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To Whom It May Concern:

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Workshop Reference for Mr Tan Huynh

Over the weekend of the 17th and 18th of March, 2018, The United World College of South East Asia hosted the 5th annual ELLSA conference in Singapore. In my role as Conference Chairperson, I had the pleasure of working with Tan as he delivered a number of excellent workshops.

The ELLSA mission is to ‘promote and support best practice in English language teaching and learning for students in International schools in Asia’, with the values of Connection, Collaboration, Quality and Advocacy. Tan certainly upheld both the mission and the values over the course of the weekend. Participants are required to submit an application to the hosting school should they wish to offer a workshop at an ELLSA conference, and there is a rigorous selection process, during which many proposals are rejected. Remarkably, Tan submitted seven high quality workshop proposals, which demonstrated his commitment to collaboration with his peers across Asia. Unfortunately, due to time constraints, we could only accept three proposals, but would have liked to have been able to accept more.

All participants were required to give feedback on the workshops that they attended. Tan’s feedback was consistently excellent, with absolutely no negative feedback whatsoever. Participants felt that he was knowledgeable, he explained his ideas clearly, his workshops were useful and the ideas could be used in participants’ own classes. Here is a selection of some of the additional comments that participants shared:

“Great practical ideas. Tan is so talented and yet humble and genuine, willing to share and talk to us all personally. My favourite session.”

“Tan is incredibly inspiring! A great workshop that offered hands-on ideas, presented with a contagious love of learning.”

“I applied what Mr. Tan had shared with us right after coming back and the kids just loved it! Note that I am teaching high school students and sometimes it’s not easy to get them engaged, but the strategies worked! They participated, learnt and enjoyed the class.”

As these comments serve to demonstrate, Tan is an exceptional presenter. From my own experience of attending his workshops in the past, he is an energetic, knowledgeable and engaging presenter. I was genuinely impressed with his passion for teaching, for collaborating and for sharing his wealth of

knowledge and experience with others. I would gladly ask him to present at another conference and would highly recommend him to any conference organiser. I look forward to attending one of his workshops at the next ELLSA conference.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like further information.

Yours faithfully,



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