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Citi Journalistic Excellence Award Celebrates 10 Years in Hong Kong 2019 winner and finalists honored at award ceremony

Hong Kong – Citi announced today the winner and finalists of the 2019 Citi Journalistic Excellence Award (CJEA) for Hong Kong. Entering its tenth year in the city, CJEA recognizes outstanding business and financial journalism across markets in which Citi has a presence. The Award was first established in Latin America in 1982 and has been administered by the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in New York since launch.

This year sees a record number of entries from financial journalists representing print, online, and broadcast media outlets in Hong Kong. Submissions were judged by independent panels comprising respected academic and business leaders in Hong Kong.

The first round of judging and the compilation of the shortlist were conducted by the senior team at the CUHK School of Journalism and Communication led by school director Prof. Francis Lee. Shortlisted entries were entered to the next round of judging.

The second panel of judges responsible for selecting the three finalists were:

- The Honorable Bernard Chan, President of Asia Financial Holdings Limited
- Prof. Kalok Chan, Dean of CUHK Business School and Wei Lun Professor of Finance
- Prof. K C Chan, Adjunct Professor of Finance, HKUST Business School
- Mr. Philip Chen, Adviser to Chairman and Non-Executive Director of Hang Lung Properties Limited
- Ms. Anna Yip, Chief Executive Officer of SmarTone
- Mrs. Betty Yuen, Group Director & Vice Chairman of CLP Power Hong Kong

Speaking at the award presentation ceremony, Angel Ng, CEO for Citi Hong Kong and Macau commended the news media for the key role it plays in enabling informed decision making.

"The Citi Journalistic Excellence Award is an important global initiative in line with our mission to enable growth and economic progress for clients and communities around the world. We believe that comprehensive and objective reporting of business, economic, and financial issues leads to a more transparent market and a better informed public. In a world where the focus is increasingly on speed over quality, it is encouraging to see that the news industry in Hong Kong has continued to uphold its professional standards and editorial integrity. Through this award, we hope to pay tribute to all the journalists who often do not receive the recognition that they deserve."

2019 Winner and Finalists - Hong Kong

- Ms. Yujing Liu, South China Morning Post (Winner)
- Ms. Riemann Chung, Hong Kong Economic Times (First runner-up)
- Ms. Winnie Zhou, Wen Wei Po (Second runner-up)

Newcomer of the Year

- Ms. Yujing Liu, South China Morning Post

Yujing Liu, the Hong Kong winner of CJEA 2019 will join winners from other markets at a five-day seminar administered by the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in June. Participants will attend sessions with university faculty members, engage in discussions with senior academicians and policymakers, and visit key financial institutions and U.S. Government departments. To date, Citi has sponsored more than 400 journalists from over 100 media outlets around the world to join the Columbia Seminar.

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