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RELEASE OF THE 2013 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION RESULTS

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

Performance of 2013 Primary 6 Cohort¹

2. A total of 43,047 Primary 6 students sat for the PSLE this year. Among these students, 41,974 students (or 97.5%) are assessed suitable to proceed to secondary school. 66.7% are eligible for the Express, 19.9% for the Normal (Academic) and 10.9% for the Normal (Technical) courses.

3. There are 1,073 students (or 2.5%) who are assessed to be not ready for secondary school. Of these, students who have attempted PSLE once may, based on the recommendations of their primary school principals, re-attempt the PSLE in the coming year or apply to Assumption Pathway School (APS) or NorthLight School (NLS). The remaining students who have more than one attempt at PSLE will be offered a place in APS or NLS.

2013 Secondary One Posting Exercise

4. Students eligible to progress to secondary school received their Secondary One (S1) Option Form from their respective primary schools today. Students are required to discuss with their parents as they complete the option forms. Parents may submit their child's S1 Options online via the Secondary One Internet System (S1-IS). The S1-IS will be available from 11.00 am today until 3.00 pm on 28 November 2013 through the Ministry of Education's (MOE) S1 Posting website at <http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/admissions/secondary-one-posting/>.

5. Alternatively, parents may submit their child's S1 options through their child's primary school. Submission at the primary schools started today from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm; and will continue between 25 and 28 November 2013 from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm.

¹ For information on children exempted from the Compulsory Education Act, please refer to the attached "Information Sheet on the 2013 PSLE Results of Students Exempted from Compulsory Education".

6. When choosing secondary schools with their child, parents are advised to consider the proximity of the school from home, the suitability of the learning environment given their child's learning needs and interests (e.g. school programmes, niches and CCAs offered by the school), and the previous posting aggregate ranges of the school, amongst other factors. The previous year's posting aggregate range can serve as a guide, but the eventual range may vary depending on demand patterns and cohort size for that year.

7. The S1 posting results will be released on Friday, 20 December 2013. Students are to report to the secondary schools they are posted to on Monday, 23 December 2013 at 8.30 am.

INFORMATION SHEET ON THE 2013 PSLE RESULTS OF STUDENTS EXEMPTED FROM COMPULSORY EDUCATION

1. Under the Compulsory Education (CE) Act, designated schools are required to meet a minimum PSLE benchmark at least twice during each three-year assessment period to continue admitting new Primary 1 students. Similarly, each home-schooler is expected to meet the same benchmark as San Yu Adventist School.

Madrasahs

2. 328 CE-exempted students from the 2008 P1 cohort enrolled in the six full-time madrasahs sat for the PSLE this year. Five of the madrasahs met the benchmark. Madrasah Al-Arabiah did not meet the benchmark, but has 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 – 2014². However, as it has met the benchmark for all three years in the three-year assessment period of 2011-2013, it can start enrolling P1 students from 2015.

San Yu Adventist

4. There were no CE-exempted students from the 2008 P1 cohort in San Yu Adventist.

Home-schoolers

5. There were 33 CE-exempted home-schoolers from the 2008 P1 cohort who sat for their PSLE this year. 7 of them did not meet the benchmark, and must re-take the PSLE in 2014³.

² This also implies that Wak Tanjong cannot take in P2 students in 2013-2014 nor P3 students in 2014.

³ MOE will facilitate admission to mainstream secondary schools for home-schoolers who have met the benchmark. MOE will also facilitate the admission of home-schoolers, who did not meet the benchmark, to a mainstream primary school should they want to do so, so that they can take full advantage of the resources available in our mainstream primary schools.