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Singapore Literature Prize 2010

Introduction

The Singapore Literature Prize (SLP) is a prestigious writing award that carries a cash prize of up to S\$10,000. It is awarded to outstanding published works of fiction in each of the four official languages – English, Chinese, Malay and Tamil.

This biennial competition is open to Singapore citizens and Permanent Residents and is awarded for published works of fiction (short stories and novels) and poetry published between January 2008 and December 2009.

The Singapore Literature Prize is organised by the National Book Development Council of Singapore (NBDCS) with the support of the National Arts Council, the National Library Board and The Arts House.

This biennial competition aims to achieve two objectives:

- To promote the Singapore literary talent through due recognition to outstanding published works by Singapore authors in any of the four official languages: English, Chinese, Malay and Tamil.
- To stimulate public interest and support for creative writing in Singapore

1 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1.1 *Eligibility*

- (a) The competition is open to all Singapore citizens and Permanent Residents of Singapore who are at least 18 years of age.

1.2 *Category*

- (a) The competition will be held for any published work of fiction, i.e. short stories, novels and poetry published in Singapore or abroad between January 2008 and December 2009.
- (b) The submitted literary work should not only be published during the two years, but that a significant percentage of the content should be published for the first time.

1.3 *Subject and Theme*

Entries may be on any subject or theme.

1.4 *Language*

Works submitted in each category must be written in one of the four official languages: **English, Chinese, Malay and Tamil.**

1.5 Originality

- (a) Each entry must be an original work written by the entrant.
- (b) The entrant must be the sole author of the work.
- (c) Only published works will be accepted. To be eligible, works must be published in printed form for general commercial release.

1.6 Length

- (a) Short Stories
Each entry should have a minimum of six stories with a total minimum length of 30,000 words.
- (b) Novels
Each entry should have a minimum length of 30,000 words.
- (c) Poetry
Each entry, in the opinion of judges, should be a substantial piece of work.

1.7 Number of Entries

- (a) An entrant may submit more than one entry for the competition for a particular year provided that the works are different and not variations of the same work.
- (b) The same entry should not be submitted in more than one language.
- (c) An official entry form must be attached to each submitted entry. The entrant must provide **six (6)** copies for each entry.
- (d) Entries can be submitted either by the author or publisher.

1.8 Selection

- (a) There will be a panel of at least three judges for each language.
- (b) The decision of the judges is final and binding. No correspondence in relation to the judges' decision will be entertained.
- (c) The Organising Committee reserves the right to not award a prize should the entries fail, in the judges' opinion, to meet the required standard.
- (d) The writers who have won twice consecutively, the SLP 2006 and SLP 2008, will not be eligible to participate in the current SLP 2010 award.

1.9 Closing Date

The closing date for the competition is 24 May 2010, 5 p.m.

1.10 Manuscript Submitted

- (a) The organisers shall not be held responsible for any manuscript/book that has been lost or damaged in transit.
- (b) Books submitted for the SLP award will be retained by the Book Council.

2 THE SINGAPORE LITERATURE PRIZE AWARD

2.1 The Award

- (a) The Singapore Literature Prize carries an award of \$10,000 for the winner in each of the languages. In addition, the winner shall be presented with a specially commissioned plaque.
- (b) The judges shall only award one Singapore Literature Prize per language for the competition. If in any one year, none of the works submitted merit the Singapore Literature Prize, the judges shall not declare any winner.
- (c) In the event that there is no winner for the Singapore Literature Prize, the judges may give Merit Prizes of \$5,000 each or Commendation Prizes of \$1,000 each instead. The total Prize money in each language category will not amount to more than \$10,000.

2.2 *Shortlist*

The Organising Committee will announce a short list of works considered for the Singapore Literature Prize on 8 October 2010. All authors of short-listed entries shall be awarded certificates.

2.3 *Announcement of Winners*

The judges will announce the winners of the Singapore Literature Prize in December 2010. The Prize will be awarded to all winners at an award ceremony on 10 December 2010. Winners will be notified nearer to the date of the ceremony and attendance is compulsory.

2.4 *Responsibility*

Prize winners are obliged to conduct workshops and engage in mentorship programmes to help younger writers.

3 **THE SLP COMMITTEE**

The members of the SLP Organising Committee are appointed by the Book Council. The SLP Organising Committee shall administer the competition, including the appointment of judges.

4 **SUBMISSION**

All entries (each entry must have 6 copies) should be submitted through registered post or delivered by hand, in a parcel marked "The Singapore Literature Prize 2010" and addressed to:

Singapore Literature Prize (SLP) 2010
National Book Development Council of Singapore
Geylang East Public Library
50 Geylang East Avenue 1
Singapore 389777

The submission should also include a short biographical data and a photograph of the author.

The rules and regulations in Chinese, Malay and Tamil, may be obtained at info@bookcouncil.sg or call **6848 8290**.

In case of ambiguity over the translation of the rules and regulations, the English version shall prevail.

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

To be submitted by either the Author or/and Publisher.

To be filled in by the Author Enclosed are six copies of my entry for the Singapore Literature Prize 2010. I agreed to abide by the rules and regulations as set out by the organizer.	
Language:	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Malay <input type="checkbox"/> Tamil
Category:	<input type="checkbox"/> Short Story <input type="checkbox"/> Novel <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry
Title of Entry: _____ No of Pages: _____ No of Words: _____	
Personal Particulars	
Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Madam): _____	
Address: _____	
_____ Gender: F / M	
Tel No: _____ (0) _____ (HP)	
Email: _____ Fax: _____	
NRIC No: _____ Date of Birth: _____	
Citizenship: <input type="checkbox"/> Singapore Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident	
Occupation: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Biodata Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Photograph Attached	
Signature: _____ Date: _____	
To be filled by the Publisher	
Name of Publisher: _____	
Name of MD: _____	
Registered Address: _____	

Tel No: _____ Fax: _____	
Email: _____	
Signature: _____ Date: _____	
Acknowledgement (For Official Use)	
I acknowledge receipt of your entry submitted for the Singapore Literature Prize 2010. Thank you.	
Title of Entry: _____ No of Pages: _____	

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