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APSN CELEBRATES EVERY VOICE THROUGH *THE WIZARD OF OZ* AT LITERACY FESTIVAL 2026

Guest of Honour Mr Jeffrey Siow joins APSN students in celebrating creativity, confidence and inclusion through literacy and the performing arts

SINGAPORE, 29 October 2026 – APSN Delta Senior School celebrated students' creativity and talents at Literacy Festival (LitFest) 2026, themed *Festival of Many Voices*, with Mr Jeffrey Siow, Minister for Transport and Second Minister for Finance, as Guest of Honour. The festival featured a musical production of *The Wizard of Oz*, involving over 200 students and drawing an audience of nearly 500. It provided students with mild intellectual disability opportunities to express themselves, build confidence and develop communication skills while celebrating literacy and inclusion.

Celebrating Every Voice and Every Ability

Built on the belief that every voice matters, *Festival of Many Voices* highlighted how literacy extends beyond reading and writing to encompass communication, creativity and meaningful connections. By engaging students across various disciplines in the musical production, LitFest provided an inclusive platform for them to showcase their strengths while fostering collaboration, mutual respect and a sense of belonging.

A Journey of Courage, Friendship and Discovery

Through Dorothy's journey of courage, friendship and self-discovery, *The Wizard of Oz* highlighted the unique strengths and talents that every individual brings to the community. Beyond the performance, students developed essential life skills such as teamwork, communication, perseverance and problem-solving through rehearsals, preparations and collaboration with their peers.

For Ragavendran S/O Muniandy (Raga), LitFest has been a journey of growth and self-discovery. Once shy and reserved, he gained confidence after playing an antique clock in last year's *Alice in Wonderland*. This year, he enthusiastically embraced the role of Hana the Helper, contributing costume ideas and dance moves to make his performance "more drama!". Raga's transformation embodies the spirit of LitFest, empowering every student to discover their strengths, find their voice and express themselves confidently.

Celebrating 50 Years of Empowering Lives

LitFest 2026 also marked a meaningful milestone as APSN commemorates its Golden Jubilee, celebrating 50 years of empowering persons with intellectual disability through education, vocational training and lifelong support.

"When more people witness what our students can accomplish, perceptions begin to change. When perceptions change, attitudes change. And when attitudes change, new opportunities can emerge — in education, employment and the wider community." said Dr Anthony Fok, Chairman of APSN Education Services.

About APSN

Established in 1976, APSN is a Social Service Agency that supports individuals with mild intellectual disability through special education, vocational training and employment support. To date, APSN has supported over 7,100 beneficiaries in realising their potential.

APSN operates four Special Education schools — APSN Chaoyang School, APSN Katong School, APSN Tanglin School and APSN Delta Senior School — catering to students aged 7 to 21. In June 2026, APSN introduced the APSN Chaozheng Programme to further support students with autism spectrum disorder and intellectual disability.

Complementing its schools are the APSN Student Care Centre, APSN Centre for Adults (Eunos), its newly opened Day Activity Centre in Ang Mo Kio, and APSN Learning Hub. Together, these services provide continued learning, training and support from childhood through adulthood. Under the patronage of Ms Jane Ittogi, APSN works closely with community partners to foster a more inclusive society and is accredited with the Enabling Mark (Gold) by SG Enable

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ANNEX A: Potential Interviewees for Media

	Name	Profile	Interview time
1	**Dr Anthony Fok** **霍佳汉博士**	*Chairman of APSN Education Services* 社会服务机构APSN教育服务主席	1315 *(After the musical)*
2	**Ragavendran S/O Muniandy**	Student at APSN Delta Senior School • **Age:** 18 Years Old • **Disability category/support needs:** mild intellectual disability (MID), • **Role in the musical:** Hana the Helper	
3	**Muhammad Ziqry Bin Muhd Irfan**	Student at APSN Delta Senior School • **Age:** 17 Years Old • **Disability category/support needs:** mild intellectual disability (MID), autism spectrum disorder (ASD) • **Role in the musical:** Lead dance – Leo	
4	**Kuah Kang Yew, Orion**	Student at APSN Delta Senior School	

	柯讲宇	• **Age:** 20 years 8 months **Disability category/support needs:** mild intellectual disability (MID), autism spectrum disorder (ASD) • **Role in the musical:** Voice of Order	

ANNEX B: Bilingual Terminology Reference

	Terms	中文
1	APSN	APSN 特别需求者教育服务机构/ 社会服务机构APSN
2	APSN Delta Senior School	APSN 立达高级特别学校
3	Mild intellectual disability	轻度智力障碍
4	Literacy Festival (LitFest)	文学节
5	Festival of Many Voices	众声共融、百声齐鸣” 文学节特献音乐剧

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