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RELEASE OF THE 2015 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION RESULTS

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

Performance of 2015 Primary 6 Cohort¹

2. A total of 39,286 Primary 6 students sat for the PSLE this year. Among these students, 38,610 students (or 98.3%) are assessed suitable to proceed to secondary school. 66.2% are eligible for the Express course, 21.7% for the Normal (Academic) course and 10.4% for the Normal (Technical) course.

3. For the 676 students (or 1.7%) 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.

2015 Secondary One Posting Exercise

4. Eligible students will receive option forms to select secondary schools when they collect their results slips. Students are to discuss their secondary school choices with their parents as they complete the Secondary One (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 Secondary One Internet System (S1-IS). The S1-IS will be accessible from 11.00 am on 25 November 2015 to 3.00 pm on 1 December 2015 through the Ministry of Education's (MOE) S1 Posting website at 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 26 November to 1 December 2015 from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm, excluding weekends.

¹ For information on children exempted from the Compulsory Education Act, please refer to the attached "Information Sheet on the 2015 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 Tuesday, 22 December 2015. Students are to report to the secondary schools they are posted to on Wednesday, 23 December 2015 at 8.30 am.

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INFORMATION SHEET ON THE 2015 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 benchmark² 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 also expected to meet a benchmark.

Madrasahs

2. 280 CE-exempted students from the 2010 P1 cohort were enrolled in the madrasahs and sat for the PSLE this year³. All four madrasahs with CE-exempted students taking the 2015 PSLE met the PSLE benchmark⁴.

San Yu Adventist School

3. One CE-exempted student from the 2010 P1 cohort was enrolled in San Yu Adventist School and sat for the PSLE this year. San Yu Adventist School met the PSLE benchmark.

Home-schoolers

4. There were 33 CE-exempted home-schoolers from the 2010 P1 cohort who sat for their PSLE this year. Six of them did not meet the benchmark.

5. Home-schoolers who did not meet the PSLE benchmark must re-sit the PSLE in 2016. 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 2016, 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.

² 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 and home-schoolers, 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.

³ This does not include 19 students who had earlier transferred to mainstream schools.

⁴ Madrasah Al-Arabiah and Madrasah Aljunied voluntarily stopped admission of P1 students from 2009 onwards. As such, they do not have 2015 PSLE candidates.