

Media Release
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**18th INSPIRING TEACHER OF ENGLISH AWARD:
EIGHT TEACHERS LAUDED FOR INSPIRING A LOVE FOR ENGLISH**

1 October 2025 – Eight educators received the Inspiring Teacher of English Award (ITEA) this year. The award ceremony was graced by Guest-of-Honour Mr Desmond Lee, Minister for Education and Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration, who presented the awards to the recipients.

2. Out of 106 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. During the ceremony, Mr Lee encouraged teachers to be bold designers of English learning experiences that engage students and ignite their passion for discovery. He also urged teachers to embrace the challenges of our changing world by empowering students to communicate through language and technology confidently, ethically, and creatively.
4. Mr Jaime Ho, Editor of The Straits Times, said, “Amidst all the new challenges, scrutiny and pressures that our teachers face, it is an absolute wonder that they continue to inspire, and play the indispensable roles that they have in our community. Through this annual event, we’ve sought through the years to recognise inspiring teachers of the English language. They’re needed more than ever. May our children and generations to come continue to find that teacher of language who will teach them so much more.”
5. The eight recipients each received a trophy, a certificate, and a cash award. All winners and nominees will also be eligible for a one-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 151 Inspiring Teacher of English awardees (as of 2025) since its inception in 2008.

About the Speak Good English Movement

Launched in 2000, the Speak Good English Movement encourages Singaporeans to speak and write standard English that is universally understood. The Movement also develops fun learning content, and runs interesting programmes with the help of partners, for learners who wish to improve their English. 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.

For media queries, please email the Secretariat to the Speak Good English Movement, at NHB_SpeakGoodEnglishMovement@nhb.gov.sg

Annex A

WINNERS OF THE INSPIRING TEACHER OF ENGLISH AWARD

TEACHING AWARD 2025

NAME	SCHOOL
PRIMARY	
Ms Amirinazeb D/O Aurangzeb	CHIJ (Kellock)
SECONDARY	
Mrs Uma Ramakrishnan Jacob	CHIJ St Nicholas Girls' School
JUNIOR COLLEGE	
Mr Cliffton Tay Xiang Rui	Anderson Serangoon Junior College
Dr Saravanan Mani	Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)
Ms Soh Cai Wen Noelle	St Andrew's Junior College

LEADERSHIP AWARD 2025

NAME	SCHOOL
PRIMARY	
Ms Loh Li Hui Amanda	Haig Girls' School
SECONDARY	
Mr Perdana Putra Pan	Queenstown Secondary School
Mdm Siti Zaleha Bte Sharip	Spectra 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.