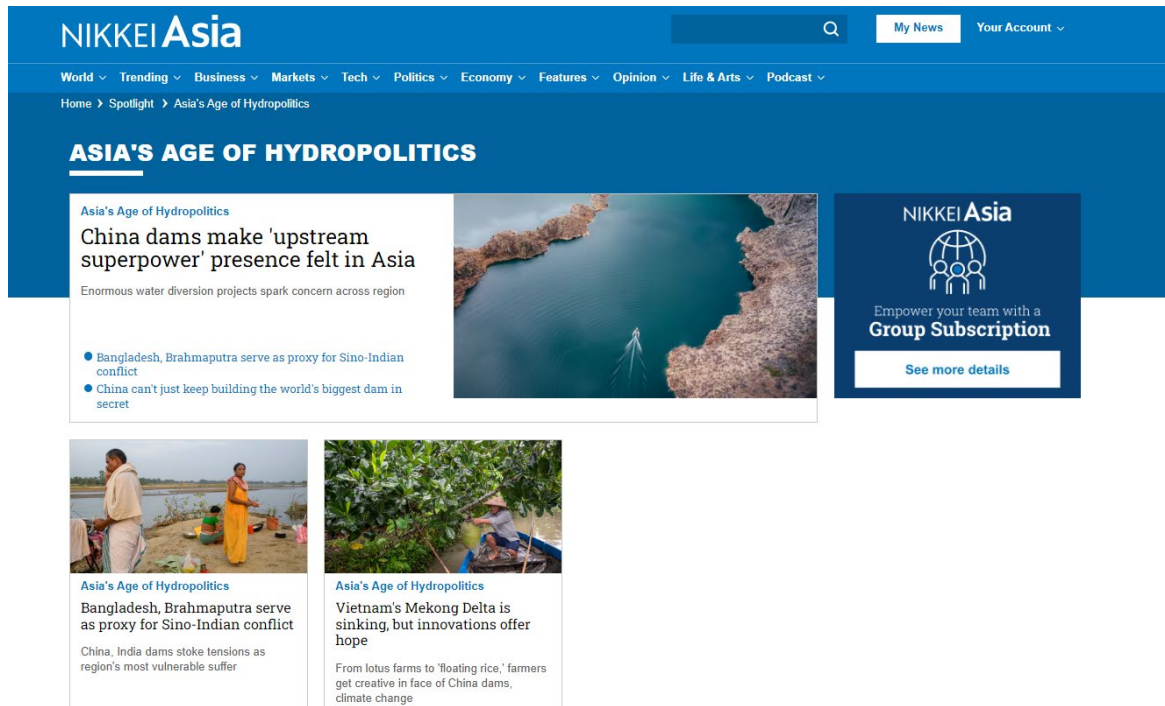


Nikkei Asia wins top honor at the SOPA awards for two years in a row



25 June, 2024 – Nikkei Asia (<https://asia.nikkei.com/>), Nikkei Inc.’s English-language news outlet, won the 2024 Award for Excellence in Explanatory Reporting in the global category at the Hong Kong-based Society of Publishers in Asia (SOPA) awards on June 20. This is the second year in a row that Nikkei Asia has won a top prize in the global category, which attracts entries from prominent media organizations around the world.

The series, “Asia’s Age of Hydropolitics” (<https://asia.nikkei.com/Spotlight/Asia-s-Age-of-Hydropolitics>), by Pak Yiu (Editor at Large, Nikkei America), Kiran Sharma (Staff writer, New Delhi Bureau), Lien Hoang (Staff writer, Ho Chi Minh), and other writers, which was released in July 2023, shed light on geopolitical trends in water resources in Asia. The series featured political friction between China, which continues to build dams on international rivers, and downstream regions facing the threat of water shortages. SOPA judges praised the visually appealing series, incorporating a wealth of photos and data gathered through local interviews, as a “great overview” of “a topic that is of vital importance but nevertheless gets relatively little attention.”

Shin Nakayama, editor-in-chief of Nikkei Asia, said the award confirms that the publication continues to produce high-quality journalism as a global media company. “We hope to continue to grow as a media organization that can cover the wide range of issues facing Asia from an Asian perspective,” he said.

In March, “Asia’s Age of Hydropolitics” also won the top prize for energy, sustainability and climate change reporting from the U.S. Society for Advancing Business Editing and Writing (SABEW), an organization of business journalists.

The Financial Times (FT), also a Nikkei company, won the Excellence in Journalistic Innovation award for a piece that used satellites and drones to demonstrate how mosques in China are being modified or destroyed by authorities.

The Society of Publishers in Asia (SOPA) is a not-for-profit organization of journalists. The SOPA Awards for Editorial Excellence were established in 1999 to recognize excellence in journalism in Asia Pacific. The SOPA 2024 awards recognized outstanding journalistic works from the past year. Global, regional, Chinese-language and other media outlets are included. Nikkei Asia first entered the global category in 2021. It became the first Japanese media outlet to win a top award for its reporting on women’s issues in 2023.

About Nikkei Asia

Nikkei Asia is an English-language news service that provides an accurate image of the fast-growing economies of Asia with the unique perspective of the Asia-based Nihon Keizai Shimbun, or Nikkei. The company uses its close coverage of Asia to publish many in-depth original articles. Including translated articles from Nikkei, it reports on what is happening in Asia today, with contributions from economic experts and insights, views, and analysis from specialists and intellectuals. Nikkei Asia provides unbiased views of the “true Asia” for global leaders who are responsible for Asia’s future and for those who wish to learn more about the region.

About Nikkei

Nikkei Inc. is a world-renowned media brand for Asian news, respected for quality journalism and for being a trusted provider of business news and information. Founded as a market news provider in Japan in 1876, Nikkei has grown into one of the world's largest media corporations, with 37 foreign editorial bureaus and approximately 1,500 journalists worldwide. Nikkei acquired the UK-based Financial Times in 2015. Our combined digital and print circulation totals about 2.3 million, and we are continually deploying new technologies to increase our readership.

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