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MEDIA RELEASE

TEACHERS' INVESTITURE CEREMONY (TIC) FOR THE CLASS OF 2023

1. The National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University (NIE NTU), Singapore celebrates the graduation of 851 new and returning teachers joining the Singapore education service on 7 July 2023.

2. **Second Minister for Education, Dr Maliki Osman**, will grace Ceremony 1 of the TIC on Friday, 7 July 2023 at 9.30am. **Mr Wong Siew Hoong, Deputy Chair, NIE Council** will grace Ceremony 2 of the TIC on Friday, 7 July 2023 at 2.30pm.

3. The NIE Bachelor of Arts (Education) and Bachelor of Science (Education) programmes have been repositioned as Double Major Programmes. The Class of 2023 will be the inaugural cohort to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in an Academic Discipline and in Education. The new programme titles reflect both the academic content specialisation and education specialisation. Graduates obtain teaching accreditation and are prepared for further studies in both the Academic Discipline and in Education.

4. Of the **48 award recipients, nine will be receiving multiple awards**. They are:

S/N	Name	Programme	Awards
Ceremony 1 (C1), 7 July 2023, 9.30am			
1	Adele Seah Pei Jia (2 awards)	Bachelor of Arts in English Language & Linguistics and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPC Book Prize • The Victor Neo Book Prize

2	Alex Lim Tze Ming (3 awards)	Bachelor of Science in Mathematics & Computational Thinking and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotary International 75th Anniversary Gold Medal • The NIE Award • The Tan Poey Quee Practicum Book Prize
3	Chew Wei Sheng (4 awards)	Bachelor of Science in Mathematics & Computational Thinking and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association of Mathematics Educators Book Prize • Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal • Singapore Mathematical Society Book Prize • The Mathematics Book Prize
4	Kelly Sng (Sun Jiayi) (2 awards) Valedictorian for C1	Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal • The British Council Book Prize
5	Tan Hong Jie Jared (2 awards)	Bachelor of Science in Biology and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development Board Book Prize • The Singapore Institute of Biology Book Prize
Ceremony 2 (C2), 7 July 2023, 2.30pm			
6	Cheong Qian Hui, Odelia (2 awards)	Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Primary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singapore Association for the Advancement of Science Prize • The Dr Shila Fernandez Prize
7	Ke Shiyao (2 awards)	Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Secondary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice Choor Singh Book Prize • Singapore Teachers' Union Book Prize
8	Rachel Ong Lin Hui (2 awards) Valedictorian for C2	Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Secondary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association of Mathematics Educators Book Prize • NIE Gold Medal
9	Rochelle Sim Hui Yee (2 awards)	Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Primary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association of Mathematics Educators Book Prize • Wong Hee Hua Memorial Prize

*(Please refer to **Annex B** for the full list of prizes, awards and recipients and **Annex C** for the profiles of the graduands shortlisted for media interview)*

MEDIA INVITATION

Date/Time : **Ceremony 1**
Friday, 7 July 2023 / 9.30am to 12.00pm

Ceremony 2
Friday, 7 July 2023 / 2.30pm to 5.00pm

*(Please refer to **Annex A** for the programme)*

Venue : NTU Nanyang Auditorium
50 Nanyang Avenue, Singapore 639798

Please RSVP by 6 July 2023.

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ABOUT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION (NIE), SINGAPORE

The National Institute of Education (NIE), an autonomous institute of the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore is among the world's top education institutes, renowned for its excellence in teacher education and education research. Founded in 1950, NIE has played a pivotal role in developing Singapore's teaching workforce.

In a dynamic education milieu, NIE prepares teachers with the requisite values, skills and knowledge to meet the continuous demands of diverse learners across the lifespan. The quality of NIE programmes is based on evidence-informed reviews and enhancement, and delivered using innovative pedagogies in digitally-mediated learning spaces. NIE's degree, higher degree and professional development programmes offer global perspectives through international practice and semester exchanges, while 21st Century pedagogies, multidisciplinary curricula and service-learning initiatives help to develop the holistic reflective practitioner and school leader. The Institute also offers the only local sports-related undergraduate degree programme in Sport Science & Management that provides academic and professional pathways to sports-related careers.

