



# SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL STORY TELLING FESTIVAL

24 Aug – 9 Sept 2007

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## STORIES MY GRANDPARENTS TOLD ME A STORYTELLING COMPETITION

### CROSS-GENERATIONAL BONDING THROUGH STORYTELLING

In a modern society, the desire for advancement often leaves very little room for introspection and looking back to the past is sometimes regarded as a waste of time. The past, however, has a lot to teach us. It shapes our identity and our understanding of our humanity.

The Singapore International Story Telling Festival 2007 and Acropolis English Centre proudly present “Stories My Grandparents Told Me: A Storytelling Competition” to be held in August 2007. The event aims to foster inter-generational understanding and appreciation of shared histories and traditions among family members.

### THEME

**Stories My Grandparents Told Me**

### OBJECTIVES

- **To encourage children to value the memories & real life experiences of the aged;**
- **To encourage children to record and commit to memory, stories told to them by their grandparents;**
- **To promote cross-generation bonding;**
- **To encourage the telling of stories in a succinct yet highly stimulating way.**
- **To promote the use of English for oral presentations.**

### CATEGORIES

Category 1: Pupils of P1 and P2

Category 2: Pupils of P3 and P4

Category 3: Pupils of P5 and P6

Each school is encouraged to send one pupil for each category. A school is allowed a maximum of **3 representatives, one for each category**. Four finalists will be selected from each category where there will be 2 winning prizes and 2 consolation prizes.





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### PRIZES

The prizes for each category are:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	\$ 200
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	\$ 150
2 consolation prizes	\$ 100

Each winning school will also receive a plaque.

### LENGTH & TYPE OF STORY

Length: The story must be presented within the time limit of **3 minutes**. The story can be of any genre but it should have been told to the child by an elder, preferably his/her grandparent. Personal experience stories such as those related to memories of war, migration, hardships, customs, friendships and school life are preferred. (download **COMPETITION RULES AND GUIDELINES**)

### DATES & VENUE

Qualifying Rounds: **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> July 2007 and Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July 2007**  
To be held at the NLB Storytelling Room,  
Marine Parade Community Centre Building  
(Each participant will receive an appointment to tell their stories individually before 3 adjudicators. Participants will be notified of the results by **8<sup>th</sup> August 2007**)

Grand Final: **Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2007**  
To be held at **The Arts House**, 1 Old Parliament Lane,  
S179429  
2pm

Closing Date: All application forms must reach Acropolis English Centre  
by **Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2007**. (download **Application Form**)





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### INVITATION

All participating schools whose pupils have qualified for the finals would be given 10 invitation cards for supporters and well-wishers for the Grand Final on 27<sup>th</sup> August. Finalists are encouraged to come with their grandparents or the elderly family members who inspired their stories.

Schools are also encouraged to bring supporters along. The care of participants and supporters from each school, including all transport arrangements, is the responsibility of the school.

### JUDGING

The adjudicators will be from the Singapore International Story Telling Festival 2007, the Asian Storytelling Network and Acropolis English Centre. The contestants will be judged based on the following criteria: Originality, 10 points; Relevance, 10; Diction, 20; and Expression, 20 for a total of 60 points.

### SPECIAL GUEST

There will be a special storytelling performance to entertain the audience after the competition and while the judges are finalising the results.

Please submit your application form (by mail or fax) on or before **Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2007**. For more information, visit [www.acropolis.com.sg](http://www.acropolis.com.sg).

