

“Check out private school before enrolling” (Lau Chin Loong, Managing Director/1800-teacher.com, ST Forum, 6/3)

I REFER to the letter, 'MOE-certified'. What does it really mean?' (ST, March 1), by Mr John Tan Liang-Joo.

1800-teacher.com is Singapore's first education network. We are in the process of selecting private schools and expanding our network.

Please let us know of the school concerned whose staff were not qualified and had misled students with the 'MOE-certified' tag. We will take note of the school.

Also, private schools or private education organisations (PEOs) are 'registered with MOE' not 'approved' per se. We urge students to check the Ministry of Education website for details.

They may also go to the Singapore Tourism Board's website regarding Singapore education for a list of PEOs with the 'Singapore Quality Class (SQC) for PEO' award. However, even with the SQC award, some of these PEOs may still leave much to be desired. Please adopt a 'buyers beware' principle before enrolling.

Mr John Tan may call us toll-free on 1800-TEACHER or visit our website at www.1800-teacher.com for more information.

We will be glad to answer his or other readers' questions on this matter.