Post bags two business reporting prizes

The Post's business team yesterday won two awards at the 4th Business Journalism Awards of the *Hang Seng University of Hong Kong*.

Chief reporter Enoch Yiu scooped the top prize of "Business Reporter of the Year".

Yiu won the award for providing insights and in-depth analysis for three of her articles - a comparison of the economic damage caused by 122 days of the severe acute respiratory syndrome epidemic and social unrest; a behind-the-scenes story of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing's failed bid to take over the London Stock Exchange; and why Shenzhen will not be able to replace Hong Kong as a financial centre.

Deputy business editor Peggy Sito and Shanghai bureau chief Daniel Ren jointly won the silver prize in the "Best Business Technology News Reporting" category for their story on mainland start-ups' use of artificial intelligence to maximise profits from the shortage of parking spaces in the world's biggest car market.

The awards are aimed at encouraging and recognising excellence in business journalism in print, broadcast and digital media. The organisers received more than 500 entries, the highest-ever, from journalists for nine different categories.

The award ceremony this year was initially scheduled for April but was cancelled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Financial Secretary Paul Chan Mo-po, who has presented the awards in the past two years, congratulated the winners through a video message.

"Now we are witnessing a historical turning point," Chan said, referring to the challenges posed by the pandemic. "For reporters, especially for economic and business journalists, it is extremely challenging."