

The 2021 Columbia-Nikkei journalism scholarship awarded to Prinz Magtulis, a Filipino journalist

December 22, 2021-- Columbia Journalism School and Nikkei Inc. have named Prinz Magtulis as the Nikkei Scholar for 2021-22. This \$100,000 scholarship is awarded annually to an exceptional journalism school candidate who is a resident of Asia and plans to specialize in data or business reporting. Nikkei Inc. is the publisher of the Nikkei and Nikkei Asia, as well as the parent company of the Financial Times.

"I am extremely privileged to have the opportunity to attend Columbia Journalism School thanks to the kind support of Nikkei," Magtulis said. "I have always been devoted to telling stories using data. A data journalism education from Columbia would equip me with vital skills to dig deeper on datasets and to simplify their complexities in my stories in a more optimal way."

Magtulis, 32, is a financial journalist from the Philippines who has an enduring passion for data journalism. He is also a policy researcher who believes in the power of data to explain complex government policies broadly to audiences of all backgrounds. The interpretation of data, says Magtulis, can ignite change in government rulemaking. This is a conviction he brought to his most recent position as business news head for Philstar.com, one of the Philippines' top online news portals. Prior to working at Philstar.com, Magtulis was a researcher for the Financial Times until early 2020, writing in-depth stories on business and the economy in the Philippines. Magtulis has been a journalist for a decade and specializes in covering macroeconomics and public finance.



The Columbia-Nikkei Scholarship was established in 2017 to fund exemplary candidates who wish to specialize in data and business journalism. Students who are residents of Asia with an interest in the M.S. Data Journalism or M.A. Business and Economics concentration are considered for the Columbia-Nikkei Scholarship.

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About Columbia Journalism School

For more than a century, Columbia Journalism School has been preparing journalists in programs that stress academic rigor, ethics, journalistic inquiry, and professional practice. Founded with a gift from Joseph Pulitzer, the school opened in 1912 and offers a Master of Science, a Master of Arts, a Master of Science in Data Journalism, a joint Master of Science degree in Computer Science and Journalism, the Knight-Bagehot Fellowship in Economics and Business Journalism, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Communications. It houses the Columbia Journalism Review, the Brown Institute for Media Innovation, the Tow Center for Digital Journalism, the Ira A. Lipman Center for Journalism and Civil and Human Rights, and the Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma. The school also administers many of the leading journalism awards, including the Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia University Awards, the Maria Moors Cabot Prizes, the John Chancellor Award, the John B. Oakes Award for Distinguished Environmental Journalism, Dart Awards for Excellence in Coverage of Trauma, the Paul Tobenkin Memorial Award, and the Mike Berger Awards. For more information, see www.journalism.columbia.edu (external link).

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