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## Singapore Literature Prize 2024 Call For Submissions Introduces Three New Awards

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SINGAPORE, 11 January 2024 - The Singapore Literature Prize (SLP) 2024 is back with a call for submissions, expanding its categories with three new awards – Comics/Graphic Novel; Translation; and Best Debut. These awards are added to the existing 12 awards for the three genres of Fiction, Poetry and Creative Nonfiction in the four official languages.

The additions expand SLP's scope to recognise and promote increasingly diverse published works by Singaporeans and permanent residents. This is part of the Singapore Book Council's ongoing effort to promote Singapore's literary talent and to stimulate public interest and support for creative writing and translation in Singapore. SLP is organised by the Singapore Book Council.

Comics and graphic novels published in English by Singaporean creators in the past two years from 2022 to 2023 are eligible for the award. The Translation award is open to fiction works, either short story or fiction, published in the past three years from 2021 to 2023 translated into English. The translator must be a Singapore citizen or permanent resident, but the original work can be written by a writer of any nationality.



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The Best Debut award will be given out across the four languages. Shortlisted works in the three genres of fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction are eligible, as long as they are the author's first solo publication.

The award carries a cash prize of S\$3,000 for the winner in each of the categories. In addition, the winners will receive a specially-commissioned trophy.

The call for submissions will be open from now until **15 February 2024, 6pm SGT**. Works published in the past two years from 2022 to 2023 (except for Translation award) are eligible. Details to submit can be found on the Singapore Book Council website at: <https://www.bookcouncil.sg/awards/slp-2024>

The shortlists will be announced in mid-July 2024, and the winners will be unveiled at the awards ceremony on 10 September 2024.

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### **Annex A: About the Singapore Literature Prize 2024**

Established in 1992, the Singapore Literature Prize (SLP) is Singapore's top literary prize. The prize is a biennial competition open to Singapore citizens and permanent residents whose works of fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction, have been published in Singapore or abroad during a specified period of time. The work can be published in any of Singapore's four official languages—Chinese, English, Malay, or Tamil.

In 2024, SLP has expanded to include three new awards – Comics/Graphic Novel; Translation; and Best Debut.

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More than 150 writers have won the prestigious SLP, one of the few multilingual literary awards in the world. The winners and awards ceremony of the last edition in 2022 can be found here: <https://www.bookcouncil.sg/slp-2022/slp-ceremony>.





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Many notable Singaporean writers have won the SLP, including Amanda Lee Koe, Azhagunila, Farihan Bahron, Hartinah Ahmad, Inbha, Jeremy Tiang, Marylyn Tan, Sithuraj Ponraj, Sonny Liew, Suratman Markasan, Tan Chee Lay, Wang Gungwu, and the late Mohamed Latiff Mohamed and Yeng Pway Ngon.

### Award Categories

The 18 categories including the new categories (bolded) are:

- Fiction (Chinese, English, Malay, Tamil)
- Poetry (Chinese, English, Malay, Tamil)
- Creative Nonfiction (Chinese, English, Malay, Tamil)
- **Comics/Graphic Novel (English)**
- **Translation**
- **Best Debut (Chinese, English, Malay, Tamil)**

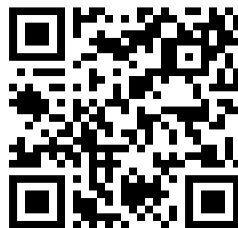
### Submission of Entries

Submissions must be made via the respective online forms for the different categories and languages.

Each entry must include four (4) physical copies of the book sent to the Singapore Book Council and one (1) digital copy of the book uploaded together with the online form.

Details can be found on the Singapore Book Council website at:

<https://www.bookcouncil.sg/awards/slp-2024>





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### **Annex B: About Singapore Book Council**

Established in 1968, the Singapore Book Council (SBC) has for over 50 years remained committed to developing and promoting a multicultural literary arts sector in Singapore. Our programmes focus on creative writing, translation, reading, storytelling and illustration. Our festivals, awards, workshops and school programmes have reached out to the various language and ethnic communities, boosting creativity, imagination, and empathy. SBC is a nonprofit and charity with IPC status.

**Vision:** The power of words, connecting peoples and cultures.

**Mission:** To champion Singapore's role in enhancing multicultural literary arts.

Our programmes run year-round, reaching out to many audiences. They include the annual Asian Festival of Children's Content (AFCC), a premier festival for children's books; the prestigious biennial Singapore Literature Prize, the top literary prize in the country; the Singapore Translation Symposium, which promotes literary translation; SBC Campus and Little Campus, our school outreach programmes; as well as our training and mentorship programmes that support and nurture new talents.

SBC is chaired by Ms Claire Chiang, Co-founder and Senior Vice-President, Banyan Tree Holdings.

We are a recipient of the National Arts Council of Singapore's Major Company Grant for the period from 2022 to 2025.

For more information about SBC and our programmes, please visit [www.bookcouncil.sg](http://www.bookcouncil.sg):

