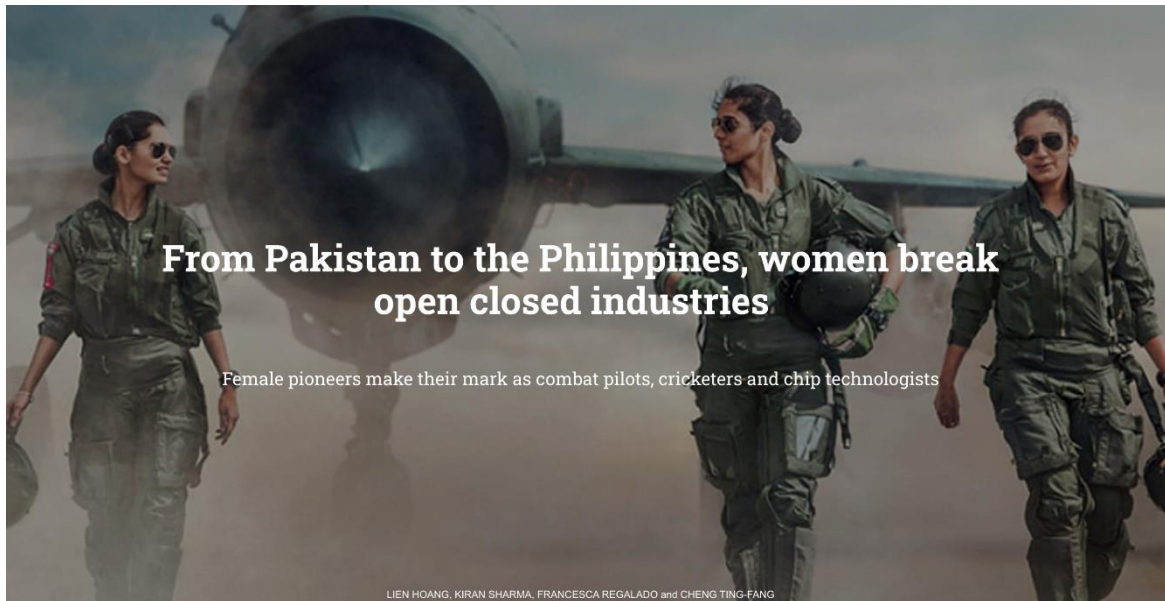


Nikkei Asia scores first win in women's issues category of SOPA media awards



16 June, 2023 -- Nikkei Asia, Nikkei’s English-language outlet, has scored its first-ever win in the top category of the region's premier media prize run by the Society of Publishers in Asia.

The publication took first and second place in the women's issues category at the SOPA awards ceremony in Hong Kong on Thursday night. Nikkei Asia became the first Japanese media to have won the first prize in the global category, which attracts entries from the world's leading English-language media organizations.

Nikkei Asia won the Award for Excellence for its “Women’s wealth in Asia” series, written by reporters throughout Asia and edited by Jui Chakravorty, including “From Pakistan to the Philippines, women break open closed industries” (<https://asia.nikkei.com/Spotlight/Women-s-Wealth/From-Pakistan-to-the-Philippines-women-break-open-closed-industries>). The piece focused on women who are shattering stereotypes in some of the world's most conservative societies and pushing for needed further change. The piece is a visually-rich project on Asian women who are active on the front lines as fighter jet pilots and chip engineers, which had long

been regarded as men's occupations. The judges praised the women and wealth series as an "immersive, in-depth, and original examination of the status of women's work and wealth in Asia."

"Abortion in Asia: The limits of choice" (<https://asia.nikkei.com/Spotlight/The-Big-Story/Abortion-in-Asia-The-limits-of-choice>) also received an honorable mention. The piece looked at how pregnancy termination remains a taboo topic in many societies, deeply intertwined with religion and traditional gender roles. The story, edited by Alice French, illuminated the challenges and dangers faced by women seeking abortion in the region, as well as the individuals working to protect women's rights and safety.

The awards were given to pieces published in 2022. Established in 1999, the SOPA awards are a benchmark for quality reporting in the region. The SOPA awards are mainly divided into three groups: Global (English language), Regional/Local (English language) and Chinese language depending on where media outlets are operated and languages. Nikkei Asia has participated in the global group of the awards since 2021 and received an honorable mention -- effectively second place -- in the "excellence in opinion writing" category in 2022.

Shin Nakayama, Nikkei Asia's editor-in-chief, said winning the first and second prize in the women's issues category among leading Western media is a milestone for Nikkei Asia, which has aimed to become a global media. "The women and wealth series was built on reporting across Nikkei Asia's diverse network of correspondents, skilfully edited and illustrated in Tokyo. We will continue our efforts for quality reporting," he said.

About Nikkei Asia

Nikkei Asia is an English-language online and magazine publication with a network of reporters and editors across the region and beyond. It aims to break stories on important economic and political trends and to offer a distinctively Asian lens on the global stories that matter most. Nikkei Asia is part of the Tokyo-based media group Nihon Keizai Shimbun, or Nikkei. It publishes translations of the best of Nikkei's Japanese-language coverage of Asia.

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