

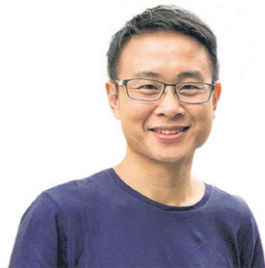
The Straits Times Singaporean of the Year 2017

The Straits Times previously announced seven finalists.



Jason Chee

Despite losing three limbs and an eye, he has battled the odds, representing Singapore in para-sports and clinching a gold medal for table tennis in the Asean Para Games.



Sonny Liew

His acclaimed graphic novel *The Art Of Charlie Chan Hock Chye*, which examines Singapore's political history through the eyes of fictional artist Charlie Chan, scooped up three awards at the Will Eisner Comic Industry Awards – making him the first Singaporean to win the coveted accolade.



Wong Kah Chun

After coming out tops in the prestigious Gustav Mahler Conducting Competition, he has conducted leading orchestras around the world and will be the first Asian to take up the baton of chief conductor of Germany's Nuremberg Symphony Orchestra in September 2018.



Kirsten Tan

The award-winning film-maker's debut feature *Pop Aye*, a road movie about a disillusioned Thai architect and his elephant friend, has been picked as Singapore's submission to the 90th Academy Awards in the Foreign Language Film category.



Kyra Poh

The 15-year-old won the freestyle junior title at the biennial FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championship in October 2017, cementing her reputation as one of the top young talents in the sport. She also won gold at the Wind Games in Spain and the Australian Indoor Skydiving Championships earlier this year.



Qin Yunquan

The co-founder and chief executive of Kapap Academy has made it her mission to save lives by equipping people with practical self-defence skills. Her efforts saw her receive the Queen's Young Leaders Award 2017, one of only 60 young people from the Commonwealth to do so.



Mohamad Fuad Abdul Aziz & Syed Abdilllah Alhabshee

The two friends were hailed as heroes after they helped put out a taxi fire in the Kallang-Paya Lebar Expressway tunnel in August 2017. Rather than flee from danger, the trained emergency responders continued to fight the flames even after there was a second explosion.