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RELEASE OF THE 2014 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION RESULTS

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

Performance of 2014 Primary 6 Cohort¹

2. A total of 42,336 Primary 6 students sat for the PSLE this year. Among these students, 41,329 students (or 97.6%) are assessed suitable to proceed to secondary school. 66.4% are eligible for the Express course, 20.0% for the Normal (Academic) course and 11.2% for the Normal (Technical) course.

3. For the 1,007 students (or 2.4%) who did not qualify for the Express, Normal (Academic) or Normal (Technical) courses, those who attempted the PSLE for the first time may re-attempt the PSLE in the coming year or apply to Assumption Pathway School (APS) or NorthLight School (NLS). Remaining students who have more than one attempt at PSLE will be preferentially offered a place in APS or NLS.

2014 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 to discuss their secondary school choices with their parents as they complete the S1 Option Forms. In every sealed S1 Option Form, there will be a unique S1 Personal Identification Number (S1 PIN) which can be used to submit the secondary school options online via the S1 Internet System (S1-IS). The S1-IS is available from 11.00 am today until 3.00 pm on 27 November 2014 through the Ministry of Education's (MOE) S1 Posting website at <http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/admissions/secondary-one-posting/>.

5. Alternatively, the S1 Option Form can be submitted through the student's primary school. Submission at the primary schools started today from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm; and will continue throughout 24 to 27 November 2014 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 2014 PSLE Results of Students Exempted from Compulsory Education".

6. There are many different secondary schools to choose from. Some have unique programmes and others offer different educational paths, but they all seek to maximise the potential of every student that comes to them. When choosing secondary schools, students, in discussion with their parents, are encouraged to consider schools with learning environments suited to their learning needs and interests (e.g. Applied Learning Programmes, Learning for Life Programmes, and CCAs offered by the school), and the proximity of the school from their home, amongst other factors.

7. The S1 posting results will be released on Friday, 19 December 2014. Students are to report to the secondary schools they are posted to on Monday, 22 December 2014 at 8.30 am.

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**INFORMATION SHEET ON THE 2014 PSLE RESULTS OF STUDENTS
EXEMPTED FROM COMPULSORY EDUCATION**

1. Under the Compulsory Education (CE) Act, designated schools – the six full-time madrasahs and San Yu Adventist School – are required to meet a minimum PSLE benchmark¹ at least twice in each 3-year assessment period from 2008 onwards, in order to continue to admit new Primary 1 (P1) pupils. Each home-schooler is expected to meet the same benchmark as San Yu Adventist School.

Madrasahs

2. 311 CE-exempted students from the 2009 P1 cohort were enrolled in the madrasahs and sat for the PSLE this year². All four madrasahs with CE-exempted students taking the 2014 PSLE met the PSLE benchmark³.

San Yu Adventist School

3. One CE-exempted student from the 2009 P1 cohort was enrolled in San Yu Adventist School and sat for the PSLE this year. San Yu Adventist School did not meet the PSLE benchmark.

4. As San Yu Adventist School did not meet the benchmark twice in its current assessment period, it cannot admit P1 students from 2016-2018⁴. It can continue to take in the P1 students that it has already accepted for the year 2015. If San Yu Adventist School meets the PSLE benchmark in its next 3-year assessment period, it can resume its P1 intake after 2018.

Home-schoolers

5. There were 41 CE-exempted home-schoolers from the 2009 P1 cohort who sat for their PSLE this year. Six of them did not meet the benchmark.

6. Home-schoolers who did not meet the PSLE benchmark must re-sit the PSLE in 2015. Should they wish to attend a mainstream primary school to take full advantage of the resources in mainstream primary schools to prepare for the PSLE in 2015, MOE will facilitate their admission to a suitable primary school. For home-schoolers who have met the PSLE benchmark, MOE will also facilitate their admission to a mainstream secondary school should they wish to do so.

¹ For madrasahs, the benchmark is pegged at the average PSLE aggregate score of Malay students taking four standard-level subjects in the six lowest performing mainstream schools, ranked according to the performance of Malay students taking four standard-level subjects in the PSLE of the same year. Students who did not sit the PSLE as expected are assigned the lowest possible PSLE score. For San Yu Adventist School, the benchmark is pegged at the 33rd percentile PSLE aggregate score of all students taking four standard-level subjects in the PSLE of the same year.

² This does not include 22 students who had earlier transferred to mainstream schools.

³ Madrasah Al-Arabiah and Madrasah Aljunied voluntarily stopped admission of P1 students from 2009 onwards. As such, they do not have 2014 PSLE candidates.

⁴ San Yu Adventist School also cannot take in P2 students in 2017 and P2-P3 students in 2018.