

15th Hong Kong Biennial Awards for Chinese Literature showcases outstanding works (with photos)

Organised by the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the 15th Hong Kong Biennial Awards for Chinese Literature prize presentation ceremony was held today (November 26) at the Hong Kong Central Library. Nominations were received for 216 books. After stringent selections by the adjudicators, five Biennial Awards and six Recommended Prizes were presented. The outstanding winning works demonstrate the vitality of the local literary community.

Officiating at the ceremony, the Assistant Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Libraries and Development), Miss Rochelle Lau, said the Biennial Awards, which have been held for many years, aim at recognising the excellence of Hong Kong literary writers and encourage the publication of local literature.

The 15th Hong Kong Biennial Awards for Chinese Literature were given to exemplary Chinese literary books written by local writers and first published in Hong Kong in 2017 and 2018. The awards consist of five categories: poetry, essay, fiction, literary criticism and children and youth literature. The list of winners is as follows:

Prize	Title	Author
Poetry Category		
Biennial Award	"Life as a Bystander"	Yip Ying-kit
Recommended Prize	"Cherry and King Kong: Poem Selections 2013 – 2016"	Liu Wai-tong
Essay Category		
Biennial Award	"Memories Unburdened by Sorrow"	Hung Wai-yee
Recommended Prize	"Evanescence"	Pun Kwok-ling
Fiction Category		
Biennial Award	"My Hong Kong Stories"	Hui Wing-fai
Recommended Prize	"The Daily of Dusts"	Cheung Yuen-man
Literary Criticism Category		

Biennial Award	"Sentiments of a Turbulent Era: Hong Kong and its Literature during the Sino-Japanese War"	Chan Chi-tak
Recommended Prize	"Hong Kong Dark Cinema: Film Noir, Re-conceptions and Reflexivity"	Chan Kim-mui
Recommended Prize	"Translator and Scholar: Hong Kong and the Accumulation of China-related Knowledge in Great Britain"	Kwan Sze-pui
Children and Youth Literature Category		
Biennial Award	"The Green Hell"	Chiu Ka-man
Recommended Prize	"The King's Little Secret"	Carrie Huang

The above titles and the award-winning books in previous years have already been included in the HKPL's collection. Roving exhibitions introducing this year's winning entries and prize-winning books from past years will be held from December 1 to May next year at various public libraries for readers to appreciate the works of the awarded authors. Admission is free and all are welcome.

For details of the awards, please visit www.hkpl.gov.hk/biennialaward.

