

# The Straits Times Singaporean Of The Year 2015 – Judging Panel



(1) Warren Fernandez, Editor, The Straits Times



Warren Fernandez is Editor of The Straits Times, Singapore's largest selling English daily newspaper. He joined the paper in 1990 as a political reporter and rose to become News Editor. He later also served as Foreign Editor and Deputy Editor. He left to join Royal Dutch Shell in 2008 as a Global Manager for its Future Energy project, before returning to the paper in February 2012 as its editor.

(2) Sumiko Tan, Deputy Editor, The Straits Times



Sumiko Tan has been with The Straits Times since 1985, cutting her teeth as a crime reporter. She then spent eight years on the Political Desk and was later Life! Editor, Sunday Times Editor and News Editor. She started a fortnightly personal column in The Sunday Times in July 1994. She has also written several books.

(3) Helen Chia, Associate Editor & Life Editor, The Straits Times



Helen Chia is the Associate Editor and Life Editor. She joined The Straits Times in 1986 and has worked in various sections of the paper, including the Home section, Political, Sunday Times and Life. She was appointed Life editor in 2008.

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(4) Rahul Pathak, News Editor, The Straits Times



Rahul Pathak oversees the Newsdesk at The Straits Times. He has a vast experience of Singapore's news environment, having previously worked as executive editor of The Business Times and news editor of The New Paper. Rahul, a Singaporean, holds a Master's degree in economics from the Delhi School of Economics.

(5) Ignatius Low, Managing Editor, The Straits Times



Ignatius Low is currently Managing Editor of The Straits Times. He joined the newspaper in 1999 as a correspondent with the Money Desk and since then has held the positions of Money Editor, Sunday Times Editor and News Editor. He also writes a fortnightly column in The Sunday Times.

(6) Marc Lim, Sports Editor and Sunday Times Editor, The Straits Times



Marc Lim is the Sports Editor and Sunday Times Editor at The Straits Times. In his words, he is a failed athlete, which is why he does the next best thing – write about sports. He has been with The Straits Times since 2000 and has since covered all things Team Singapore, 2008 Beijing Olympic Games and the 2006 and 2014 Fifa World Cups.

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(7) Wong Kim Hoh, Senior Correspondent, The Straits Times



Wong Kim Hoh is a senior writer with The Straits Times. He has penned four books (It Changed My Life, A Life Less Ordinary, Criminal Intent and Criminal Intent 2) and written four scripts with filmmaker Eric Khoo including My Magic, which was the first Singaporean film to compete for the Palm D'or at the Cannes Film Festival in 2008.

(8) Susan Long, General Manager, Straits Times Press



Susan Long is a general manager of Straits Times Press, Singapore Press Holdings' book publishing arm. Prior to that, she was a senior writer and editor with The Straits Times. She was the newspaper's Enterprise Editor, driving many award-winning investigative features on socio-political issues of the day.

(9) Edmund Koh, Country Head, UBS Singapore



Edmund Koh is Head of UBS Wealth Management South East Asia & APAC Hub and Country Head of UBS Singapore. He is well known to many in the Asian financial services industry with over two decades of banking experience across the region. A strong champion of community investment programmes at UBS Singapore, Edmund recently launched the UBS Youth Finance Academy focusing on talent and development opportunities to nurture Youths in Singapore.

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(10) Aaron Maniam, civil servant



Aaron Maniam is a civil servant who has also served in many sectors of civil society. He was the founding Chairman of the National Youth Council Academy's Advisory Panel, served as President of Mendaki Club and was Chairman of the Singapore Indian Development Association (SINDA) Youth Club. In 2012, he was the winner of the Singapore Youth Award.

(11) David Hoe, youth leader



David Hoe has won the MOE teaching scholarship and has also pioneered many mentoring programmes for youths including the *I Am Talented* programme. He has served as deputy director for the United Nations Association of Singapore (Youth Council) and was recently appointed the Head of Education Committee for The Commonwealth Youth Council.

(12) John Lim, Group CEO of ARA Asset Management Limited



John Lim is the Group CEO and Executive Director of ARA Asset Management Limited. He has over 30 years of experience in the real estate industry and is widely recognised as a pioneer in the REITs industry in Singapore. He is a strong believer of empowering through education and established the Lim Hoon Foundation in 2008 with a focus on supporting, strengthening and encouraging all-rounded educational achievement of students who come from challenging backgrounds in Singapore.

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(13) Kit Chan, singer



Kit Chan was the pioneer generation of Singaporean singers to successfully break into the international market, and became a hit in the Hong Kong Cantopop and Taiwanese Mandopop scenes. Often dubbed as Singapore's "national treasure", she has proven herself in singing, theatre, television drama, poetry, song writing and community work.

(14) Saleemah Ismail, social entrepreneur and activist for children and women



The co-founder of Aidha, a business school for migrants and low-income communities, Saleemah Ismail is spearheading New Life Stories, a social enterprise which works with formerly incarcerated women and their children. For more than a decade, she sat on the board of the National Committee for Unifem Singapore. She was also vice-chair of Suara Musyawarah, a committee to engage the Malay Muslim community on important issues.

(15) Willin Low, chef and restaurateur



Willin Low is a lawyer-turned-restaurateur/chef in Singapore. After practicing law for eight years, he opened Wild Rocket in 2005 and now own five restaurants. He has been named by the New York Times as one of three chefs in Singapore who were "reinventing the city's traditional food culture", and was also chosen by the Financial Times as one of Singapore's best chefs.