



Gan Eng Seng Primary School

Our Vision: Confident and Resilient, Creative and Thinking Pupils Who Strive to Succeed

Our Mission: Believing & Nurturing

10 July 2017

Dear Parents, Alummi, Partners-in-Education and Community Member,

Greetings from Gan Eng Seng Primary School.

2. Since 2012, MOE has introduced a Edusave Character Award (ECHA) to enable schools to recognise students who demonstrate exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions. The award also supports schools' continuing efforts in nurturing students of good values and character, who are active contributors and concerned citizens. This award is given by the Ministry of Education to all schools in Singapore.

3. In Gan Eng Seng Primary School (GESPS), the awarding of ECHA aims to recognise students with consistent and exemplary character who serve as role models for others.

4. The eligibility criteria for the annual ECHA awards are as follows:

- a. The award is given out to Singapore students in Gan Eng Seng Primary School who have met the selection criteria and who have cleared the selection process. All Singaporean students in Gan Eng Seng Primary School are eligible regardless of the level they are in.
- b. The nomination process is open to all students, staff, parents, alummi and partners-in-education. Nomination forms can be obtained from the school's general office or downloaded from the school's website. We have also attached a copy (see reverse) with this notification for your use.
- c. Students may be nominated regardless of their academic results provided that their weak academic results are not due to negative character traits but are attributed to the difficulties that go beyond the control of the students.
- d. Students must, on consistent basis demonstrate good character and values and live up to the GESPS 'core beliefs. In particular, students may be identified for demonstrating the following types of qualities:
 - i. **Character Traits** that are aligned to our Desired Outcomes for students: Confidence, Responsibility, Respect and Compassion; and
 - ii. Demonstrated a **high level of civic responsibility** to the school, or the community: Students must have demonstrated concerns about the issues that arise in school. They could have initiated simple actions or played an active role in addressing these concerns and/or
 - iii. Qualities related to **resilience**: Students whom despite adversities in their lives (health issues, family problems, financial difficulties, loss of parents) have overcome the odds and demonstrated exemplary behaviours or attitudes in academic and/ or non-academic areas in schools.

5. We would like to invite parents, partners-in-education and members of public to actively nominate deserving GESPIans who have demonstrated any types of the qualities mentioned above for this award. Completed forms could be dropped off at our General Office or could be emailed back to us at gesps@moe.edu.sg by **26 July 2017**.

6. Thank you for your belief and support of our pupils in Gan Eng Seng Primary School.

Warmest regards,

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Principal