

Annex A

About the 15th Annual Inspiring Chinese Language Teachers Awards

The awards aim to give due recognition to teachers who have displayed exemplary efforts in the teaching of Chinese language and culture in Singapore. These Chinese teachers have also, over the past year, inspired their students to develop appreciation for the Chinese language and culture.

This year's awards presentation will be held in conjunction with the launch of the Singapore Book Fair 2012 on 25 May 2011 at Suntec Convention & Exhibition Centre, Hall 404, Level 4. Mr Heng Swee Keat, Minister for Education will be the guest-of-honour to officiate the launch as well as to present the awards to the winners.

Endorsed by the Ministry of Education, the 15th Inspiring Chinese Language Teachers Awards is organised by Lianhe Zaobao, co-organised by Singapore Chinese Middle School Teachers' Association and Singapore Chinese Teachers' Union, and sponsored by Lee Foundation.

The Process:

22 Chinese language teachers from ten primary schools, ten secondary schools and two junior colleges were chosen from 1,800 nominations to be this year's winners. The nominations were put up by school principals, teachers, parents and students.

Nominated teachers went through three rounds of judging, including an interview conducted by the panel of judges.

Judges:

- Dr Chin Chee Kuen, Executive Director, Singapore Centre for Chinese Language
- Dr Ong Chang Woei, Associate Professor, Department of Chinese Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore
- Dr Qu Jingyu, Assistant Professor, Division of Chinese, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University
- Mr Chong Leong Chin, Assistant Director, Languages & Literature Branch, Curriculum Planning & Development Division, Ministry of Education
- Mr Peter Ong, Assistant Editor, Lianhe Zaobao

Prizes:

The winners will each receive a trophy and cash prize of \$500. In addition, they will go on a specially arranged study trip to China during the December school holidays.