

The Japan Times

## **The Japan Times wins Gold at WAN-IFRA Asian Media Awards 2024**

The Japan Times, Ltd. (Chairperson, Publisher and President: Minako Suematsu) won the inaugural award, Gold Winner, for Best in Healthcare Reporting at the WAN-IFRA Asian Media Awards on November 6 for a story on the systemic issue of overwork among doctors in Japan written by Tomoko Otake.

Best in Healthcare Reporting recognizes and celebrates excellence in healthcare journalism. It shows exceptional standards in reporting and writing and delves into critical healthcare topics or issues.

Otake commented, "I'm very grateful to be recognized for my story on the systemic issues behind a young doctor's death in Japan. Even with the new overtime caps, doctors can still be forced to work incredibly long hours. This isn't just about their well-being; it's a safety concern for everyone who needs healthcare."

Takashi Yokota, Japan Times Editor-in-Chief, said the win confirms the publication's mission to produce world-class journalism as a global news company. "This win is testament to the depth of Tomoko's reporting. I'm proud that her piece was recognized for shedding light on the overwork crisis among Japan's medical professionals and the need for both the healthcare sector and government to implement truly effective reforms."

Award winners were announced at the 23rd Asian Media Awards held in Singapore. A complete list of winners can be found [here](#).

### **Links:**

[Young doctor's suicide highlights overwork culture at Japan hospitals](#)

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