

## **The Japan Times receives Best Asia-Pacific Breaking News submission at the 2026 Aerospace Media Awards ASIA**

An article about witnessing a Chinese military helicopter edging dangerously close to a Philippine patrol plane over the flashpoint Scarborough Shoal, written by Gabriel Dominguez and published by The Japan Times, Ltd. (Chairperson, Publisher and President: Minako Suematsu), received an award for The Best Asia-Pacific Breaking News submission at the 2026 Aerospace Media Awards ASIA.

The Aerospace Media Awards ASIA were created to honor journalists and publishers based in Asia who have made a significant contribution to aerospace journalism and publishing.

Commented Takashi Yokota, Japan Times Editor-in-Chief: "I'm pleased to see Gabriel's work being recognized for this award. Gabriel is a prolific journalist who has consistently gained exclusive access to report high-impact stories on geopolitical developments in Asia, and the award is a testament to his tenacious reporting."

Said Dominguez about the win: "I am very grateful for the award and the judge's decision to recognize this particular piece, highlighting the importance of providing independent, on-site reporting about critical issues and hotspots across Asia. I hope the article provides readers with a better understanding of increasingly complex security issues at a time when geopolitical tensions are growing."

Award winners were announced on February 2 at a reception in Singapore.

In celebration of the win, The Japan Times is providing free access to this article.

**Link: [Standoff in the skies: Witnessing an unsafe intercept over the South China Sea](#)**

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