

理大學者榮獲聯合文學小說新人獎



香港理工大學中文及雙語系一位年輕的語文導師張婉雯榮獲第二十五屆聯合文學小說新人獎中篇小說首獎(文建會特別獎)。此聯合文學小說新人獎由聯合報及聯合文學主辦，並由臺灣行政院文化建設委員會指導贊助。參加之作家來自兩岸三地，張老師是今屆唯一來自香港區的獲獎者。

張婉雯小姐的得獎作品〈潤叔的新年〉及得獎感受亦已於第二十五屆「聯合文學小說新人獎」專號刊出。〈潤叔的新年〉內容描述幾個殯儀業工人的日常生活與內心故事，評審認為作者對小說角色具真摯而深切的同情及理解，描寫細緻之餘，又無刻意渲染痛苦哀涼，是一部能引動讀者直覺的佳作。

「聯合文學小說新人獎」旨在提倡文學風氣，鼓勵小說創作，發掘海內外文壇華人新秀及反映時代精神，也對世界華文產生積極的鼓舞作用，此活動於過去卅多年來，一直備受文壇關注，是在臺灣一個極具代表性的文學創作獎。

PolyU scholar wins Novel Writing Award in Taiwan

A young faculty member from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU)'s Department of Chinese and Bilingual Studies has been recently bestowed with the First Prize in the category of *Medium-length Novel* in the "25th United Literature's Novel Writing Competition for Novice Writers", a reputed writing competition among Asian authors.

The prestigious honour went to instructor Ms Cheung Yuen-man, who is also the only candidate from Hong Kong winning the competition. Organized by the Taiwan United Newspaper and United Literature Association (UNITAS), and sponsored by the Cultural Construction Committee, the competition is open to Chinese writers in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and the Chinese Mainland and overseas countries.

The full version of her award-winning novel "Uncle Yun's New Year" has been published in the special edition of UNITAS monthly, which is published to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the United Literature's Novel Writing Competition for Novice Writers.

"Uncle Yun's New Year" is a story about two elderly persons Uncle Yun and Uncle Lok. The main scene happened in a funeral parlour. The judging panel was impressed by Ms Cheung's empathy and understanding of the main characters, and her deliberation on the details of their daily lives without exaggerating their sorrow. It is an inspiring piece which gives readers foods for thoughts.

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張婉雯導師(左上二)與評審們及其他得獎者合照
Ms Cheung Yuen-man (Second left in the back row),
judges and other awardees.