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## **Submissions open for 2009 Man Asian Literary Prize**

**Hong Kong, 19 January 2009** – Submissions opened today for the 2009 Man Asian Literary Prize, an annual literary award of US\$10,000 for a work of Asian fiction unpublished in English.

An additional award of US\$3,000 is given for the translator if the work has been translated into English. Submissions must be made electronically via the Prize's website [www.manasianliteraryprize.org](http://www.manasianliteraryprize.org).

The first Man Asian Literary Prize was awarded in 2007 to Jiang Rong for his novel "Wolf Totem", which Penguin Books later published. The 2008 Man Asian Literary Prize was awarded to Miguel Syjuco for his novel "Ilustrado".

The 2009 Prize will be awarded in November this year.

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## Notes to Editors

The first Man Asian Literary Prize was 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.

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