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RELEASE OF THE 2012 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION RESULTS

1. Students collected their Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) results from their respective primary schools today.

Performance of 2012 Primary 6 Cohort¹

2. A total of 48,333 Primary 6 students sat for the PSLE this year. Among these students, 47,163 students (or 97.6%) are assessed as suitable to proceed to secondary school. In terms of course eligibility, 63.1% are eligible for the Express course, 23.1% for the Normal (Academic) and 11.4% for the Normal (Technical) course.

3. There are 1,170 students (or 2.4%) who are assessed to be not yet ready for secondary school. Of these, students who have attempted PSLE once and are not overage may, based on the recommendations of their primary school principals, apply to Assumption Pathway School (APS) or NorthLight School (NLS), or spend another year in Primary 6 to consolidate their learning. The remaining students who are unsuccessful after repeated attempts at the PSLE or are overage will be offered a place in APS or NLS.

2012 Secondary One Posting Exercise

4. Students eligible to progress to secondary school received their option forms to select secondary schools from their respective primary schools today. Students are required to complete the option forms together with their parents. Parents may submit their child's Secondary One (S1) options online via the Secondary One Internet System (S1-IS) beginning from 12.00 noon today and ending on 28 November 2012 at 3.00 pm.

5. Alternatively, parents may submit their child's S1 options through their child's primary school. Submission at the primary schools started today from 12.00 noon to 3.00 pm; and will continue from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm between 23 November and 28 November 2012, excluding Saturday and Sunday. Students

¹ For information on children exempted from the Compulsory Education Act, please refer to the attached "Information Sheet on the 2012 PSLE Results of Students Exempted from Compulsory Education".

who missed the one week period for submission of options may approach the primary schools for assistance on 29 November 2012, from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. This half day window is only for new submissions of S1 school choices.

6. The S1 posting results will be released on 19 December 2012. Students are to report to the secondary schools they are posted to on 20 December 2012 at 8.30 am.

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INFORMATION SHEET ON THE 2012 PSLE RESULTS OF STUDENTS EXEMPTED FROM COMPULSORY EDUCATION

1. Under the Compulsory Education (CE) Act, designated schools - the six full-time madrasahs and the San Yu Adventist School - are required to meet a minimum PSLE benchmark² at least twice in every 3-year assessment period from 2008 onwards, in order to admit new Primary 1 pupils. Each home-schooler is expected to meet the same benchmark as San Yu Adventist School. 2012 is the second year of the 3-year assessment cycle (which extends from 2011 – 2013).

Madrasahs

2. 335 CE-exempted students from the 2007 Primary 1 (P1) cohort in madrasahs sat for the PSLE this year³. Four of the six madrasahs met their 2012 PSLE benchmark. Madrasah Al-Arabiah and Madrasah Aljunied did not meet the benchmark, but this will not have any material impact on these madrasahs, as they have already voluntarily stopped the intake of P1 students under the Joint Madrasah System.

3. Madrasah Wak Tanjong is currently not allowed to admit P1 students from 2012-2014⁴. However, as it has met the benchmark twice in the current three-year assessment period of 2011 – 2013 (i.e. in 2011 and 2012), it can start enrolling P1 students from 2015.

San Yu Adventist

4. There were 3 CE-exempted students from the 2007 P1 cohort in San Yu Adventist who sat for the PSLE. San Yu Adventist did not meet their PSLE benchmark for this year.

Home-schoolers

5. There were 37 CE-exempted home-schoolers from the 2007 P1 cohort who sat for the PSLE this year. 9 of them did not meet the benchmark.

6. MOE will facilitate admission to national secondary schools for home-schoolers who have met the benchmark. Those who have not met the benchmark will need to repeat the PSLE in 2013. Should they wish to attend a national primary school to repeat the PSLE in 2013 instead, MOE will facilitate their admission to a national primary school, so that they can take full advantage of the resources available in our national schools.

² For the madrasahs, the benchmark is pegged at the average PSLE aggregate score of Malay pupils who take four standard-level subjects in the six lowest performing national schools, ranked according to the performance of Malay pupils who take four standard-level subjects in the PSLE of the same year. Students who did not sit the PSLE are assigned the lowest possible PSLE score. For San Yu, the benchmark is pegged at the 33rd percentile PSLE aggregate score of all pupils who took four standard-level subjects in the PSLE in that same year.

³ This does not include the 50 students from the 2007 P1 cohort who were originally enrolled but had transferred out of the madrasahs, and the 1 student who was retained.

⁴ This also implies that Wak Tanjong is not allowed to take in P2 students in 2013-2014 nor P3 students in 2014.