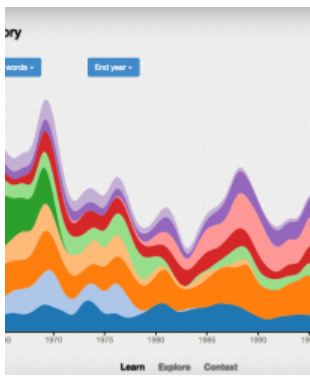EGOV

'Headline News' named best Singapore story using data visualization

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'Headline News (http://singaporenews.github.io)' by Paul and Hanif was declared the best Singapore story using Open Data at the inaugural Data in the City Visualization Challenge launched by the Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore (IDA).

The winning visualization depicts the trends in the words used in headlines of *The Straits Times* from 1955-2009. This is done by analyzing the frequency of words and phrases in the headlines and visualizing them through a compelling story.

Ten finalists battled it out before the judges and a packed audience of over 120 at the ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands. Each visualization used at least one government data from data.gov.sg or OneMap to tell their Singapore story.

The goal was to uncover history, interesting, new patterns and even an opportunity to draw insights into future behavior.

The Challenge wrapped up a week of data events by IDA and is also in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Singapore (SG50).

"IDA's inaugural data visualization Challenge has pushed Singapore's open data movement forward by eliciting many interesting data visualizations that celebrate Singapore's history and progress. It has also brought together people from different fields, professions and ages. Indeed, open data is for all," said Zaqy Mohamad, Chairman of Government Parliamentary Committee for Communications and Information, who was guest of honor at the event.

'Headline News' received the top prize of $6,000 cash, while the second and third prizes , with prizes worth $4,000 and $2,000, respectively, were given to 'Educity' and 'Foodies @12R'.

Educity (http://www.thiakx.com/misc/educity) consists of interactive graphs that showcase insightful education metrics of he Public Service Commission (PSC) Scholarships and its scholars. The visualization is a historical reflection of educational milestones that have occurred since 1823.

Meanwhile, Foodies @ I2R (http://brianlim.net/i2r/sg50food/demo-video) celebrates Singapore's favorite pastime: eating. It illustrates the diversity of local cuisines in various areas around the country and allows users to discover where to find their favourite dishes and the best places to enjoy them.

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