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PHILIPPINES JOURNALIST WINS AFP'S 2014 KATE WEBB PRIZE

NEWS AGENCY AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE (AFP) HAS AWARDED THE 2014 KATE WEBB PRIZE FOR FRONTLINE JOURNALISM TO PHILIPPINES REPORTER PATRICIA EVANGELISTA FOR HER COURAGEOUS COVERAGE OF A MOSLEM INSURGENCY AND THE AFTERMATH OF TYPHOON HAIYAN.

Evangelista, 28, a multimedia reporter who produces both text and video, works for the Philippine news portal Rappler and Esquire magazine.

She receives the 3,000-euro (\$4,100-) prize for her outstanding coverage of a deadly three-week standoff between the Philippines army and Moslem rebels and the devastation wrought by Typhoon Haiyan.

AFP Asia-Pacific director Gilles Campion said: "Patricia is deserving of this award because, like Kate Webb, she has made it her mission to cover dangerous and difficult stories with a balanced, nuanced eye and astonishing courage.

"The quality of her reporting and her array of skills demonstrate a single-minded determination to pursue the true story and tell it clearly across all media and platforms."

Evangelista, who becomes the fifth recipient of the award, said: "Kate Webb was a journalist who stood for the voiceless at the center of conflict and disaster. Journalism is its own reward, but I'm honoured to be considered in my own way to have served her tradition."

The prize is named after Kate Webb, one of the finest correspondents to have worked for AFP, who died in 2007 at the age of 64.

Previous winners include the Philippine Centre for Investigative Journalism (PCIJ). Last year's prize was awarded to Indonesian investigative journalist Stefanus Tegum Edi Pramono.

About the Prize

Born in New Zealand, Kate Webb earned a reputation as a fearless reporter while covering wars and other historic events in Asia during a career spanning four decades. She made her name in Vietnam and also worked in Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, India, South Korea and the Middle East. She was known for her kindness and compassion and became a mentor to younger Asian journalists.

The prize is administered by the AFP Foundation – a non-profit-making, organization set up to promote press freedom through training journalists in developing countries – and by the Webb family. It was first awarded in 2008.

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