

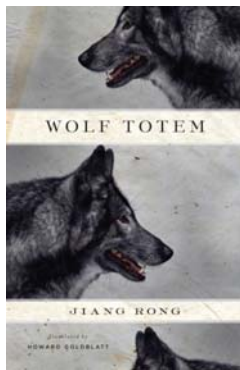
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The 2008 Harvard Book Prize in Hong Kong

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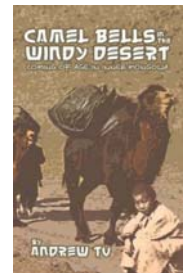
Registration for the 2008 Harvard Book Prize in Hong Kong will open on Wednesday 14 January. The Harvard Club of Hong Kong is awarding The Harvard Book Prize again this year to outstanding students in the class next to the graduating class, i.e. Secondary School 6, junior year, etc., who "combine excellence in scholarship and high character, with achievement in other fields." The prize is available to all secondary schools in Hong Kong and the selection of a prize winner and two runners-up is solely the responsibility of each school. "Excellence" may be in any field and in any language of study.

The 2008 Prize Ceremony will be held at the Hong Kong Central Library in the afternoon of 10 March in cooperation with and as part of the Man Hong Kong International Literary Festival. We are honoured that Professor and former Harvard Dean Dr. Harry Lewis will be present to preside over the ceremony.



The Harvard Club of Hong Kong is also pleased to announce that *Wolf Totem* by Chinese author Jiang Rong, winner of the inaugural Man Asian Literary Prize in 2007, the only international literary award based in Hong Kong, has been chosen as the 2008 Book Prize. Hong Kong-born Adrienne Clarkson, former Canadian Governor-General and Chair of the judges for the inaugural prize said that *Wolf Totem* is "a panoramic novel of life on the Mongolian grasslands during the Cultural Revolution; this masterly work is also a passionate argument about the complex interrelationship between nomads and settlers, animals and human beings, nature and culture. The slowly developing narrative is rendered in vivid detail and has a powerful cumulative effect. A book like no other."

Camel Bells in the Windy Desert, the autobiographical account of the late Andrew Tu's childhood in Inner Mongolia, has been chosen as the runner-up book prize. This new edition is presented by his wife, local educator and activist Elsie Tu.



Schools may register on-line at www.harvardhk.org/bookprize. Registration deadline for participation in the Awards Ceremony is 29 February 2008. Participation in the Ceremony is not mandatory and schools may register for the 2008 Harvard Book Prize until 30 May 2008.

The Harvard Book prize was launched in 1910 and was originally intended to attract the attention of talented young people to the opportunities available at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. However, it has long outgrown its original intent and now represents one of the highest awards a school can make to a student in the class next to the graduating class. The prize is presently offered annually in almost 1,700 schools around the world. In Hong Kong the Harvard Club decided to include all secondary schools in Hong Kong, both local and international. Both the Education and Manpower Bureau and Hong Kong Education City are supportive of the awarding of this prize.

Further information on schools and educational programmes of the Man Hong Kong International Literary Festival are available at www.festival.org.hk or by e-mailing info@festival.org.hk.

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