

# CELEBRATING OUR QUALITY EDUCATORS AND PRESCHOOLS



75,000 children from 1,100 preschools who have contributed 2.5 million hours of community service and raised over S\$130,000 for charity.

Several key measures to enhance preschool accessibility and affordability were also announced at ECC 2022. To better support families, 22,000 additional preschool places will be created in the next two years, with fee cap reductions in preschools run by Anchor Operators (AOPs) and Partner Operators (POPs) from 2023.

To support this capacity growth, the EC sector will need to attract and retain more educators. Over the next two years, there will be salary adjustments for educators in government-supported preschools. Fresh diploma graduates and new mid-career entrants joining AOP preschools can also expect a monthly starting salary of \$2,800. To improve working conditions, the government will engage various stakeholders to co-develop solutions such as reviewing requirements for Saturday preschool services, increasing non-contact time for educators, and growing a relief manpower pool.

Our EC educators matter. As Barack Obama aptly put it, "Invest in our teachers, and our children will succeed." I hope parents and the wider community can show our educators greater appreciation as it will motivate them in terms of their passion and commitment towards our children's development, and in turn, give every child a good start in life!

After a hiatus of two years, the EC fraternity came together in hybrid modality on 29 October 2022 to celebrate the sector's collective achievements at the inaugural Early Childhood Celebrations (ECC). True to the ECC theme of "Celebrating as One, Together We Soar", we witnessed the enthusiasm and camaraderie of EC educators as they cheered fervently for their fellow colleagues and preschools at the ECDA Awards ceremony, SPARK certificate presentation ceremony and Start Small Dream Big Finale.

ECDA wishes to congratulate our 29 ECDA Awards winners and the 121 SPARK-certified preschools on their accomplishments. Our appreciation also goes to the

**MR TAN CHEE WEE**  
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