The NIE is ranked among the world's top institutions for research in education and the education-related disciplines. Its research philosophy is focused on impacting school practices, enhancing programmes, informing policy formation and, ultimately, improving student learning outcomes. With its highly reputable education programmes and rich research culture, it has built strategic alliances with many other renowned institutions in the US, Europe and Asia Pacific regions.

Recognising the need to anticipate, adapt and advance, NIE has recently identified five strategic growth areas under a new institute-level initiative, Learning Initiatives for the Future of Education at NIE NTU Singapore (LIFE@NIE SG[®]). Over the coming years, NIE will grow its regional and global impact in these five priority areas – Child and Human Development, Values and Ethics, Science of Learning, Emerging Technologies, and Assessment and Evaluation – to lead the future of education and play its part in helping to address Singapore and humanity's grand challenges in an ever-evolving world.

For more information, please visit: www.nie.edu.sg.

THE NIE TEACHERS' INVESTITURE CEREMONY FOR THE CLASS OF 2023

PROGRAMME

Academic Procession enters

National Anthem

Commencement of Ceremony

Address by NIE Director

Address by Guest-of-Honour

Director-General of Education's Welcome Address

Presentation of Folders to Graduands

Speech by Valedictorian

Presentation of Folders to Graduands

Presentation of Awards and Prizes

Teachers' Pledge

National Anthem

Academic Procession leaves

End of Ceremony

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CEREMONY 1: PRIZES AND AWARDS

FRIDAY, 7 JULY 2023, 9.30AM

THE NIE TEACHERS' INVESTITURE CEREMONY (CLASS OF 2023)

国立教育学院教师就职典礼

BACHELOR OF ARTS (DOUBLE MAJOR PROGRAMMES)/BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (DOUBLE MAJOR PROGRAMMES)

文学 / 理学 (荣誉) 及教育双专业学士学位

LEE KUAN YEW GOLD MEDAL

李光耀金牌奖

Awarded for Best Performance in general proficiency throughout the programme of study and for attaining Honours (Highest Distinction) in the Bachelor of Arts in an Academic Discipline and Education

Miss Kelly Sng (Sun Jiayi)

Miss Kelly Sng is also the Valedictorian of her cohort for Ceremony 1.

Awarded for Best Performance in general proficiency throughout the programme of study and for attaining Honours (Highest Distinction) in the Bachelor of Science in an Academic Discipline and Education

Mr Chew Wei Sheng

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL 75TH ANNIVERSARY GOLD MEDAL

扶轮社 75 周年金牌奖

Awarded for outstanding leadership and dedication to student activities in the Institute or services to the community

Mr Alex Lim Tze Ming

Mr Soh Yi Jie

SNG YEW CHONG AWARD

SNG YEW CHONG 奖

Awarded for overall Best Performance in the Bachelor of Science in an Academic Discipline and Education

Mr Wang Jiale

THE NIE AWARD

国立教育学院奖

Awarded for excellence in academic studies and service to the Institute's community

Mr Alex Lim Tze Ming

ASSOCIATION OF MATHEMATICS EDUCATORS BOOK PRIZE

数学教育者协会书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in the Teaching of Mathematics in the Bachelor of Arts in an Academic Discipline and Education or Bachelor of Science in an Academic Discipline and Education

Mr Chew Wei Sheng

DR WU TEH YAO BOOK PRIZE

DR WU TEH YAO 书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in Chinese Studies in the Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Studies and Education, including a Distinction or Credit in the final Practicum

Miss Ong Jing Xuan Jamie

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD BOOK PRIZE

经济发展局书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in Biology in the Bachelor of Science in Biology and Education

Mr Tan Hong Jie Jared

MRS PAUL FENG PEI-DJEN BOOK PRIZE

MRS PAUL FENG PEI-DJEN 书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in Conducting or Performance Studies in the Bachelor of Arts in Music and Education

Mr Pavethren S/O Kanagarethinam

PACIFIC ANDES BOOK PRIZE

PACIFIC ANDES 书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in Geography in the Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Education, including a Distinction or Credit in the final Practicum

