

The 8th Dream of the Red Chamber Award: The World's Distinguished Novel in Chinese

Regulations & Guidelines

Sponsor

The Dream of the Red Chamber Award: The World's Distinguished Novel in Chinese—Zhang Dapeng Endowment Fund.

Organizer

Faculty of Arts, Hong Kong Baptist University

Objectives

In recognition of the literary achievement by novelists writing in Chinese and their publishers, two objectives have been laid down:

- 1) To reward the publication of outstanding Chinese novels, so as to enhance Chinese fiction-writing.
- 2) To promote the writing of Chinese novels, making it flourish in the twenty-first century.

Prize

The winner of The Dream of the Red Chamber Award receives a cash prize of HK300,000, a work-of-art trophy and a certificate. Publisher of the winning author is presented with a trophy and a certificate.

Longlisted authors are awarded "Recommendation Award"; shortlisted authors are awarded "Jury Award". All longlisted and shortlisted authors and their publishers are presented with a trophy and a certificate.

Eligibility and Entry Rules

- 1) Entries must be made by committee members of the Planning Committee of the Award or by publishers upon the invitation of Planning Committee.
- 2) The novel must have been first published between 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019.
- 3) The novel must be of no less than 80,000 words.
- 4) The novel must be an original work in Chinese (not a translation).
- 5) Fill in one form for each entry.
- 6) Entries should be submitted to Faculty of Arts, OEW 1100, West Wing, 11/F, Oen Hall, Ho Sin Hang Campus, Hong Kong Baptist University, Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong. Please specify "The Dream of the Red Chamber Award: The World's Distinguished Novel in Chinese" on the mail.
- 7) For entries made by publishers, seven copies of the novel must be submitted with the entry forms to the mailing address in point 6 above. These copies will not be returned to the publishers.

Closing Date

17 January, 2020

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Judging Panel

Entries are first assessed by the Planning Committee of the Award to draw up a longlist of around twenty books. The first-round judging panel then shortlists six outstanding novels for the final round. The panel of final jury, including Mr. Liu Qing (novelist and the winner of 7th The Dream of the Red Chamber Award for his novel *History through Words*), Professor Carlos Rojas (Duke University), Professor Chen Sihe (Fudan University), Professor Chen I-chih (National Taiwan Normal University), Professor Huang Ziping (Professor Emeritus, Hong Kong Baptist University) and Professor Chung Ling (Professor Emeritus, Hong Kong Baptist University).

Announcement

The shortlist will be announced by late July 2020.

The award presentation ceremony will be held in Hong Kong in October 2020.

Related Literary Activities

A series of literary activities will be held following the announcement of the Award. The winning author, local writers, critics, and scholars will be invited to exchange their views on literature and writing. The record of the selection process will also be published in book form, with critical essays on the winning novel.

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