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New Principal for School of the Arts

1 Mrs Mary Seah will be appointed as Principal of the School of the Arts (SOTA) from 15 December 2018. Mrs Seah succeeds Mdm Lim Geok Cheng who will relinquish her appointment on 14 December 2018. Mdm Lim will be posted to the Ministry of Education (MOE) to assume the role of Senior Quality Assessor.

2 Mrs Seah's new appointment is part of MOE's process of appointing and rotating Principals. She was selected by SOTA Board, in consultation with MOE and the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY), after an extensive search for the right candidate to lead the school in its next lap.

Mdm Lim Geok Cheng (林玉贞)



3 Madam Lim joined SOTA in 2012. Under her leadership, the school constantly explored ways to grow the curriculum and provide multiple pathways for its students. Film was introduced as an International Baccalaureate subject in 2013. In 2014, SOTA became the first national school to offer the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme. This pathway provides an option for students who demonstrate exceptional artistic ability and potential, and want to pursue a career in the arts. In 2016, the Literary Arts programme was introduced as the sixth art form to develop the creative flair of aspiring poets and writers. She was also instrumental in establishing many partnerships and collaborations with local arts groups and cultural institutions, providing students authentic learning opportunities. Under her care, SOTA also recently concluded its 10th year review, where it mapped out the next phase of development for the school.

4 SOTA is grateful to Mdm Lim for her service and contributions to the school, and for nurturing well-rounded students with a heart for the community and the potential to lead in various fields.

Mrs Mary Seah (黄艺敏)



5 Mrs Seah joins SOTA from Tanjong Katong Girls' School, where she has served as a Principal since December 2011. In the education service since 1996, she was previously the Head of Music Department in Raffles Junior College and the Vice-Principal of Millennia Institute. A Music graduate from the University of London, King's College, Mrs Seah is a passionate advocate for the arts and brings along with her a wealth of experience in arts education.

6 SOTA welcomes Mrs Seah to the SOTA family and look forward to her leadership in creating a vibrant learning environment and nurturing artistic and creative learners who will positively impact Singapore and the world.

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About The School of the Arts, Singapore

The School of the Arts (SOTA) is Singapore's first national pre-tertiary specialised arts school with a six-year integrated arts and academic curriculum, leading to the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or Career-related Programme, for youths aged 13-18 years old.

Under the ambit of the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY), SOTA offers a dedicated development path for those who have interest and show early talent in the arts, providing a learning environment where both the artistic and academic potential can best be realised.

With a vision to nurture creative citizens for the future, SOTA aims to identify and groom artistic and creative learners who positively impact Singapore and the world, through a vibrant learning environment that is anchored in the arts.

A school of the future, SOTA embraces a holistic educational philosophy that celebrates experimentation, expression and discovery.