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RELEASE OF THE 2017 SINGAPORE-CAMBRIDGE GCE N(A)- AND N(T)-LEVEL EXAMINATION RESULTS

1. Students who sat for the 2017 Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education (GCE) Normal (Academic) [N(A)] and Normal (Technical) [N(T)] Level Examinations collected their results from their secondary schools today¹.
2. 9,983 students from the Secondary 4 N(A) Course and 4,793 students from the Secondary 4 N(T) Course sat for the examinations.
3. 99.4% of the students from the N(A) course have been awarded the GCE N(A)-Level certificate. The GCE N(A)-Level certificate is awarded to candidates who obtain a pass grade (i.e. of Grade 5 or better) in at least one N(A) subject.
4. 96.6% of the students from the N(T) course have been awarded the GCE N(T)-Level certificate. The GCE N(T)-Level certificate is awarded to candidates who obtain a pass grade (i.e. of Grade D or better) in at least one N(T) subject.

PROGRESSION TO SECONDARY 5 NORMAL (ACADEMIC)

5. 76.6% of the students from the N(A) course are eligible for promotion to Secondary 5 N(A) in 2018. These are students in the N(A) course who obtained an aggregate score not exceeding 19 points in English Language, Mathematics and best three subjects (ELMAB3), and at least a Grade 5 for all subjects used in the computation of the ELMAB3.
6. This year, 38.1% of students from the N(A) course sat for subjects in the GCE Ordinary Level (GCE O-Level) Examinations. Using their combined GCE N(A)-Level and school-based O-Level preliminary examination results, these students are also eligible for promotion to Secondary 5 N(A) if they obtain an

¹ The University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), the Ministry of Education, Singapore and the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) are the joint examining authorities for the Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) Level Examinations.

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PROGRESSION PATHWAYS FOR NORMAL (ACADEMIC) STUDENTS

7. Firstly, Secondary 4 N(A) students who had sat for the GCE N(A)-Level Examinations in 2017 and obtained an ELMAB3 aggregate of not exceeding 19 points² will have the option of applying for the Direct-Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP).

8. The DPP prepares Secondary 4 N(A) students for progression into selected polytechnic diploma courses via a two-year *Higher Nitec* programme at the Institute of Technical Education (ITE). Under the DPP, students who successfully complete their *Higher Nitec* course and attain the minimum qualifying Grade Point Average (GPA) are guaranteed a place in a polytechnic diploma course mapped to their *Higher Nitec* course.

9. About 1,200 DPP places will be offered across all three ITE Colleges. Applications for the DPP will open on 18 December 2017. For more information, please refer to <http://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/definitely-des/>.

10. Secondly, Secondary 4 N(A) students who sat for the GCE N(A)-Level Examinations in 2017 and obtained an ELMAB3 aggregate not exceeding 11 points³ will also have the option of applying for the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP).

11. The PFP is a one-year foundation programme at the polytechnics that offers a practice-oriented curriculum taught by polytechnic lecturers, to prepare students for entry into the relevant polytechnic diploma courses. Upon completion of the PFP, students will progress to their pre-selected diploma course, subject to them passing all modules in the PFP.

12. The polytechnics will offer about 1,200 PFP places in total. Applications for the PFP will open in January 2018, after the release of the GCE O-Level Examination results. Secondary 4 N(A) students who intend to apply for the PFP

² To be eligible for the DPP, students must also attain a minimum grade of 4 in both English Language (minimum required grade of 3 for Business & Services courses) and Mathematics, and minimum grade of 5 in three other subjects (excluding CCA). CCA bonus points are not factored into the ELMAB3 aggregate used for considering eligibility for the DPP, but are taken into account for posting. More information can be found at <http://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/definitely-des/>.

³ To be eligible for the PFP, students must also attain a minimum grade of 3 in all subjects that make up the ELMAB3 aggregate. CCA bonus points are not factored into the ELMAB3 aggregate used for considering eligibility for the PFP, but are taken into account for posting. More information can be found at <https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/index.html>.

should first progress to Secondary 5 on 2 January 2018. For more information, please refer to <https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/index.html>.

PROGRESSION OF NORMAL (TECHNICAL) STUDENTS

13. All N(T) course students who completed their secondary education in 2017 may apply to further their studies at ITE. Schools may also laterally transfer Secondary 4 N(T) students to Secondary 4 N(A) if they have obtained grade A for both English Language and Mathematics and grade B or better for one other subject at the GCE N(T)-Level Examination.

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