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16th INSPIRING TEACHER OF ENGLISH AWARD **EIGHT TEACHERS LAUDED FOR INSPIRING A LOVE FOR ENGLISH**

5 October 2023 – Eight educators received the Inspiring Teacher of English Award (ITEA) this year. The award ceremony was held in-person today and graced by Guest-of-Honour, Director-General for Education, Ministry of Education, Ms Liew Wei Li, who presented the Inspiring Teacher of English Award (ITEA) to the recipients.

2. Out of 120 nominations received this year, five 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 16th year since its inception in 2008, the ITEA has recognised the exemplary contributions of a total of 135 English teachers in Singapore. During the ceremony, Guest-of-Honour, Ms Liew Wei Li, expressed her appreciation of the teachers' efforts in inspiring their students to master and use the English language effectively, which will open up a world of opportunities for them.
4. Mr Jaime Ho, editor of The Straits Times and award co-organiser with the Speak Good English Movement, said, "Teachers have always been at the heart of what we do as a society to develop an informed and engaged citizenry. It is therefore The Straits Times' privilege to work with teachers in reaching out to our youngest audiences, to develop a love for the English language, and an appreciation of how language helps us navigate an increasingly complex world."
5. Mr Jason Leow, Chairman of the Speak Good English Movement, said, "We are grateful to The Straits Times for its long-standing support towards the Inspiring Teacher of English Award as we work together with the Ministry of Education to acknowledge all the teachers who inspire a love for the English language."
6. The eight 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 135 Inspiring Teacher of English awardees (as of 2023) 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 SPH Media Trust, 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 11 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 explore innovative ways of storytelling, as well as continuously refresh 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, and Apple and Android apps to social media.

The Straits Times is a member of the Asia News Network, and 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.

Its multimedia newsroom and innovative projects were recognised at regional and global awards. The Straits Times was among the biggest winners at the 2022 Digital Media Awards Asia presented by Wan-Ifra, taking home two gold awards - for a visual story on public housing and a podcast series on South-east Asia's unsolved mysteries - and two silver awards.

On the international front, it won 51 awards – its best showing to date – at the Best of News Design Creative Competition announced by the United States-based Society for News Design in 2023. The record haul included a coveted gold award for a visual storytelling project on sustainability in the fashion industry.

The Straits Times also won several awards at the INMA Global Media Awards in 2023, including the best in Asia-Pacific prize for a World Cup 2022 interactive special.

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WINNERS OF THE INSPIRING TEACHER OF ENGLISH AWARD

TEACHING AWARD 2023

PRIMARY	
NAME	SCHOOL
Ms Leena Priya D/O Segaran	Xishan Primary School
SECONDARY	
Mr James Koh Sze Ming	Raffles Institution
Mr Shawn Lim You Hao	Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)
JUNIOR COLLEGE	
Ms Heng Siok Tian	Hwa Chong Institution
Ms Yvonne Koh Feng Ying	Jurong Pioneer Junior College

LEADERSHIP AWARD 2023

SECONDARY	
NAME	SCHOOL
Ms Lim Hui Mei, Jan	National Junior College
Ms Phay Ee Lyn	Assumption English School
Ms Tan Xiu Mei, Crescendra	Naval Base Secondary 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.