Mr Samuel Li Cheng Xin

SEMBCORP MARINE BOOK PRIZE

胜科海事书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in History in the Bachelor of Arts in History and Education, including a Distinction or Credit in the final Practicum

Miss Estella Tan Ying Yee

SINGAPORE MALAY TEACHERS COOPERATIVE LTD BOOK PRIZE

新加坡马来文教师范合作社有限公司书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in Malay Studies in the Bachelor of Arts in Malay Studies and Education, including a Distinction or Credit in the final Practicum

Miss Nur Zulaikha Binte Mohamed Rohaidzat

SINGAPORE MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY BOOK PRIZE

新加坡数学学会书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in Mathematics in the Bachelor of Science in Mathematics & Computational Thinking and Education, secondary track

Mr Chew Wei Sheng

SINGAPORE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTRY-MATERIALS RESEARCH SOCIETY OF SINGAPORE BOOK PRIZE

新加坡国家化学-材料研究学会新加坡书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in Chemistry in the Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Education

Miss Thng Hui Qing

SINGAPORE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COUNCIL BOOK PRIZE

新加坡奥委会书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in the Sports Studies component of the Bachelor of Science in Sport Science and Education

Miss Lynnette Krystall G Aviado

Awarded for Best Performance in the Physical Education Instructional (Pedagogy) courses in the Bachelor of Science in Sport Science and Education, including a Distinction in the final Practicum

Mr Nur Ashriq Ferdaus Bin Zul'kepli

SOUTHEAST ASIAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY BOOK PRIZE

东南亚数学学会书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in Mathematics in the Bachelor of Science in Mathematics & Computational Thinking and Education, primary track

Miss Lin Jie-Min, Chelsea

SPC BOOK PRIZE

新加坡石油公司书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in the Teaching of Primary Social Studies in the Bachelor of Arts in an Academic Discipline and Education or Bachelor of Science in an Academic Discipline and Education

Miss Adele Seah Pei Jia

SPORT SINGAPORE BOOK PRIZE

新加坡体育理事会书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in the Sports Science component of the Bachelor of Science in Sport Science and Education

Mr Ct Karuppiah Arasu

Awarded for Best Performance in the Teaching of Physical Education in the Bachelor of Science in Sport Science and Education

Mr Mohammed Jumaeen Bin Amat Kamsin

THE ART BOOK PRIZE

艺术书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in Art in the Bachelor of Arts in Art and Education

Mr Ong Kai Sin

THE ASSOCIATION OF NANYANG UNIVERSITY GRADUATES BOOK PRIZE

南洋大学毕业生协会书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in Music in the Bachelor of Arts in Music and Education

Mr Ooi Choong Hean, Matthew

THE BRITISH COUNCIL BOOK PRIZE

英国文化协会书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in English Literature in the Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and Education

Miss Kelly Sng (Sun Jiayi)

THE IPS BOOK PRIZE

新加坡物理研究所书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in Physics in the Bachelor of Science in Physics & Energy Studies and Education, including a Distinction or Credit in the final Practicum

Mr Soh Hong Yi

THE MATHEMATICS BOOK PRIZE

数学书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in Academic Subject Mathematics in the Bachelor of Science in Mathematics & Computational Thinking and Education

Mr Chew Wei Sheng

THE SINGAPORE INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY BOOK PRIZE

新加坡生物研究所书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in Biology and excel in the research course in the Bachelor of Science in Biology and Education

Mr Tan Hong Jie Jared

THE TAN POEY QUEE PRACTICUM BOOK PRIZE

TAN POEY QUEE PRACTICUM 书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in the Teaching Practicum in the Bachelor of Arts in an Academic Discipline and Education or Bachelor of Science in an Academic Discipline and Education

Mr Alex Lim Tze Ming

THE VICTOR NEO BOOK PRIZE**VICTOR NEO 书籍奖**

Awarded for Best Performance in English Language & Linguistics in the Bachelor of Arts in English Language & Linguistics and Education

Miss Adele Seah Pei Jia

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION**教育文凭课程****SINGAPORE MALAY TEACHERS' UNION BOOK PRIZE****新加坡马来文教师总会书籍奖**

