

Nikkei Asian Review wins three SOPA Awards

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The Nikkei Asian Review won three prizes at the Society of Publishers in Asia (SOPA) Awards for Excellence 2015, it was announced yesterday. Winning these prestigious awards in its debut appearance at SOPA underscores the Nikkei Asian Review's dedication to providing credible and comprehensive pan-Asian reporting.

Our cover package focusing on water shortages in Asia, "A future in drought" (April 24, 2014, issue), won the award for Excellence in Reporting on the Environment. The package combined thorough on-the-ground reportage with analysis by a leading geostrategist and expert on water resource management and a short editorial to sound a warning about Asia's looming water crisis.

The SOPA judges called it, "A remarkably comprehensive and illuminating package of articles on the problem of water shortages across Asia, well-written and well-presented."

<http://asia.nikkei.com/magazine/20140424-A-future-in-drought/Cover-Story/Water-water-anywhere>

From our Manila bureau, staff writer Cliff Harvey Venzon and bureau chief Minoru Satake won Honorable Mention in the Scoop Award for their article "San Miguel proposes \$10B airport for Manila," published online on March 25, 2014. The story provided the first confirmation that conglomerate San Miguel would propose developing a new \$10 billion airport for the Philippine capital. The news was widely followed by other international and local media outlets, and the SOPA judges said it was a "genuine business scoop."

<http://asia.nikkei.com/Politics-Economy/Policy-Politics/San-Miguel-proposes-10B-airport-for-Manila>

A series of commentaries by Thitinan Pongsudhirak won Honorable Mention for Excellence in Opinion Writing. Dr. Thitinan, director of the Institute of Security and International Studies and associate professor of international relations at Thailand's Chulalongkorn University, helped set the agenda for discussion on a range of critical issues through his prescient columns on issues ranging from international security to trade, economy and Thai domestic politics by incorporating Asian perspectives within a global context. His articles on Thai politics since the May 22, 2014, military coup have shown courage in their balanced criticism of the regime. As the judges said, "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."

Akio Fujii, editor-in-chief of the Nikkei Asian Review, said, "We are very honored to receive this prestigious award. This marks a proud new chapter for the Nikkei Asian Review as we expand our global reach."

<About the SOPA Awards>

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.

The 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 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 in the global arena.

<About the Nikkei Asian Review>

The Nikkei Asian Review brings insights from Asia, from the inside out. As part of Nikkei, Asia's largest independent business media group, with a 139-year history and network of over 1,300 local and international reporters on the ground in 24 bureaus across Asia, the Nikkei Asian Review provides credible, comprehensive pan-Asian reporting.

Designed for leaders around the world who are shaping the future of Asia, and anyone with an interest in understanding the "real" Asia, the Nikkei Asian Review is changing the way the region is reported in the global marketplace. We report the facts about what is happening in Asia and offer insights that dig deeper into the heart of a story. Without editorial or political bias, the Nikkei Asian Review tells the stories that have not yet been told. Find us online, on mobile and tablet devices and as a weekly print edition.

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