

Nikkei Asian Review honored with SOPA prize

The Nikkei Asian Review won the top prize for opinion writing in the Society of Publishers in Asia's 2018 Awards for Editorial Excellence, awarded on June 13 in Hong Kong. Receiving SOPA's prestigious honors for a fourth consecutive year underscores the Nikkei Asian Review's dedication to providing credible, comprehensive pan-Asia reporting.

A package of three commentaries written by Tokyo-based journalist William Pesek for the Nikkei Asian Review won an Award for Excellence in Opinion Writing.



Nikkei Asian Review Commentary editor Stefan Wagstyl collected the 2018 SOPA prize for excellence in opinion writing on behalf of William Pesek in Hong Kong. (Photo by Chung Lam-chi)

"[Philippine peso flashes warning signs for Dutertenomics](#)," published in September 2017, focused on the poor performance of the Philippine currency to offer a fresh angle on President Rodrigo Duterte's rule. His single-minded focus on the war on drugs over economic reform has scared currency traders off, the piece argued.

An October 2017 commentary, "[China's central bank drama](#)," analyzed the behavior of key figures close to President Xi Jinping. It shed light on the implications of Gov. Zhou Xiaochuan's

impending departure from the People's Bank of China.

"[Dango' unchained -- Japan's recurring construction scam](#)," published in December 2017, focused on corruption in the industry, contrasting the apparent economic gains under the Shinzo Abe government with the prime minister's inability to deal with the rot just below the surface.

"Pesek's columns show real depth of knowledge and writing flair," the SOPA judges commented. "The topics are important and the writer has a clear point of view."

<About SOPA and the SOPA Awards>

SOPA was established in 1982 to represent international and regional publishing companies in Asia and encourage best practices. The SOPA Awards for Editorial Excellence were established in 1999 as a tribute to editorial excellence in both traditional and new media, and are designed to encourage editorial vitality throughout the region.

About Nikkei Asian Review

The Nikkei Asian Review offers comprehensive reports from across the region by website, a weekly print edition and mobile app. In April 2018, it was honored with a bronze prize in the Asian Media Awards by the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers, or WAN-IFRA, for its coverage of foreign students and undocumented immigrants in the U.S. under President Donald Trump.

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About Nikkei

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