Awarded for Best Performance in the Diploma in Education (Malay Specialisation)

Miss Nur Natasha Binte Mohamed Khairuddin

THE DR LAU WAI HAR BOOK PRIZE**刘蕙霞博士书籍奖**

Awarded for Best Performance in Chinese Language in the Diploma in Education (Teaching of Chinese Language at Primary Level) programmes, including a Distinction or Credit in Practicum

Miss Sun Haowan

THE DR ONG YONG PENG BOOK PRIZE**王永炳博士品格与公民教育书籍奖**

Awarded for best performance in Chinese Studies and Character and Citizenship Education (in Chinese Language) in the Diploma in Education (Teaching of Chinese Language at Primary Level) programme, including a Distinction or Credit in Practicum

Mr Neo Keng Yang (Liang Qingyang)

DIPLOMA IN ART EDUCATION**艺术教育文凭课程****THE NIE AWARD****国立教育学院奖**

Awarded for excellence in academic studies and service to the Institute's community

Miss Siti Zulaiha Binte Zainol

YU SHE YUEN BOOK PRIZE**YU SHE YUEN 书籍奖**

Awarded for Best Performance in the Teaching of Art in the Diploma in Education or Diploma in Art Education

Mr Brendan Gerard Jeremiah

DIPLOMA IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

体育教育文凭课程

THE TAN POEY QUEE PRACTICUM BOOK PRIZE

TAN POEY QUEE PRACTICUM 书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in the Teaching Practicum (Diploma Programme)

Mr Sherman Lim Jun Yan

DIPLOMA IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

THE LIEN FOUNDATION BOOK PRIZE

连氏基金会书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in general proficiency throughout the programme of study in the Diploma in Special Education (Special Educational Needs Officers)

Ms Tan Hong Min, Jermaine

Ms Yeo Jing Jing, Rebecca (Yang Jing Jing)

Awarded for Best Performance in general proficiency throughout the programme of study in the Diploma in Special Education (Special School Teachers)

Mr Chia Yan Zhuang, Jay

Miss Chiok En Bei, Clara

DIPLOMA IN SCHOOL COUNSELLING

NIE GOLD MEDAL

国立教育学院金牌奖

Awarded for Best Performance in the Diploma in School Counselling

Miss Lim Jill

Please refer to next page for Ceremony 2 list of winners

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CEREMONY 2: PRIZES AND AWARDS

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POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (PRIMARY)

大学毕业教育专业文凭课程 (小学)

NIE GOLD MEDAL

国立教育学院金牌奖

Awarded for Best Performance in the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Primary)

Mr Tan Di Jie

ASSOCIATION OF MATHEMATICS EDUCATORS BOOK PRIZE

数学教育者协会书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in the Teaching of Mathematics in the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Primary), including a Distinction or Credit in Practicum

Miss Rochelle Sim Hui Yee

BENG KIM HOLDINGS BOOK PRIZE

明景有限公司书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in Subject Knowledge courses in Mathematics in the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Primary)

Mr Yeo Shi Feng, Jeremy

SINGAPORE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE PRIZE

新加坡科学进步协会奖

Awarded for Best Performance in the Teaching of Science in the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Primary), including a Distinction or Credit in Practicum

Miss Cheong Qian Hui, Odelia

THE DR ONG YONG PENG BOOK PRIZE

王永炳博士品格与公民教育书籍奖

Awarded for best performance in Chinese Studies and Character and Citizenship Education (in Chinese Language) in the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Teaching of Chinese Language at Primary Level) programme, including a Distinction or Credit in Practicum

Mdm Lu Ying

THE DR SHILA FERNANDEZ PRIZE

希拉.费尔南德兹博士奖

Awarded for Best Performance in the Teaching of English Language (with at least a B+ grade in Communication Skills for Teachers) in the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Primary)

Miss Cheong Qian Hui, Odelia

WONG HEE HUA MEMORIAL PRIZE**WONG HEE HUA 纪念奖**

Awarded for Best Overall Student Teacher in Mathematics in the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Primary)

Miss Rochelle Sim Hui Yee

Awarded for Best Overall Student Teacher in Music in the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Primary)

