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**Inaugural Man Asian Literary Prize
to be Awarded Saturday 10 November, 2007**

Hong Kong, 8 November 2007 – The winner of the first Man Asian Literary Prize will be announced the evening of Saturday 10 November 2007 at a ceremony in Hong Kong attended by the panel of international judges – Madame Adrienne Clarkson, Nicholas Jose and André Aciman – and the short-listed authors: Jose Dalisay Jr (*Soledad's Sister*), Reeti Gadekar (*Families at Home*), Nu Nu Yi Inwa (*Smile As They Bow*) and Xu Xi (*Habit of a Foreign Sky*). Jiang Rong, who is unable to attend due to ill-health, will be represented by Li Bo, deputy director of publishing for Changjiang Art and Culture Publishing House, the publisher who originally discovered *Wolf Totem*.

The announcement of the winner of the 2007 Man Asian Literary Prize will be posted on the Prize website (www.manasianliteraryprize.org) at approximately midnight Hong Kong time.

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Notes to Editors

The Man Asian Literary Prize will be awarded in November 2007. This major new literary prize aims to recognise the best of new Asian literature and to bring it to the attention of the world literary community. A distinguished panel of judges selects a single work of fiction to be awarded the prize each year. Works submitted for consideration must not yet have been published in English, although they may have been published in other languages. The prize is jointly administered by representatives of the Man Hong Kong International Literary Festival, the University of Hong and the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and is sponsored by Man Group plc, a leading global financial services firm based in London.

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