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SINGAPORE LITERATURE PRIZE RECEIVES A RECORD-BREAKING NUMBER OF SUBMISSIONS
235 total submissions across all categories is 53 more than the 182 submissions in 2014

Singapore, 29 January 2016 – The National Book Development Council of Singapore (The Book Council) is pleased to announce that the 2016 Singapore Literature Prize has received the most submissions ever in its 25-year history! 235 submissions were received across the twelve categories encompassing three genres (Fiction, Poetry, and Non-Fiction) and our four national languages!

2 Executive Director of the National Book Development Council of Singapore Mr R Ramachandran says, "We are very excited to see a record-breaking number of works submitted to the SLP. We are very happy to see so many new and established authors writing new works across all genres and languages. We cannot wait for the judges to shortlist the works so that we can begin promoting them across Singapore and beyond. We are also thankful to the government institutions, corporate sponsors, foundations, and individual donors who are supporting the prize, including the National Arts Council, the Little India Shopkeepers and Heritage Association, and the Singapore Press Holdings Foundation. We are very pleased that their continued support of the award has assisted us in promoting the best in Singaporean contemporary writing in all four languages."

3 Nearly every one of the twelve categories saw an increase in submissions from 2014, with the biggest increases seen in English Non-Fiction, Chinese Fiction, Chinese Non-Fiction, Malay Poetry, and Tamil Fiction.

4 The Book Council will make every effort to promote the shortlisted and winning authors and works from the time they are announced in May 2016 until the following year. Authors and their works will be marketed and publicized through advertisements and news stories. In addition, authors will be featured in events at libraries, bookstores, schools, and literary festivals.

5 The SLP 2016 shortlists will be chosen from these 235 submissions, and will be announced in mid-May 2016. The winners will be officially announced at a gala dinner on Thursday, 14 July 2016.

(For more details on the competition and prize categories, please refer to the website below.)

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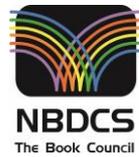Sponsors: LiSHA   SINGAPORE PRESS HOLDINGS FOUNDATION   With the support of: NATIONAL ARTS COUNCIL SINGAPORE

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About the Singapore Literature Prize (SLP)
Established in 1991, the Singapore Literary Prize is the most significant literary award for published literary works in Singapore. Organised by the National Book Development Council of Singapore, the SLP is a biennial competition supported by the National Arts Council, and aims to promote Singapore literary talent by recognizing outstanding published works by Singaporean authors in all of the four official languages. For more information, please visit: http://bookcouncil.sg/awards/detail/singapore-literature-prize

About the Organiser - National Book Development Council of Singapore
The National Book Development Council of Singapore (The Book Council) is a non-profit, charitable organisation committed to addressing the needs of publishers, book suppliers, and libraries, as well as the reading and writing communities. Founded in 1969, the Book Council has been setting the stage for a vibrant literary arts community in Singapore for the past four decades. For more information, please visit: http://bookcouncil.sg/