

**Media Release
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15th INSPIRING TEACHER OF ENGLISH AWARD NINE TEACHERS LAUDED FOR INSPIRING A LOVE FOR ENGLISH

6 October 2022 – Nine educators received the Inspiring Teacher of English Award (ITEA) this year. After having to divert to virtual presentations in the past two years, the award ceremony was held in-person today and graced by Guest-of-Honour, Minister for Education, Mr Chan Chun Sing, who presented the Inspiring Teacher of English Award (ITEA) to the recipients.

2. Out of 109 nominations received this year, six recipients were awarded the Teaching Award for excellence in the teaching of English, while three recipients received the Leadership Award for leading the development and implementation of effective English programmes in their schools.
3. Now into its 15th year since its inception in 2008, the ITEA has recognised the exemplary contributions of a total of 127 English teachers in Singapore. During the ceremony, Minister for Education, Mr Chan Chun Sing shared his aspirations for the fraternity to use the teaching and learning of the English Language to develop critical future competencies, and to continue to harness new pedagogies including technology, to enrich the learning of the students and to grow their potential.
4. Mr Jason Leow, Chairman of the Speak Good English Movement, said, “It is a privilege to be able to mark this year’s 15th edition of the Inspiring Teacher of English Award with everyone in person today. Our teachers play invaluable roles as they inspire a love for the English language, and we thank them for their dedication and commitment to nurturing our students’ critical thinking and English language abilities. These skillsets will be essential to creating an able generation that will take care of Singapore’s future.”
5. The nine recipients each received a trophy, a certificate, and a cash award of \$2,000. All winners and nominees will also receive a two-year membership to the Singapore Association for Applied Linguistics. For the full list of winners and award categories under ITEA, please refer to the **Annex**.

About the Inspiring Teacher of English Award

The Inspiring Teacher of English Award acknowledges educators who have been instrumental in igniting a love for the English language and are effective in helping their students speak and write better. These teachers are passionate about making English interesting and relevant, and are innovative in engaging their students in the language learning process. The Award salutes these teachers for their constant efforts to improve themselves in order that their students and schools can benefit.

Presented by the Speak Good English Movement and The Straits Times, with support from the Ministry of Education, the award has recognised a total of 127 Inspiring Teacher of English awardees (as of 2022) since its inception in 2008.

About the Speak Good English Movement

Launched in 2000, the Speak Good English Movement encourages Singaporeans to speak grammatically correct English that is universally understood, with the help of partners who run interesting programmes and develop learning content for the Movement. For more information, visit www.goodenglish.org.sg.

About the Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education (MOE) formulates and implements education policies on education structure, curriculum, pedagogy, and assessment. It oversees the management and development of Government-funded schools, and the Institute of Technical Education, polytechnics and universities. More information on the MOE can be found at www.moe.gov.sg.

About The Straits Times

The Straits Times, the English-language flagship daily of Singapore Press Holdings, is the most-read newspaper in Singapore and is followed widely in the region for its comprehensive multimedia coverage of local, regional and world news, provided by its correspondents in 12 bureaus in major cities worldwide.

Launched on July 15, 1845, The Straits Times has been moving with the times in its efforts to engage and grow its audience and exploring innovative ways of storytelling, as well as continuously refreshing its products to maintain quality and stay relevant to the changing needs of its readers. Its integrated newsroom operates round-the-clock, providing content as it happens on all platforms, from its website at www.straitstimes.com, Apple and Android apps to social media.

The Straits Times is a member of two media networks - the Asia News Network and the Impact Journalism Day alliance of newspapers - and it has won multiple international media awards, including from the Society of Publishers in Asia, the World Association of

Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA), the Pacific Area Newspaper Publishers' Association (Panpa), and Society of News Design.

The Straits Times won Best News Website/Mobile Service in the 2021 Asian Digital Media Awards, presented by the WAN-IFRA. Its multimedia newsroom and innovative projects were recognised at the 2020 awards, when it clinched a Gold for Best in Lifestyle, Sports, Entertainment Website or Mobile Services. The Straits Times won the INMA Global Media Awards in 2020 for campaign tailoring news on COVID-19 for students

WINNERS OF THE INSPIRING TEACHER OF ENGLISH AWARD

TEACHING AWARD 2022

PRIMARY	
NAME	SCHOOL
Mr Edwin Pang Ting How	Xinmin Primary School
Mdm Heng Jing Hui (Melody)	Bendemeer Primary School
Mdm Norashikin Binte Hassan	Qihua Primary School
SECONDARY	
Mr Lee De Yi	Swiss Cottage Secondary School
Ms Lim Yean Yue Gladys	Outram Secondary School
Mr Lim Zhan Yi	Hwa Chong Institution (Secondary Section)

LEADERSHIP AWARD 2022

PRIMARY	
NAME	SCHOOL
Ms Lim Kai Li Clare	Fuchun Primary School
SECONDARY	
Ms Sarah Chia Hui'E	Chung Cheng High School (Main)
Ms Teo Mei Chin Betsy	Crescent Girls' School

Annex B

AWARD CATEGORIES UNDER THE INSPIRING TEACHER OF ENGLISH AWARD

1. Inspiring Teacher of English – Teaching Award

Started in 2008, this award category recognises English teachers in Singapore schools who have:

- exemplified the use of good spoken and written English;
- promoted learning-focused interaction during English lessons; and
- chosen pedagogies appropriate to learners' readiness, interests and learning profiles.

2. Inspiring Teacher of English – Leadership Award

Introduced in 2014, this award category recognises Heads of Department (HODs) / Subject Heads (SHs) / Level Heads (LHs) who have:

- communicated a shared vision for quality teaching and learning that reflects a strong understanding of the organisational culture and the learning needs of staff and students;
- planned an English Language/ Literature in English/ General Paper programme based on the requirements of the relevant national syllabuses to meet the readiness, interests and learning profiles of students of the school;
- effectively implemented the school-based instructional programme (including enrichment and/or remedial programmes); and
- developed the teaching competencies of teachers of English so that they are better able to enact their school-based instructional programmes.