Mdm Teo Li Chin

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (SECONDARY)
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大学毕业教育专业文凭课程 (中学)

NIE GOLD MEDAL**国立教育学院金牌奖**

Awarded for Best Performance in the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Secondary/Junior College)

Miss Rachel Ong Lin Hui

Miss Rachel Ong Lin Hui is also the Valedictorian of her cohort for Ceremony 2.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL 75TH ANNIVERSARY GOLD MEDAL**扶轮社 75 周年金牌奖**

Awarded for outstanding leadership and dedication to student activities in the Institute or services to the community

Mr Shaun Lim Tyan Gin

THE NIE AWARD**国立教育学院奖**

Awarded for excellence in academic studies and service to the Institute's community

Miss Pang Seok Mun

ASSOCIATION OF MATHEMATICS EDUCATORS BOOK PRIZE**数学教育者协会书籍奖**

Awarded for Best Performance in the Teaching of Mathematics in the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Secondary/Junior College), including a Distinction or Credit in Practicum

Miss Rachel Ong Lin Hui

GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE BOOK PRIZE**新加坡地理教师协会书籍奖**

Awarded for Best Performance in the Teaching of Geography in the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Secondary/Junior College), including a Distinction or Credit in Practicum

Miss Cheralyn Tan Shu Ying

HISTORY ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE BOOK PRIZE

新加坡历史协会书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in the Teaching of History in the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Secondary/Junior College), including a Distinction or Credit in Practicum

Mr Tan Zheng Wei, Martin

JUSTICE CHOOR SINGH BOOK PRIZE

CHOOR SINGH 法官书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in the Education Studies component of the Postgraduate Diploma in Education, including a Distinction in Practicum

Miss Ke Shiyao

SINGAPORE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE PRIZE

新加坡科学进步协会奖

Awarded for Best Performance in the Teaching of Biology or Physics or Chemistry in the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Secondary/Junior College), including a Distinction or Credit in Practicum

Miss Mavis Teo

SINGAPORE CHINESE TEACHERS' UNION BOOK PRIZE

新加坡华文教师总会书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in the Curriculum Studies in Chinese in the Postgraduate Diploma in Education, including a Distinction or Credit in Practicum

Mr Derrick Lim En Sheng

SINGAPORE TEACHERS' UNION BOOK PRIZE

新加坡教师总会奖

Awarded for Best Performance in Practicum in the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Secondary/Junior College)

Miss Ke Shiyao

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (PHYSICAL EDUCATION)

大学毕业教育专业文凭课程 (体育)

C. KUNALAN BOOK PRIZE

C. KUNALAN 书籍奖

Awarded for Best Performance in the Physical Education component of the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Physical Education), including a Distinction or Credit in Practicum

Mr Sean Lim Zhong Sheng

SINGAPORE TEACHERS' UNION BOOK PRIZE

新加坡教师总会奖

Awarded for Best Performance in Practicum in the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Primary)

Miss Choo Min Elizabeth

PROFILES OF BOOK PRIZE, AWARD WINNERS AND GRADUANDS SHORTLISTED FOR MEDIA INTERVIEW

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Ceremony 1: 7 July 2023, Friday, 9.30am

