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RELEASE OF 2013 SINGAPORE-CAMBRIDGE GCE 'O' LEVEL EXAMINATION RESULTS AND 2014 JOINT ADMISSIONS EXERCISE FOR JUNIOR COLLEGES, MILLENNIA INSTITUTE, POLYTECHNICS AND INSTITUTE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION

1. The results of the 2013 Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level (GCE 'O' Level) Examination will be released on Monday, 13 January 2014.
2. School candidates may collect their results from their schools at 2.00 pm on 13 January 2014.
3. Private candidates will be informed of their results by post. Private candidates may also access their results through the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board website at <http://www.seab.gov.sg> from 2.00 pm on 13 January 2014.

Joint Admissions Exercise

4. Students who wish to apply for Junior Colleges (JCs), Millennia Institute (MI), Polytechnics or the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) may do so through the Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE) using their GCE 'O' Level results.
5. The following groups of applicants are eligible to participate in the JAE:
 - a. All Singapore Citizens (SCs) and Singapore Permanent Residents (SPRs) with valid GCE 'O' Level Examination results
 - b. International students studying in a government school, government-aided school or independent school in Singapore with valid 2013 GCE 'O' Level Examination results

Registration Process

6. JAE registration will open from 3.00 pm on Monday, 13 January 2014 to 4.00 pm on Friday, 17 January 2014.
7. Applicants are to submit their application online through the JAE Internet

System (JAE-IS) at <http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/admissions/jae>.

- a. Eligible applicants who sat the 2013 GCE 'O' Level Examination will receive Form A on the day of the release of examination results. Form A will list:
 - i. The applicant's GCE 'O' Level Examination results;
 - ii. The courses which he/she is eligible to apply for under the JAE; and
 - iii. His/her JAE-PIN (i.e. a personal password for the applicant to access JAE-IS).
- b. Applicants are to complete the course application worksheet (provided in both Form A and the JAE information booklet) before submitting the online application via the JAE-IS. Applicants who have completed their worksheet prior to logging on to the JAE-IS should be able to complete their applications on the JAE-IS in less than 15 minutes.
- c. Applicants are required to use their NRIC number or FIN, together with the JAE-PIN that is provided in their Form A, to access the JAE-IS. A SingPass is not required.
- d. Applicants are to provide a local mobile phone number during registration through JAE-IS if they wish to receive the results of their JAE application via Short Messaging System (SMS).
- e. SC/SPR applicants, who did not sit for the 2013 GCE 'O' Level Examination, are required to use their NRIC and SingPass to access the JAE-IS. Alternatively, they may apply in person at MOE Customer Service Centre during the JAE registration period. To do this, applicants are required to bring along their original identity card, original GCE 'O' Level Examination certificate(s)/result slip(s) and Secondary School report book and/or CCA Certificate(s).

Application Fees

8. An application fee of \$7 will be charged for the first application, and \$10 for amendment of choice(s) to the submitted application. JAE applicants are allowed to amend their submitted application only once. They are not required to make their fee payment online during the JAE period. All JAE application fees will be collected only after the exercise, by the institution (i.e. JC, MI, Polytechnic or ITE) that the applicant is eventually enrolled in.

Results of Application

9. The posting results of the JAE application are tentatively scheduled for release on Wednesday, 5 February 2014 through the following modes:

- a. JAE-IS which is accessible through the JAE website;
- b. SMS to the mobile phone number provided by applicant during registration

10. For more details on the JAE, applicants may refer to:

- a. JAE Website at <http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/admissions/jae>;
- b. MOE Customer Service Centre at 6872-2220 during office hours

Joint Polytechnic Special Admissions Exercise

11. In addition, students who wish to apply only to the Polytechnics can also participate in the Joint Polytechnic Special Admissions Exercise (JPSAE). The JPSAE complements the existing JAE, by allowing polytechnics to consider applicants based on a broader measure of merit beyond academic performance in the GCE 'O' Level Examination. Through the JPSAE, polytechnics may admit students who have demonstrated a strong passion or aptitude through work attachments, sustained involvement in course-related projects or students with outstanding talents or achievements in leadership, community service, entrepreneurship, sports, and artistic and creative areas.

12. Each polytechnic may decide on its own means of assessing applicants' talents and achievements, which may include portfolios and interviews. Only applicants assessed to be able to cope with the rigours of a diploma education are admitted.

13. The JPSAE will be conducted, together with the JAE. A student may apply concurrently to both JPSAE and JAE. Successful applicants may be offered a course under the JAE, and the same or another course under the JPSAE. Students who are offered courses under both JAE and JPSAE should accept only one of the two offers during the enrolment period set by the Polytechnics.

14. Details on the JPSAE can be found at <http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/jpsae> and on the respective polytechnics' websites.

Progression Pathways for Secondary Four Normal (Academic) Students

The Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

15. Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) students who attempted the Normal (Academic) examinations in 2013 and obtained an ELMAB3 aggregate not exceeding 11 points¹ will be eligible to apply for the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP). The PFP is an alternative to the Secondary 5 Normal (Academic) year. It is a one-year foundation programme at the polytechnics that offers a practice-oriented curriculum taught by polytechnic lecturers.

¹ The ELMAB3 aggregate comprises English Language (EL), Mathematics (MA), and the student's three best other subjects. To be eligible for the PFP, students must also attain a minimum of Grade 3 in all subjects that make up the ELMAB3 aggregate. More information can be found at http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/pfp/pfp_eligibility.html

16. On 13 January 2014, students eligible for the PFP will receive a copy of Form P from their respective secondary schools, inviting them to apply for the PFP. Each copy of Form P contains a unique password. Students should use the respective passwords to submit their applications online via the PFP website at <http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/pfp/apply.html>.

17. Application for the PFP will open from 2.00 pm on Monday, 13 January 2014 to 4.00 pm on Friday, 17 January 2014.

18. The PFP posting results will be released at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 21 January 2014 through the PFP website. Students will be required to indicate whether they wish to accept, reject or appeal for a change of course by 4.00 pm on Thursday, 23 January 2014. More details on the PFP can be found at <http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/pfp>.

The Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP)

19. The final application phase for the Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) will open at 2.30 pm on Monday, 13 January 2014 and close before midnight on Thursday, 16 January 2014. Eligible students should submit their DPP applications online via the DPP application portal at <http://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/intake/>.

20. The DPP posting results will be released at 9.00 am on Tuesday, 21 January 2014 through the DPP application portal. Students will be required to indicate whether they wish to accept or reject the DPP offer by midnight on Thursday, 23 January 2014. More details on the DPP are available at <http://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/definitely-des/>.

For successful PFP and/or DPP applicants

21. The last day of school for current Secondary 5 students who have successfully applied to the PFP or DPP will be on 30 January 2014. Existing DPP students who have successfully applied to the PFP and accepted their PFP course offers should apply for withdrawal from ITE.

22. Students will be informed by the respective polytechnics and ITE on the dates of enrolment for the PFP and DPP.

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