



MEDIA RELEASE

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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE INSPIRING TEACHER OF ENGLISH AWARD 2024
(Nomination Period: 1 February to 5 April 2024)

Students, parents and teachers are invited to nominate extraordinary teachers of English Language, Literature in English or General Paper for the **Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2024** from 1 February to 5 April. This award recognises teachers who demonstrate a passion for English and are effective in teaching their students to communicate better.

Jointly presented by the Speak Good English Movement and The Straits Times, with support from the Ministry of Education for the 17th year, the Inspiring Teacher of English Award has two categories – the Teaching Award and the Leadership Award.

The **Inspiring Teacher of English – Teaching Award** recognises teachers who have been instrumental in igniting a love for English and are effective in teaching their students to communicate well.

Students, parents and teachers are invited to nominate teachers for the Teaching Award. The nomination forms must be submitted to the school Principal for final endorsement.

The **Inspiring Teacher of English – Leadership Award** acknowledges Heads of Department, Subject Heads and Level Heads who are effectively leading their departments and schools in the development and implementation of an effective English Language/Literature in English/General Paper curriculum.

Principals are invited to submit nominations for the Leadership Award by completing a nomination form with a brief recommendation for the nominated teacher.

All winners will receive a cash award of \$2,000 and a trophy at an award ceremony in October 2024. All nominees endorsed by their Principals, will also receive a certificate and a Singapore Association for Applied Linguistics membership valid for two years.

View the inspiring stories of past award recipients online at www.youtube.com/goodenglishmovement.

Nomination Details

- a) Nomination forms can be found on <http://goodenglish.org.sg/inspiring-teacher-of-english-award/nomination-information>.
- b) Each school is limited to one nomination for the Teaching Award and one nomination for the Leadership Award.
- c) Heads of Department (HOD)/Subject Heads (SH)/Level Heads (LH) can be nominated for the Teaching Award only if they are not eligible for the Leadership Award.
- d) Teachers who were previously nominated can be nominated again after a lapse of one year on condition that they continued to teach English in that year. For example, teachers who were nominated in 2022 could be re-nominated in 2024.
- e) Award winners will be announced in October 2024.

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 so 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 standard English, 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, 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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