1	<p>Adele Seah Pei Jia (Miss)</p> <p>Bachelor of Arts in English Language & Linguistics and Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPC Book Prize • The Victor Neo Book Prize 	<p>Crafting Dynamic Classrooms Through Innovative Teaching</p> <p>Adele brings a fresh approach to education. She sometimes turns routine grammar lessons into engaging obstacle courses. This shift infuses her classroom with laughter and excitement as students explore language in fun ways.</p> <p>The transition from a reserved individual to a dynamic teacher is a story of personal growth for Adele. She faced challenges like self-doubt and the pressures of her profession early in her career. However, these hurdles only strengthened her resolve to improve the learning experiences of her students.</p> <p>Adele's innovative teaching moments may not happen every day, but they underscore her dedication to creative pedagogy. Her journey serves as a beacon of inspiration, demonstrating the transformative potential when a teacher ventures beyond conventional techniques. Adele goes beyond imparting knowledge as she also cultivates an educational experience that her students hold dear.</p>
2	<p>Alex Lim Tze Ming (Mr)</p> <p>Bachelor of Science in Mathematics & Computational Thinking and Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotary International 75th Anniversary Gold Medal • The NIE Award • The Tan Poey Quee Practicum Book Prize 	<p>Reshaping Educational Boundaries Amidst Pandemic Challenges</p> <p>Alex is a passionate educator who embodies an inspiring narrative of leadership and resilience. His teaching journey commenced under the wing of two remarkable mentors, Mr Prakash and Ms Lee, who imparted the values of dedication, creativity and student-centric approaches. From leading a committee despite his introverted nature to shaping diverse pedagogical strategies for diverse learners, Alex thrives by transforming challenges into opportunities.</p> <p>Most notable, however, is Alex's transformative leadership during the COVID-19 era as President of the 30th NIE Student Teachers' Club. He ingeniously navigated unprecedented circumstances, adapting student life to the "new normal" while maintaining a vibrant campus atmosphere. From orchestrating successful virtual exchanges with international universities to launching initiatives fostering community and support among NIE students, Alex emerged as a creative problem-solver.</p> <p>Additionally, his instrumental role in the revival of NIE sub-clubs and as co-leader of the first NIE Service and Leadership Training Programme post-Covid highlighted his</p>

		<p>remarkable versatility. He led a successful overseas project, contributing significantly to the local community in Vietnam.</p> <p>Often spotted at NIE student life events, Alex's energetic presence complements his mission: to provide students with enriching experiences beyond academics. His journey as an educator and leader demonstrates an unyielding commitment to student development, even in the face of adversities.</p>
3	<p>Chew Wei Sheng (Mr)</p> <p>Bachelor of Science in Mathematics & Computational Thinking and Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association Of Mathematics Educators Book Prize • Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal • Singapore Mathematical Society Book Prize • The Mathematics Book Prize 	<p>Recognising Individual Uniqueness</p> <p>Sparked by a deep-rooted desire to make a difference, Wei Sheng realised that his path did not lie in a 'prestigious' career but rather in the noble profession of teaching, inspired by his own JC form teacher.</p> <p>Wei Sheng's journey as an educator is an ongoing exploration to uncover each student's strengths and talents, an endeavor that extends beyond mere content delivery. In his eyes, teaching is not a one-way street but a reciprocal process of understanding and inspiration.</p> <p>His philosophy echoes a compelling notion that students should not be seen as empty vessels waiting to be filled, but rather as distinct individuals to be understood. Through his unwavering dedication and inquisitiveness in understanding each student, Wei Sheng exemplifies the transformative impact of personalised teaching in shaping the lives of learners.</p>
4	<p>Noor Syafiq Bin Abdul Rashid (Mr)</p> <p>Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Education</p>	<p>Patience-Filled Pedagogy</p> <p>Syafiq's interest in building figurines and collection of Popmarts reflects his personal journey in patience, which he continues to explore and apply to his teaching role. This distinctive hobby illuminates Syafiq's teaching approach – nurturing students with the same diligence, patience and careful attention to detail required in assembling these miniature figurines.</p> <p>Guided by his mentor, Ms Chua Wan Yu from Temasek Secondary School, Syafiq weaves patience into his pedagogical approach. His holistic method goes beyond academics, prioritising the cultivation of emotional resilience, interpersonal communication and self-esteem, elements he aligns with the painstakingly delicate process of assembling figurines.</p> <p>In the classroom, Syafiq exercises patience as he facilitates a nurturing environment. A striking example lies in a memory from his geography class, where students, amidst a competitive game, displayed unity, collaboration and empathy – attributes nurtured by Syafiq's patient approach.</p>

