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RELEASE OF THE 2016 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION RESULTS

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

Performance of 2016 Primary 6 Cohort¹

2. A total of 38,808 Primary 6 students sat for the PSLE this year. 38,180 students (or 98.4%) are assessed suitable to proceed to secondary school. 66.4% are eligible for the Express course, 21.4% for the Normal (Academic) course, and 10.6% for the Normal (Technical) course.

3. For the 628 students (or 1.6%) 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). Those who have made more than one attempt at PSLE will be preferentially offered a place in APS or NLS.

2016 Secondary One Posting Exercise

4. Eligible students would have received option forms to select secondary schools when they collected their results slips. In every sealed S1 Option Form, there will be a unique S1 Personal Identification Number (S1 PIN) which can be used to submit their secondary school choices online via the Secondary One Internet System. This will be accessible from 11.00am on 24 November 2016 to 3.00pm on 30 November 2016 through the Ministry of Education's (MOE) S1 Posting website at <https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/secondary-one-posting-exercise>.

5. Alternatively, the S1 Option Form can be submitted through the student's primary school. Submission at primary schools started today from 11.00am to 3.00pm, and students can continue to hand in their submissions from 25 to 30 November 2016 (9.00am to 3.00pm), excluding weekends.

¹ For information on children exempted from the Compulsory Education Act, please refer to the attached "Information Sheet on the 2016 PSLE Results of Students Exempted from Compulsory Education" in Annex A.

6. We would like to reiterate that there are many different secondary schools to choose from. Some have unique programmes while others offer different educational paths, but all seek to maximise the potential of every student. When choosing secondary schools, we would encourage students, in discussion with their parents, to consider schools with environments best suited to their learning needs and interests (e.g. Applied Learning Programmes, Learning for Life Programmes, CCAs), and the proximity of the school from their home, amongst other factors.

7. The S1 posting results will be released on Wednesday, 21 December 2016. Students are to report to the secondary schools that they are posted to on Thursday, 22 December 2016 at 8.30am.

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INFORMATION SHEET ON THE 2016 PSLE RESULTS OF STUDENTS EXEMPTED FROM COMPULSORY EDUCATION

1. Under the Compulsory Education (CE) Act, 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-schooled child is also expected to meet the same benchmark as San Yu Adventist School.

Madrasahs

2. 254 CE-exempt students from the 2011 P1 cohort were enrolled in the madrasahs and sat for the PSLE this year³. All four madrasahs with CE-exempt students taking the 2016 PSLE met the PSLE benchmark⁴.

San Yu Adventist School

3. One CE-exempt student from the 2011 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-schooled Children

4. There were 37 CE-exempt home-schooled children from the 2011 P1 cohort who sat for their PSLE this year. Seven of them did not meet the benchmark.

5. Home-schooled children who did not meet the PSLE benchmark must re-sit the PSLE in 2017. Should they wish to attend a mainstream primary school to take full advantage of the resources in mainstream schools to better prepare for the 2017 PSLE, MOE will facilitate their admission to a suitable primary school. For home-schooled children 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 that year. Students who did not sit for 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 that 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 2016 PSLE candidates.