

NEW PRINCIPAL FOR SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Madam Lim Geok Cheng will be appointed as Principal of the School of the Arts (SOTA) from 15 December 2012. Madam Lim succeeds Mrs Rebecca Chew, who will relinquish her appointment on 14 December 2012. Mrs Chew will be assuming a senior appointment in the Headquarters of the Ministry of Education (MOE).

2 Madam Lim was selected by the Singapore Arts School Limited (SASL) Board, in consultation with MOE and Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts (MICA), after an extensive search for the right candidate to lead SOTA, a unique educational institution with an integrated arts and academic curriculum.

Mrs Rebecca Chew (吴碧音)



3 Mrs Chew, 49, the first Principal of SOTA, joined SASL in 2005. She was instrumental in setting out the school's philosophy of providing an education that nurtures the whole person; one that develops confident, creative and curious learners who dream big, take chances and give back to Singapore society. As Principal of SOTA, Mrs Chew oversaw the school's initial years, from the school's opening in 2008 to the graduation of SOTA's first batch of students in 2012. Under her stewardship, the school has developed a strong reputation both at home and abroad, established strong ties and partnerships with other arts institutions in Singapore and around the world, and provided many diverse pathways for its students.

4 SASL and MICA thank Mrs Chew for her service to the organisation and the school, for seeing the school through its inception, and for inspiring the students under her guidance. Said Mr Lee Tzu Yang, Chairman of SASL, "Developing Singapore's first pre-tertiary arts school required a visionary at the helm. We were fortunate to have had Rebecca, whose keen interest in the arts and whose endless energy as an educator have helped chart the school's course towards nurturing the pioneer batch of next generation Singaporeans, who will lead with humility, integrity,

and passion. We wish her all the best as she embarks on the next phase of her career”.

Madam Lim Geok Cheng (林玉贞)



5 Madam Lim, 54, joins SOTA from Cedar Girls' Secondary School, where she has served as Principal since Dec 2005. She has been in the education service since 1981, and was previously the Principal of Temasek Secondary School from Dec 2000 to Dec 2005. Madam Lim brings with her a wealth of experience in managing schools and developing curriculum, and also has a deep personal love for the arts.

6 SASL and MICA welcome Madam Lim to the SOTA family and look forward to her leadership in propelling SOTA's vision of shaping and impacting society through education in the arts.

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