		As Syafiq's journey in figurine crafting continues, so does his growth as an educator. His teaching career is like a Popmart collector's efforts, carefully building knowledge, emotional resilience and self-confidence, paralleling the assembly of his precious collection.
5	<p>Nuha Binte Ahmad Basharahil (Miss)</p> <p>Bachelor of Arts in English Language & Linguistics and Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Wu Teh Yao Book Prize 	<p>Nuha's Dynamic Educational Voyage</p> <p>With a boat license under her belt and a backpack full of travel tales, Nuha is no ordinary educator. Her adventures both at sea and on land ignited a spark in her approach to education, making the journey for her students just as exciting as her own.</p> <p>Instead of traditional classroom walls, think of Nuha's educational space as an exploratory vessel, packed with lessons from Sikkim's conservation efforts, Korea's Taekwondo discipline and Australia's innovative school methods. It's like a whirlwind world tour from the comfort of your school desk.</p> <p>Nuha's thrilling educational journey is characterised by rich experiences and diverse insights, guaranteeing that her students derive joy from both the destination and the ride itself. For them, learning becomes an exciting voyage of discovery, transforming education into a truly enjoyable experience.</p>
6	<p>Ong Jing Xuan Jamie (Miss)</p> <p>Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Studies and Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Wu Teh Yao Book Prize 	<p>Passion for Chinese Language</p> <p>Jamie's journey as a Chinese language teacher in Singapore is a testament to the transformative power of passion. Armed with a deep love for her mother tongue, Jamie began her teaching journey determined to ignite a similar enthusiasm in her students. Despite her initial apprehension at the National Institute of Education (NIE), her unwavering dedication helped her thrive and earn a distinction for her second teaching practice.</p> <p>A memorable episode in Jamie's teaching career centers around an introverted student. This young girl, initially hesitant, eventually bloomed into a confident speaker under Jamie's guidance. By creating a safe, customised learning environment, Jamie was able to transform the educational experience for her students.</p> <p>Away from the classroom, Jamie enjoys reading, drama, video editing and scriptwriting. These passions enriched her teaching methods and made her lessons more engaging. While the road to teaching a language is paved with challenges, Jamie stays undeterred. She believes that a teacher's passion can light up the path for students. As such, her journey continues to inspire her peers and students, reflecting the impact of a teacher's devotion and resilience.</p>

7	<p>Priscilia Sim Li Mei (Ms)</p> <p>Diploma in Special Education</p>	<p>Merging Art and Special Education</p> <p>In the crossroads of art and special education, Priscilia is an advocate for transformative learning through creativity. She channels her artistic background and her experience as an Art Director to tailor educational strategies that engage her autistic students in creative and meaningful ways.</p> <p>Priscilia strongly believes in the communicative power of art, especially for students with autism as they often gravitate towards visual learning. Through art, she encourages her students to express themselves, discover their individuality and see the world through fresh lens. The joy she experiences in interpreting their creations and understanding their perspectives fuels her passion for this unique educational journey.</p> <p>Recognising the therapeutic benefits of art, Priscilia hopes to expand her students' exposure to diverse art activities, enhancing their leisure opportunities and cultivating their artistic talents. She dreams that her students might one day use these skills for personal enjoyment, vocational purposes or even contributing to their community.</p>
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8	<p>Chanthirasekar S/O Kalimuthu (Mr)</p> <p>Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Primary)</p>	<p>Holistic Development and Real-World Application</p> <p>Chanthirasekar's unconventional path into education commenced with his roots in scouting. He honed skills of resilience, courage and perseverance over 16 years of adventures. Applying these 'survival tools' in his classroom, he assists students in handling academic challenges, emphasising discipline in meeting deadlines and courage to tackle daunting tasks such as composition writing, especially for younger students experiencing it for the first time.</p> <p>Chanthirasekar also believes that a holistic education fosters intellectual and emotional balance in students and contributes to their all-round development. Leveraging his personal journey, he encourages them to see beyond academic grades, emphasising the journey of individual growth.</p> <p>From his translation work for government campaigns to his partnership with a research team funded by the Lee Kuan Yew Fund for Bilingualism, he brings a real-world dimension to language learning. His students are encouraged to see the value of Tamil in a realistic context thus fostering their interest and appreciation for the language.</p>
9	<p>Chin Chwee Kim (Mdm)</p> <p>Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Primary)</p>	<p>Minimalist Approach to Teaching and Life</p> <p>Switching careers mid-life while raising three children would seem overwhelming for many. For Chwee Kim, it was an opportunity for personal growth. The support from her Subject Coordinating Mentor at her practicum school fueled her aspirations and shaped her into an educator who prioritises encouragement, engagement and empowerment.</p> <p>Her minimalist lifestyle, inspired by Fumio Sasaki's book "Goodbye, Things," became the cornerstone of Chwee Kim's teaching philosophy. By mirroring her life's clutter reduction in her teaching approach, she ensures her students can focus on what truly matters - learning. This philosophy seamlessly ties into her '3Es' of education, creating a streamlined, distraction-free learning environment that fosters engagement and empowerment.</p> <p>Juggling her roles as a mother, teacher and daughter, Chwee Kim proves that simplicity is not about having less but making room for more: more focus, more balance and more growth. Her minimalist approach underscores her unique teaching style, showing that in both life and education, less can indeed be more.</p>

