



## Fundação Victor Civita and Varkey Foundation join forces to promote education

*Renowned for their massive efforts to appreciate and acknowledge teachers in Brazil and around the world, the organizations come together to expand initiatives in this particular field*

**São Paulo, September 2018** – Fundação Victor Civita and Varkey Foundation join forces to promote education in Brazil and around the world. The two organizations are working together to acknowledge the efforts of educators across various fields. In Brazil, that is precisely what Fundação Victor Civita has done for the past 20 years with *Prêmio Educador Nota 10* – the largest and most prominent Brazilian Basic Education award and one of the most respected in Latin America. The Varkey Foundation created the US\$1 million Global Teacher Prize, which it has awarded each year to one outstanding and inspirational teacher since 2015.

“Quality education is intrinsically associated to how much value is placed in the teaching profession, which is not amongst the most attractive for young professionals and widely unacknowledged by society. The partnership with Varkey helps us expand our scope, bringing even greater visibility for Brazilian educators and reinforcing the importance of highly engaged, quality education,” said Victor Civita Neto, President of Fundação Victor Civita .

The partnership between the two organizations will broaden the spectrum of experiences shared. Starting in 2018, one of the jurors of the *Prêmio Educador Nota 10* will be appointed by the Varkey Foundation to choose the Educator of the Year, in a ceremony to be held in São Paulo on October 1. Tania Andrea Gil, responsible for Monitoring and Evaluation at Varkey Foundation Argentina, joins the Academy of Jurors beside five other experts: Ana Inoue, Director at Centro de Estudos Acaia Sagarana/Instituto Acaia; Anna Helena Altenfelder, Superintendent at Cenpec – Centro de Estudos e Pesquisas em Educação, Cultura e Ação Comunitária; Ítalo Dutra, Chief of Education at Unicef Brazil; Lino de Macedo, professor at the Institute of Psychology (USP); and Rodrigo Mendes, Executive Director at Instituto Rodrigo Mendes.

“We created the Global Teacher Prize in 2015 to shine a spotlight on the vital role teachers play in society, educating the next generation and skilling them to thrive in the rapidly changing world they will inherit. In doing so, we have unearthed the stories of thousands of truly inspirational teachers who are helping to transform education in their communities, allowing us all to learn from their vital examples. I am looking forward to working with Fundação Victor Civita on Prêmio Educador Nota 10 to help unearth more of these amazing stories in Brazil,” said Cate Noble, chief executive of the Varkey Foundation.

In 2017 and 2018, two Brazilian projects, awarded by *Prêmio Educador Nota 10*, were among the finalists of the Global Teacher Prize. Diego Mahfouz Faria Lima, Educator of the Year in 2015, was a finalist of the 2018 Global Teacher Prize. Last year, Wemerson da Silva Nogueira, Educator of the Year in 2016, was among the 10 finalists of the global award. When selecting the candidates, Varkey Foundation and the committee that reviews the projects consider aspects such as the impact in the community where the teacher works, innovations in classrooms, and citizenship education.

### **About *Prêmio Educador Nota 10***

Created in 1998 by Fundação Victor Civita, *Prêmio Educador Nota 10* awards Early Childhood Education and Secondary School teachers, as well as pedagogical coordinators and school managers from public and private institutions across the country. Since 2014, the initiative by Fundação Victor Civita has been publicized by Abril and Globo, in partnership with Fundação Roberto Marinho. The Prize also has the content support of Nova Escola, the sponsorship of Fundação Lemann and SOMOS Educação, and the institutional support of Instituto Natura, Consed - Conselho Nacional de Secretários de Educação (National Council of Education Secretaries), Undime – União Nacional dos Dirigentes Municipais de Educação (National Association of Municipal Education Managers) and Todos pela Educação. Throughout the past 20 editions, the award acknowledged 221 educators, among teachers and school managers, who received approximately BRL 2.58 million.



In 2018, there were over 4,100 entries from all Brazilian regions and states, in all segments. The Academy of Selectors, comprising 24 experts in different disciplines and segments, chose the 50 finalists and the 10 winners. PwC monitors and oversees the voting process for *Prêmio Educador Nota 10*. The People's Choice #EsseProjetoé10 will also be launched in 2018. Internet users are being invited to participate and the most voted project will be announced during the award ceremony.

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