



**CHOMMANARD INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S LITERARY
AWARD 2026**

(For female authors from ASEAN, China Region, including Hong Kong, and Taiwan)

About the Award

The Chommanard Women's Literary Award, celebrates outstanding female literary talent from ASEAN, China region, including Hong Kong, and Taiwan. Sponsored by Bangkok Bank, the award highlights cultural relevance, social impact, and literary excellence.

Originally established over a decade ago to honor exceptional Thai female authors, the award has since evolved to embrace a regional platform.

A shortlist will be announced for each eligible country, and one or two country representative award may be selected only if the jury agrees the work meets the award's standards.

Note: Jurors may remain anonymous, but their collective comments on winning works will be shared to ensure transparency.



About the Award

Grand Prize : 500,000 THB (approximately 15,000 USD) awarded to one outstanding female author among all submissions.

Shortlist : One author may be selected for shortlist of each eligible country, only if the jury agrees the work meets the award's standards. Shortlist Winners will receive a monetary award of **60,000 THB (approximately 1,600 USD)**

Country Award Winner : One or two author may be selected for country award representative if there is no representation selected as a shortlist and if the work is considered the best in their own country according to the jurists and committee, this is only if the jury agrees the work meets the award's standards. Country Award Winner will receive a monetary award of **40,000 THB (approximately 1,200 USD)**

Judges' Decision : All decisions by the judges are final and binding.



About the Award

Translation Opportunity : *Winning titles will be considered for Thai translation, pending a mutual agreement on terms, including royalties and contract conditions, and the five-year rights agreement between the host, who hold first option on Thai publication rights.*

If a Thai edition already exists, or the author is considering publishing a Thai edition with a publisher in Thailand, the Chommanard Committee must be notified in advance.

This opportunity will require a formal agreement between the author and the publisher.



Eligibility Criteria

Author Requirements

- 1. The author must be female and must be a descendant of, rooted in, a speaker of a language of, or hold nationality or permanent residency in an ASEAN member country or the China regions, including Hong Kong and Taiwan.*
- 2. The author must be alive throughout the entire judging process.*
- 3. Authors may submit or resubmit literary works, provided that the work has never been selected as a Shortlist title, Country Award or Grand Prize title in any previous Chommanard International Award.*
- 4. Works previously included in the Longlist, or works previously deemed eligible for judging but not selected for the Shortlist or Grand Prize, may be resubmitted.*
- 5. Previous Shortlist Award or Country Award recipients may submit entries in subsequent years, provided that the submitted work is not the same title that previously received the Shortlist Award or Country Award.*
- 6. Grand Prize recipients may submit new works or other eligible works in subsequent years, provided that the submitted work is not the same title that previously received the Grand Prize.*



Eligibility Criteria

Work Requirements

- 1. The submission must be a fiction novel (no minimum or maximum word count), originally written in any national language and must be published in English, either as an original work or in translation, between 2020 and 2026.*
- 2. The work must be original and must not be plagiarized, AI-generated, or based on pre-existing content. A signed letter of originality is required.*
- 3. The book must be published by an established imprint based in the Asia-Pacific region or in English-speaking countries. An “established imprint” refers to a legally registered publishing company that has a proven track record of publishing works by multiple authors. It must operate with professional editorial standards, assign ISBNs, and make titles available through recognized retail or distribution channels.*
- 4. All rights remain with the author throughout the judging process.*
- 5. Any disputes involving the translator are the responsibility of the author.*



Submission Guidelines:

Submission period : June 1 to August 30, 2026 at midnight GMT+7 (Bangkok time)

Submission method : Via virf.io/chommanard

Required Materials :

- *Full manuscript in English, submitted in PDF format (watermarking recommended for security.) Manuscripts in original languages will not be accepted.*
- *High-resolution cover image in JPG or PDF format*
- *Book summary or press release related to the book*
- *Signed letter of originality (the work is not plagiarized from or AI-Generated or copied from other work)*
- *Author biography*
- *Several high-resolution author photographs, including at least one in landscape orientation in JPG format.*
- *Three printed copies per entry for jury review, display and media kit purposes (non-returnable).*



Submission Guidelines:

Printed Copies Submission Details: *Minimum three printed copies must be sent to*

Committee of Chommanard International Women Literary Award 2025

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The Chommanard Award does not cover shipping costs.

Any postage due upon delivery will result in the submission being considered incomplete.



Timeline & Announcements

The official timeline for shortlist and winner announcements will be shared soon.

We appreciate your patience as we coordinate with our jurors across multiple regions to ensure a fair and thorough selection process.

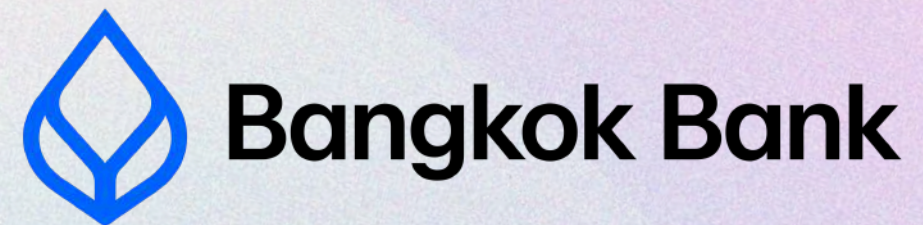
Tentative Award Night Gala Ceremony Date: April, 2027 (Bangkok, Thailand)

Final details will be announced on our official channels via virf.io/chommanard

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