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TEACHER Kamisah Yusof, 41, believes in using The Straits Times for English lessons at Pasir Ris Crest Secondary School.

Articles and photographs from the broadsheet are used for critical reading and writing, discussion and as aids to develop students' general knowledge.

"The newspaper is a very useful tool in the classroom," said Madam Kamisah, one of 10 winners of this year's Inspiring Teacher of English Award (ITEA), which honours teachers who inspire students to constantly improve their English.

"My students can relate better to current affairs as a result," she added.

Her classes exemplify the holistic approach that the Ministry of Education (MOE) is adopting in 40 pilot schools for its "Whole-School Approach" to English language, and in 15

schools for its Whole-School Reading Programme. The former was launched to help teachers and students improve their use of English together, while the latter hopes to instil a lifelong love of reading.

After the ITEA award ceremony last Tuesday, Senior Minister of State for Education S. Iswaran said the broadsheet's print and online formats could be exploited in the classroom as "an important element" of students' daily reading habits.

As one of the invited guest speakers at The Straits Times' fifth annual Teachers Forum on Nov 12, Madam Kamisah will share her experiences on using the broadsheet as a teaching aid.

Others on the expert panel are Straits Times desk editors, including Sunday Times editor Ignatius Low and Newsdesk assistant news editor Marc Lim. They will

show educators how elements within the broadsheet, such as money and sports articles, can add value to English lessons.

The programme also includes a panel discussion led by MOE curriculum specialists and break-out sessions led by Newspapers In Education experts.

Last month, The Straits Times was awarded the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers' 2010 World Young Reader prize in the Newspapers In Education category. This year's forum will showcase learning features that received the nod from a panel of international judges.

Registration for the half-day workshop is now open. The session is free for all teachers and heads of departments from primary and secondary schools. It will be held in the auditorium at Singapore Press Holdings' News Centre at 1000 Toa Payoh North.

All participants will be treated to lunch and a tour of The Straits Times newsroom. School representatives may sign up with Mr David Tan by calling 6319-1005, or sending an e-mail to [davtan@sph.com.sg](mailto:davtan@sph.com.sg)