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THE INAUGURAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION-NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE SPECIAL EDUCATION AWARDS

1 To recognize the contribution and important role Special Education (SPED) schools and teachers play in the education of children with special needs, the Ministry of Education (MOE) and National Council of Social Service (NCSS) presented awards to these schools and teachers for the first time.

2 Four SPED school teachers and three SPED schools received the MOE- NCSS Special Education Awards from Mr Gan Kim Yong, Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower at its inaugural ceremony at the Marina Mandarin Hotel Ballroom on 16 November 2007. Three categories of awards were given out during the ceremony.

The Outstanding SPED Teacher Award

3 The three recipients of the Outstanding SPED Teacher Award (OSTA) are:

Ms Lee Hsueh Chi Cecilia, Towner Gardens School

Ms Loy Sheau Mei, Pathlight School and

Mrs Sharifah Masturah Shahab Yokoyama, Rainbow Centre-Balestier School

4 The awards, to be given out annually, honour the recipients as outstanding SPED teachers who have demonstrated the passion, commitment, courage and perseverance needed to nurture and inspire our children with special needs.

5 This year, each OSTA recipient will receive a trophy and sponsorship for professional development activities such as international conferences and study visits in recognition of the importance of continual learning.