

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON LEP**

The LEP was introduced in 1990 to nurture students with a high level of language proficiency in MTLs and enhance their understanding of Literature. The programme also aims to groom a sustainable pipeline of bilingual and bicultural talents who are able to make meaningful connections with the region, and add to the cultural ballast of the nation.

The Chinese Language Elective Programme (CLEP) was started that year in Hwa Chong Junior College and Temasek Junior College. Over the years, CLEP was further expanded to Nanyang Junior College, Jurong Junior College and Dunman High School.

Encouraged by the positive response from the CLEP, the Malay Language Elective Programme (MLEP) was subsequently introduced from 2001 in three junior colleges – Tampines Junior College, Innova Junior College and Pioneer Junior College.