

# THE STRAITS TIMES SINGAPOREAN OF THE YEAR 2021

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## Panel of judges (photo and bio)

### **1. Warren Fernandez**

**Editor-in-Chief, English/Malay/Tamil Media Group, SPH Media Trust and Editor, The Straits Times**



Warren Fernandez is Editor-in-Chief of English/Malay/Tamil Media Group in SPH Media Trust. He is also Editor of The Straits Times, Singapore's biggest selling English daily newspaper. He joined the paper in 1990 as a political reporter and rose to become News Editor. He later also served as Foreign Editor and Deputy Editor. He left to join Royal Dutch Shell in 2008 as a Global Manager for its Future Energy project, before returning to the paper in February 2012 as its editor.

He graduated with First Class Honours from Oxford University, where he read Philosophy, Politics and Economics, and also has a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Both degrees were obtained on Singapore Press Holdings scholarships.

He is a board member of SPH (Overseas) Ltd, Straits Times Press Pte Ltd, The Straits Times Press (1975) Limited, Asia News Network (ANN), Singapore Symphony Group (SSO), National Arts Council and Chairman of The Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund.

He is the elected President of World Editors Forum (WEF) which is the leading network for print and digital editors of newspapers and news organisations around the world. WEF is part of the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA) .

### **2. Sumiko Tan**

**Executive Editor, The Straits Times**



Sumiko Tan has been Executive Editor of The Straits Times since 2016, overseeing newsroom operations. She joined the paper in 1985, cutting her teeth as a crime reporter. She then spent eight years on the Political Desk and was Life Editor, The Sunday Times Editor, News Editor and Deputy Editor. She wrote a fortnightly personal column in The Sunday Times from July 1994 to October 2016. In January 2017, she started a new column, Lunch With Sumiko. She has also written several books.

### **3. Helen Chia**

**Executive Editor, The Straits Times**



Helen Chia is the senior editor overseeing The Straits Times' morning operations, Forum section and newsroom integration efforts. She joined the newspaper in 1986 and has worked in various sections, including Home, Political, The Sunday Times and Life.

### **4. Rahul Pathak**

**Associate Editor, The Straits Times**



Rahul Pathak oversees The Straits Times' business and global economic coverage, as well as The New Paper. The veteran editor was formerly Executive Editor of The Business Times and News Editor of The New Paper.

### **5. Zakir Hussain**

**Political Editor & Singapore Editor, The Straits Times**



Zakir Hussain is Singapore Editor of The Straits Times. He was previously Political Editor, Foreign Editor and News Editor. He joined the newspaper in 2005 and has reported on politics, security and foreign policy, and was based in Jakarta as Indonesia Bureau Chief for three years. He is a vice-president of the Singapore Press Club..

#### **6. Susan Long**

**Life Editor, The Straits Times**



Susan Long is Life Editor of The Straits Times. Prior to that, she was general manager of Straits Times Press, Singapore Press Holdings' book publishing arm, as well as a senior writer, columnist and editor with the newspaper.

#### **7. Wong Kim Hoh**

**Deputy Life Editor, The Straits Times**



Wong Kim Hoh is deputy Life Editor of The Straits Times. He has penned five books and written four scripts with film-maker Eric Khoo, including My Magic, which was the first Singaporean film to compete for the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival in 2008.

**8. Karamjit Kaur**  
News Editor, The Straits Times



Karamjit Kaur is News Editor of The Straits Times. She joined the newspaper in 1995 and has reported on crime, social issues and transport matters. A veteran aviation reporter who covered the beat for more than 15 years, she has now joined the supervising team, helping to mentor younger journalists.

**9. Edmund Koh**  
President, UBS Asia Pacific



Edmund Koh became a member of the Group Executive Board (GEB) and was appointed President of UBS Asia Pacific in January 2019. He was Head of Wealth Management Asia Pacific from 2016 to 2018 as well as Country Head Singapore from 2012 to 2018. He is well known to many in the Asian financial services industry, with more than three decades of banking experience across the region. A strong champion of community investment programmes at UBS Singapore, he launched the UBS Youth Finance Academy in 2015, focusing on talent and development opportunities to nurture youth in Singapore.

**10. August Hatecke**  
Co-Head Wealth Management UBS APAC and Country Head Singapore



August Hatecke is co-head of UBS Wealth Management Asia Pacific and Country Head Singapore since early 2019. He started his career with the investment banking arm of SBC O'Connor Warburg Dillon Read in 1992 before moving to private banking. He was with Credit Suisse AG from 2001-2010 during which he headed teams in Private Banking Switzerland, Investment Services and Products, as well as Trading and Sales. Since returning to UBS in 2010, he has been responsible for the ultra high net worth and Global Family Office business for UBS Switzerland AG.

**11. Low Khah Gek,  
CEO, Institute of Technical Education**



Low Khah Gek has had an illustrious career in education. She has held many senior appointments since she joined the Education Service in 1984. She was appointed the first woman CEO of ITE in February 2017. Before that she was deputy director-general of education (schools), during which she spearheaded initiatives such as the development of Applied Learning Programmes and Learning for Life Programmes, the implementation of Subject-Based Banding, and the matching of Industry and Community Partners to support schools.

**12. Saleemah Ismail  
Social entrepreneur and activist for women and children**



Co-founder of Aidha, a business school for migrants and low-income communities, Saleemah Ismail is spearheading New Life Stories, a social enterprise that works with formerly incarcerated women and their children. For more than a decade, she sat on the board of the National Committee for Unifem Singapore. She was also Vice-Chair of Suara Musyawarah, a committee which engages the Malay Muslim community on important issues.

**13. Siva Govindasamy, SIA**  
**Vice President, Public Affairs**



Siva Govindasamy joined Singapore Airlines as Vice President Public Affairs in October 2019. He is responsible for global media relations, corporate social responsibility and community relations, internal communications, public engagement on social media channels, and production of the Company's Annual Report and Sustainability Report.