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EDDIE WOO ONE OF THE WORLD'S BEST TEACHERS

Education Minister Rob Stokes has expressed his congratulations to inspiring Sydney maths teacher Eddie Woo for his recognition today as one of the top 10 teachers in the world.

Mr Woo, a teacher at Cherrybrook Technology High School, has won widespread praise for demystifying maths through his videos – known as WooTube-- watched more than 11 million times by viewers globally.

Mr Stokes paid tribute to Mr Woo's engaging and innovative approach that focuses on student needs in a challenging subject area.

"What a wonderful accolade for one of Australia's great teachers," Mr Stokes said.

"Eddie was initially motivated to produce his maths videos to assist a student sick with cancer."

"He is an inspiring leader and an impressive advocate for the teaching profession."

Mr Woo is the only Australian named in the Top 10 teachers of the world in the Global Teacher Prize, an international award run by the Varkey Foundation. The competition has a \$US1 million prize money for the eventual winner.

He was selected from more than 30,000 nominations from 173 countries.

The latest accolade comes just weeks after his award as Australia's Local Hero in the Australia Day awards last month and his Australia Day address where he called for more recognition for teachers.

Mr Stokes said Mr Woo's achievements were a testament to the quality teaching and learning in NSW government schools.

Mr Woo entered the Global Teacher Prize after being a 2017 Commonwealth Bank Teaching Award recipient. Recipients of the Commonwealth Bank Teaching Awards are invited to apply for the prize.

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