

SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARDS 2007 **ARTS AND CULTURE (INDIVIDUAL)**

MR ALVIN PANG KHEE MENG



“Go for it now. If there is no way forward, make a road. If there are no maps, draw a map. If there isn’t a bridge from here to there, build the bridge.”

In recognition of his literary excellence and decade-long literary activism, Mr Alvin Pang received the National Arts Council’s “Young Artist of the Year (Literature) Award”, 2006. Active in the local literary scene since 1991, Alvin has won several distinguished awards, both local and international.

Amongst his many accolades as a writer and editor are: “Straits Times Top 10 Books of the Year” for “Testing the Silence”, “No Other City: The Ethos Anthology of Urban Poetry” and “City of Rain”; and the “Global Filipino Literary Award for Poetry” for “Love Gathers All”, a bilateral anthology. Many of his works, ranging from articles and reviews to poems and short stories, have been published in local and overseas publications. He is also a Fellow in Writing at the world-renowned Iowa International Writing Program.

Alvin is active in numerous initiatives in the literary and Arts field, such as being a co-initiator and advisor for the National Online Repository of the Arts, and helping to set up a literary press, Ethos Books. He also co-organised Singapore’s first international poetry festival, Wordfeast, in 2004.



As part of his efforts to publicise Singaporean writing worldwide, Alvin has led delegations to many overseas writers' festivals, including the Edinburgh International Book Festival in 2003, and the Sydney Writer's Festival in 2006.



To nurture and mentor emerging talents, Alvin has conducted creative workshops and seminars and contributed to many national Arts committees.

For his literary excellence and passion in promoting Singaporean literature and the Arts scene, Mr Alvin Pang Khee Meng is conferred the Singapore Youth Award 2007.