10	<p>See Kian Leong, Jeremy (Mr)</p> <p>Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Primary)</p>	<p>Commitment to Equal Opportunities in Learning</p> <p>Jeremy believes in providing an equitable educational experience for all students. His teaching approach is driven by the aspiration to foster an equitable learning environment so that no student's educational growth is constrained by their circumstances.</p> <p>To promote talent and interest, Jeremy creates a supportive environment and encourages students to showcase their unique abilities. These opportunities motivate students and allow those with limited resources to explore and develop their interests further.</p> <p>Experiential learning is also a significant element in Jeremy's approach. By introducing novel experiences like tasting unfamiliar foods or exploring unique plants, he enriches classroom learning, bridging theoretical and practical knowledge.</p>
11	<p>Seow Su Yi Celestine (Dr)</p> <p>Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Primary)</p>	<p>Harnessing the Engineer's Lens in Education</p> <p>Dr Seow's path from an engineer to becoming an educator is not a typical route taken by teachers. Her prior working experience became the cornerstone of her teaching approach that emphasises real-world application of theoretical principles.</p> <p>Having pursued a PhD, she developed a profound understanding of resilience and the importance of lifelong learning, values that she actively instills in her students. Her efforts paid off when a student's parent acknowledged the shift in her child's learning behavior, marking a poignant moment in her teaching career.</p> <p>Beyond her passion for education, Dr Seow has a fondness for Disney characters. She brings a touch of creativity and fun into her lessons by weaving her love for these Disney characters into her pedagogical practices, enriching her lessons and teaching persona.</p>
12	<p>Tan Di Jie (Mr)</p> <p>Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Primary)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIE Gold Medal 	<p>Dedication to Teaching Music</p> <p>Tan Di Jie's journey to becoming a primary school music teacher was influenced by his wife, who is also a teacher. She recognised his unique disposition and encouraged him to use his talents to inspire young minds.</p> <p>Mdm Alice Ooi Chen Ai, Di Jie's mentor at Fern Green Primary School, played a significant role in shaping his teaching style. Mdm Alice's student-centered approach and unwavering passion for music deeply resonated with Di Jie.</p>

		<p>As a teacher, Di Jie aspires to be an inspirational figure for his students, prioritising character, values and 21st-century skills.</p> <p>Outside of teaching, Di Jie is a devoted father to two children and is pursuing an online course in audio engineering from HOFA-College to enhance his music teaching skills.</p>
13	<p>Tay Hui Shan, Yvonne (Ms)</p> <p>Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Physical Education)</p>	<p>From Challenges to Empowerment</p> <p>After a decade as a homemaker, Yvonne faced challenges resuming her studies. With Mdm Varalackshmi Hariharan's mentorship, she found inspiration and guidance.</p> <p>Mdm Varalackshmi is a lifelong learner who is pursuing a master's in counseling and picking up technology skills after her retirement. She was never more than a text away, consistently reminding Yvonne to approach her learning journey one step at a time and to fully immerse herself in the experience.</p> <p>Inspired by Mdm Varalackshmi's resilience, Yvonne adopted an 'unlearn and relearn' mindset which helped her through her journey to becoming an educator.</p> <p>Yvonne embraces challenges and encourages her students to do the same. Her teaching philosophy revolves around the belief that every student possesses the potential to learn, grow and succeed. Yvonne's empathy and understanding, borne from personal struggles, allows her to bond with her students and instill resilience in them.</p>

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