



TONG WEE ONN

FINALIST,

OUTSTANDING HISTORY TEACHER AWARD (OHTA) 2019

First introduced in 2003 by the History Association of Singapore (HAS), the OHTA is conferred on an outstanding secondary or college teacher who has exhibited excellence in and made exemplary contributions to the teaching and learning of history. This year, Mdm Tong Wee Onn is one of the six finalists for this award which recognises the teacher's clear passion for teaching history, strong mastery of the subject content and effective pedagogical practices in nurturing students' love for the discipline.

As Subject Head for History, Mdm Tong has put in place many processes to achieve positive student outcomes. For example, through the History Talent Development Programme which seeks to nurture students' love for the subject, deepen interest in history beyond the classroom, foster joy of learning, build confidence and instil life-long learning skills, Heritage Docents and Student Curators were trained and developed, and Inquiry Learning Journey to places like Harbin, China were organised. This year, the History Unit under the leadership of Mdm Tong, set up the BBSS Heritage Corridor and the BBSS Heritage Learning



Centre, thus creating a platform for teaching and learning beyond the classroom. Students will become content specialists in charge of the continuous development of the heritage's collections by being involved with the preservation and interpretation of heritage materials of BBSS and of the local community.



More than an affirmation, the OHTA brings with it greater responsibility and enthusiasm to "Be Our Best" in the teaching and learning of history for our students to help them connect with the subject and how thinking about the past enables them to manage the present and get ready for the future. Beyond our own experiences, history is living and learning through the experiences of others.

