SINGAPORE] Two journalists from The Business Times were recognised at yesterday’s 10th Investors’ Choice Awards organised by the Securities Investors Association of Singapore.

Lynette Khoo, 26, snagged the prize for Most Promising Journalist of The Year. And colleague Teh Hooi Ling took home the Investor Education Journalist of The Year Award – one of three awards given out for the first time this year.

Ms Khoo said: “I’m sincerely grateful for this nomination and the opportunity I’ve been given. At the end of the day, I hope readers will benefit from my work.”

While some may find the subject matter dull and serious, I find there’s meaning in telling the story behind the numbers and presenting relevant facts to readers. The sequence of events over the past year has clearly demonstrated that in the financial markets, there can be interesting twists to the plot.

Commenting on Ms Khoo’s win, BT editor Alvin Tay said: “Lynette is a driven and committed journalist. She will not rest easy if there is no story to pursue, and her willingness to chase down every lead is highly commendable.”

For Ms Teh, winning the award is an affirmation of the work she has done on financial literacy, which she says is “one of the key life skills everyone should possess”.

Her “Show Me The Money” column was described by Mr Tay as “one of the best-followed investment columns in town.”

Ms Teh, who clinched a Special Award in 2005, said: “I’m glad to be able to play a role - however small - in imparting some financial knowledge to readers of BT. I myself still learn new things, glean new insights every time I do my research. The minute we stop learning, we stop growing.”

The Best Financial Journalist of the Year Award went to Francis Chan of The Straits Times Money Desk.

ST editor Han Fook Kwang said: “I’m told Francis is nicknamed ‘Mr Mini-bond’ in investor circles - and that is a moniker well-earned. He stayed on top of the story throughout the year, never letting go of it.”

ST assistant money editor Lee Su Shyan bagged the Financial Story of The Year Award for her coverage of businessman Oei Hong Leong taking Citi-group to court over $1 billion of losses from foreign exchange and US treasury bond transactions.

A special award was given to Frederick Lim, deputy editor at Channel NewsAsia.

Singapore Press Holdings won the Most Transparent Company award in the non-electronics manufacturing category - for a sixth straight year.

SPH chief executive Alan Chan said: “SPH is proud to have won the trust of our investors and stakeholders once again. This is an endorsement of our consistency in meeting SIAS’s key criteria for the award.”

Mr Chan also congratulated the four SPH journalists who won awards, saying it is “testament to the quality journalism we consistently deliver”.

SIAS gave out a special award - for Most Admired Financial Institution - to Great Eastern Life. In July, Great Eastern Life offered to buy back at full value some structured investment products it sold to policyholders.