



MEDIA RELEASE

**THE INSPIRING TEACHER OF ENGLISH AWARD 2017
NOMINATIONS OPEN 13 February 2017
(Closing date: 7 April 2017)**

Nominations for the Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2017 are now open. From 13 February to 7 April 2017, members of the public are urged to nominate exceptional teachers who are role models of the use of good spoken and written English and are passionate about making English interesting and relevant to their students. Teachers, students and parents are also strongly encouraged to re-nominate past years' nominees. Each winner will receive a trophy and cash award.

Over 70 teachers have been awarded The Inspiring Teacher of English Award for the past ten years, since the award was inaugurated in 2008. The Inspiring Teacher of English Award, jointly presented by the **Speak Good English Movement** and *The Straits Times*, with the support of the **Ministry of Education**, acknowledges teachers who ignite a love for the English Language and inspire students to think and communicate more effectively in English.

Teaching Award

Now in its 10th year, the Inspiring Teacher of English – Teaching Award has acknowledged 65 teachers since it was introduced in 2008. For Winners, the Inspiring Teacher of English Award has been a strong affirmation of the work they do, encouraging them to continue innovating and motivating their students.

All students, their parents, and teachers are invited to submit nominations for this Award to the School Principal of the nominated teacher.

Leadership Award

The Inspiring Teacher of English – Leadership Award was specially introduced in 2014 to recognise Heads of Department, Subject Heads, Level Heads and Level Coordinators who have led their schools in the development and implementation of an effective English Language Programme. To date, eight school leaders have received this award. Ms Foo Soo Ling, who received the Leadership Award last year, had also been a recipient of the Teaching Award in 2009.

All principals are invited to submit nominations for this Award by filling up a nomination form with a brief recommendation in favour of the nominated teacher.

Nomination Details

- Nomination forms can be found on:
 - <http://goodenglish.org.sg/inspiring-teacher-of-english-award/nomination-information>
- Awardees will be announced in October 2017.
- Up to 10 deserving teachers will be proud recipients of the award.
- This is an annual award and submissions are limited to one nomination form from each school, each year per award category.
- All the inspiring stories by past winners can be viewed online at the Inspiring Teacher of English Award's YouTube Channel – <https://www.youtube.com/user/goodenglishmovement>.

About the Speak Good English Movement

Launched in 2000, the Speak Good English Movement is a nationwide movement to encourage Singaporeans to speak Standard English that is universally understood. Standard English is English with correct grammar and pronunciation, and not about accent. The Speak Good English Movement and its partners provide programmes to help people learn to speak good English in fun and interesting ways. If you want to learn more, 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 on 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 coverage of local, regional and world news, provided by its correspondents in 20 bureaus in major cities worldwide.

Launched on July 15, 1845, The Straits Times underwent a major redesign across all platforms in July 2015, when it celebrated its 170th anniversary. This revamp is part of its continuing efforts to refresh its products, maintain quality and stay relevant to the changing needs of its readers. Its integrated newsroom operates round-the-clock, providing readers with news 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, the Pacific Area Newspaper Publishers' Association (Panpa), Society of News Design and Wan-Ifra. Its revamped paper won a gold medal for overall newspaper design by the World Association of Newspaper at the Asian Media Awards in Manila in 2016.