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## Two local TV stations win prestigious journalism award in Taiwan

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Liao Yun-chieh (廖芸婕, center) and Lin Lung-yin (林龍吟, left)

Taipei, Aug. 10 (CNA) Two television news channels in Taiwan on Monday won the Tseng Hsu-pai Journalism Award (曾虛白先生新聞獎), the Taiwan equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize, for excellent news reporting and professionalism.

CTi News, one of the winners, was honored for its investigative report on how life in Yilan has changed since the opening of the Hsuehshan Tunnel in 2006.

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The report said that Yilan is often referred to as the playground of Taipei residents. Only one-hour drive away from Taipei, Yilan with its natural beauty serves as a getaway from the noise and bustle of the capital, the report said.

Since the opening of the Hsuehshan Tunnel, the number of visitors to Yilan has tripled, but there have also been drawbacks, such as traffic jams, which have disrupted the quiet life of the local people, the report said.

The other recipient of the award was TVBS for its report on the plight of Syrian refugees in the war-ravaged Middle East region.

Due to the civil wars and attacks by Islamic State (IS) fighters, up to 3.8 million Syrian refugees have fled their homes, the station reported.

Fan Hsiang-lin (樊祥麟), chairman of the Tseng Hsu-pai Journalism Award Foundation and president of the Central News Agency, said at the award ceremony that the public is becoming increasingly concerned that the media will compromise its ethics and forget its social responsibility as more outlets go digital and become more market oriented.

He said the Tseng Hsu-pai Journalism Award and the Delta Energy and Climate Special Award (台達能源與氣特別獎), which were granted at the same ceremony, were aimed at

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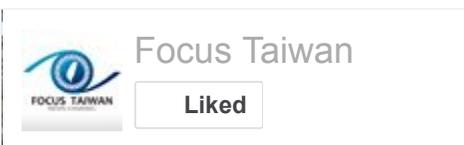
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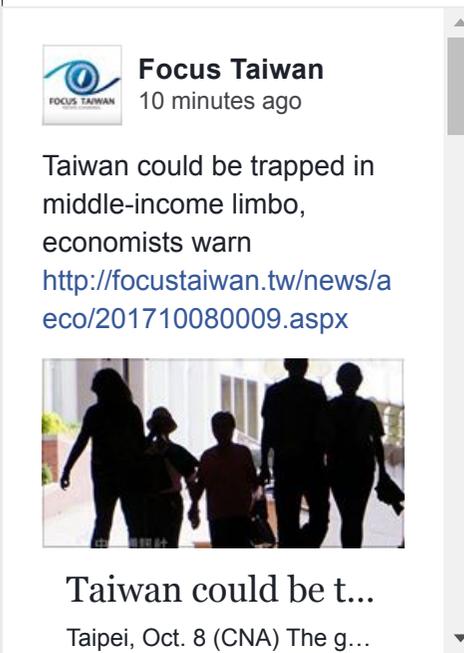
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reminding the media of the importance of social responsibility in serving the public.

CommonWealth Magazine won the Delta Energy and Climate Special Award in the category of newspapers and magazines, while National Education Radio was honored in the category of radio.

TVBS won the award in the category of television. Two independent journalists Liao Yun-chieh (廖芸婕) and Lin Lung-yin (林龍吟) won the award in the category of citizen journalism and web media.

Delta Energy and Climate Special Award winners will have the opportunity to travel to Paris to cover the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris later this year.

Delta will grant a subsidy of up to NT\$80,000 (US\$2,530) each to two journalists in the category of newspapers and magazines, two in the category of television, one in the category of radio and one in the category of citizen journalism to cover the conference.

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