



Ng Gim Choo, Founder and Chairwoman of EtonHouse International Education Group, inducted into Education Leaders Forum Fellowship 2026 for services to education

Dr. Ng Gim Choo, Founder and Chairwoman of EtonHouse International Education Group, has been inducted into the Education Leaders Forum Fellowship 2026 for her dedicated services to education. The prestigious lifetime achievement award was conferred to Dr. Ng in a special ceremony at The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, attended by leading figures in global education.

About Ng Gim Choo

Dr. Ng Gim Choo started her career as an auditor. When her husband was posted to London in the 1980s, she gave up a flourishing career and became a housewife. Seeing how much her daughter enjoyed attending school in London, Dr. Ng became a parent volunteer. She discovered an education philosophy that differed greatly from Singapore's at that time. Learning was joyful, not stressful, and teachers respected children. Motivated to pioneer a child-centred inquiry-based educational philosophy in Singapore, Dr. Ng set up EtonHouse in 1995. EtonHouse has since grown into a multi-brand global education group with over 100 schools in nine countries, and over 25,000 students from infant care to high school.

Dr. Ng has received many awards for her significant contributions towards raising new standards of excellence in international education. These include Freedom of City of London (2009), Honorary Citizen of Suzhou Award (2011), Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Award - Education (2019), Forbes' Asia Power Businesswomen (2021), Her World Woman of the Year (2022), included in Tatler's Asia's Most Influential (2022) and Forbes 50 Over 50: Asia (2023) lists, and honoured as one of the AAPI Women Leaders (2024).

After handing the reins to her son Mr. Ng Yi-Xian, Dr. Ng now devotes her time to philanthropic efforts through the EtonHouse Community Fund, an IPC charity organisation founded in 2015. A firm believer in lifelong learning, she earned her EdD in Leadership and Innovation from New York University at the age of 72, further exemplifying her dedication to education.

Ng Gim Choo, Founder and Chairwoman of EtonHouse International Education Group, said:

"I am grateful to the Education Leaders Forum, and its global community of education sector leaders, for honouring me with this Fellowship."

This Fellowship is a reminder of why we began. Having gone through life's ups and downs, wearing many hats, and building EtonHouse alongside my late husband, my brother, and my family, I feel deeply humbled by the journey we have travelled and the lives we have touched.

Education, at its heart, is about care, dignity, and hope, especially for children whose voices are not always heard. Today, my greatest fulfilment comes from giving back and supporting the well-being and learning of children from all walks of life, regardless of their background or circumstances.

I accept this honour with gratitude, on behalf of every educator, volunteer, and parent who believes that education can change lives and on behalf of every student who has been a part of our journey."

Vikas Pota, Executive Chair of the Education Leaders Forum, said:

"It is my great honour to induct Dr. Ng Gim Choo into the Education Leaders Forum Fellowship 2026 for her tremendous achievements in furthering education.

"Gim Choo's lifelong passion for education, from a parent volunteer to founding an education group of over 100 schools spanning nine countries, is an example to us all. In so many ways, her work has set new standards in international education.

"Education needs leaders like Gim Choo if we are to meet our commitments to the next generation and to the young minds of the future."

About the Education Leaders Forum

The Education Leaders Forum is the world's leading community for C-Suite leaders in the education sector. CEOs from across the private, public, and non-profit sectors meet each January in London for the Annual CEO Retreat of the Education Leaders Forum to discuss how, through their collective efforts and shared ideas and experiences, they can make better decisions for the sector and transform learning.

The culmination of the Annual CEO Retreat is the Fellowship Dinner, hosted by Nord Anglia Education, at which the Education Leaders Forum honours the lifetime achievement of pioneers in education. Past inductees into the Fellowship include Dr. Paul LeBlanc, former President of Southern New Hampshire University; Nasreen M. Kasuri, Founder & Chairperson of the Beaconhouse Group, Pakistan; Dr. Pramath Raj Sinha, Founder & Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Ashoka University, India; and Anant Agarwal, Chief Academic Officer of 2U & Founder of EDX, USA.