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SOTA – IB LAUNCH LITERARY ARTS AS AN IB DP SUBJECT

Singapore, May 30, 2022 – The School of the Arts Singapore (SOTA) today announced the introduction of Literary Arts as a new School Based Syllabus (SBS) to be offered for students pursuing the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme from January 2023. Jointly developed by SOTA's Literary Arts Faculty and the International Baccalaureate (IB), the course will provide students in SOTA and other IB schools worldwide the opportunity to develop creative practices that integrate the ideation, writing, and sharing of original literary works.

Empowering the next generation of writers

2 As Singapore's only pre-tertiary institution specialising in the arts, SOTA has played an important role in the nurturing and development of the next generation of storytellers. Since its launch in 2016, SOTA's Literary Arts programme has developed students' depth and versatility as writers by immersing them in a learning environment rich in the arts, and exposing them to a range of literary genres and writing forms. These include poetry and prose, fiction and non-fiction, scripts for screen and stage, short stories, as well as journalistic writing.

3 All School Based Syllabuses (SBS) must be officially approved by the IB before they may be offered, and are developed by a designated host school in close collaboration with the IB.

4 With an active and passionate community of writers, SOTA sought to develop a pathway for students studying Literary Arts to deepen their artistic practice by taking the subject at the diploma level. Engaging in a range of literary forms, styles, genres, perspectives, and contexts, students will develop their artistic voice, broaden their perspectives, and learn how to express intentions and meaning through the medium of the written word.

5 "We are excited that with the introduction of Literary Arts, SOTA will offer the full range of art forms which students can pursue at the IB level, including Dance, Film, Music, Theatre and Visual arts. This Literary Arts SBS will guide students towards becoming autonomous, informed, and skilled writers. This represents a key milestone for us and the IB programme, and is also a celebration of our local literary community. As the students continue to pursue their passion for writing as part of their IB diploma, they will be empowered to contribute towards the ever-growing body of literature in Singapore," said Mrs Mary Seah, Principal, SOTA.

6 “I am extremely excited to pursue Literary Arts as part of my IB diploma next year. The launch of this SBS represents an expansion of opportunities for us Literary Arts students, helping more youths turn their spark of interest into a flame of passion. There is a cohort-wide buzz and anticipation for the possibilities of what is to come for us as aspiring writers,” said Maegan Tan, Year 4 Literary Arts student.

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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 shape and impact society through an education in the arts, SOTA aims to identify and groom future generations of artists, creative professionals to be leaders in all fields, and to be patrons and supporters of the arts.

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