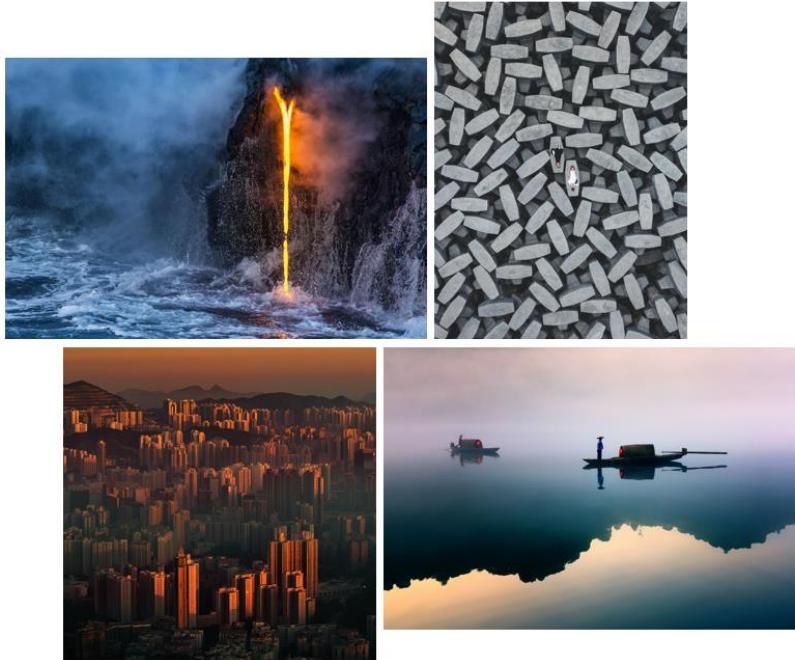


Press Release

Seven Hong Kong Photographers Recognized in the “2018 Sony World Photography Awards”, the World’s Most Diverse Photography Awards



Top (From Left to Right): © Joseph Anthony, British, based in Hong Kong SAR, Open, Landscape & Nature |
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- **Four Hong Kong photographers placed top 50 in the world in the Awards’ Open competition**
- **A further three photographers based in Hong Kong were shortlisted and commended in the Professional and Open competitions.**
- **Images from across entire shortlist available for publication at worldphoto.org/press**

Hong Kong, February 28, 2018 - The judges of the 2018 Sony World Photography Awards today honor the work of seven Hong Kong and Hong Kong based photographers by shortlisting and commending their photographs as the top 50 in the world in the Awards’ **Professional and Open** competitions.

Produced by the World Photography Organisation, the Sony World Photography Awards is the world’s most diverse photography competition. The 11th edition saw a record breaking 320,000 submissions by photographers from more than 200 countries and territories, presenting some of the world’s finest contemporary photography captured over the past year. The international

range of entries display a huge diversity of imagery in terms of genre, style and subject matter across the Awards' four competitions: Professional, Open, Youth and Student Focus.

Recognizing a huge diversity of work, the judges placed the following Hong Kong photographers:

Open Competition (Commended):

The Open competition is judged on the best single image, and spans 10 categories. The judges of the Sony World Photography Awards commended the images of four Hong Kong photographers in the Awards' Open competition, honoring them as the top 50 entries in their categories.



© Tugo Cheng, Hong Kong SAR, Open, Landscape and Nature

Tugo Cheng's striking work *Leaks*, which shows turquoise ponds full of water and minerals in the mountains in Sichuan Province, China. Upon being commended, Tugo said "*I have seen a lot of amazing pictures in this contest which are not only beautiful, but are also inspiring, touching and changing our perception to the world, so I am glad to be part of it.*"

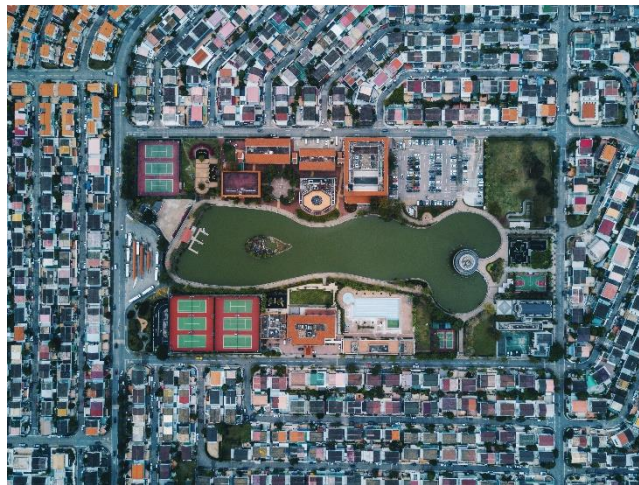
- David Lau, Architecture (Hong Kong SAR)
- Tugo Cheng, Landscape and Nature (Hong Kong SAR)
- Shuk Lan Chan, Travel (Hong Kong SAR)
- Ka Chun Fung, Architecture (Hong Kong SAR)



© Lamson Yip, Canadian, based in Hong Kong SAR, Open, Motion

Further commended photographers who reside in Hong Kong include British photographer **Joseph Anthony**, who was commended in the Landscape and Nature category, and Canadian photographer **Lampson Yip**, who was commended in the Motion category for a photograph of the 2017 Hong Kong Open tennis championships. A full time sports photographer, Lampson Yip's image *Shadow Play* captures the shadow of Daria Gavrilova of Australia as she hit a forehand against Shelby Rogers of America during their ladies singles second round match at the Hong Kong Tennis Open at Victoria Park on Oct 11, 2017. Upon being commended, Yip said "I am very thankful my photo was chosen. This encourages me to keep exploring and creating beautiful stories in the future."

- Joseph Anthony, Landscape & Nature (British, based in Hong Kong SAR)
- Lampson Yip, Motion (Canadian, based in Hong Kong SAR)



© Varun Thota, Indian, based in Hong Kong SAR, Professional, Landscape

Professional shortlist:

In the Professional competition, Indian photographer **Varun Thota**, who grew up in Macau and is based in Hong Kong, was shortlisted in the Landscape category for his series of works *Squared Up*. In this series, he used aerial photography while travelling across Guangzhou, London, Macau and Hong Kong, taking striking series of works which focus on symmetry.

- Varun Thota, Landscape (Indian, based in Hong Kong SAR)

The work of the shortlisted and commended photographers will be exhibited at the Sony World Photography Awards 2018 Exhibition in London from **April 20 - May 6**. The Open competition winners will be announced **March 20**, and the overall and Professional category winners revealed **April 19, 2018**.

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Notes to Editors

All shortlisted and commended images are available to download for publication at www.worldphoto.org/press

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