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Results of the 2008 Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education Normal (Academic) Examination and Normal (Technical) Level Examination

1. The Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) Level Examinations are conducted jointly by the University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) and the Ministry of Education (MOE).

NEW GCE NORMAL (TECHNICAL) LEVEL EXAMINATION

2. This year saw the first cohort of students sitting for the new Singapore-Cambridge GCE Normal (Technical) Level Examination based on the revised Normal (Technical) curriculum¹. This revised Normal (Technical) curriculum was implemented in 2007 to provide more practice-oriented learning to better cater to students' different learning profiles and help them discover their interests. The previous Singapore-Cambridge GCE Normal-Level Examination was renamed the Singapore-Cambridge GCE Normal (Academic) Level Examination and the Singapore-Cambridge GCE Normal (Technical) Level Examination respectively.

RESULTS OF NORMAL (ACADEMIC) AND NORMAL (TECHNICAL) STUDENTS

3. This year, 11,820 students in the Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) Course and 6,028 students in the Secondary 4 Normal (Technical) Course sat for the 2008 GCE Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) Level Examinations respectively.

4. 11,721 (99.2%) students from the Normal (Academic) course will be awarded the Normal (Academic) Level certificate. The Normal (Academic) Level certificate is awarded to a candidate who obtains a pass grade of Grade 5 or better in at least one Normal (Academic) subject. Details of students who performed well in the Normal (Academic) Level Examination are available at Annex A.

¹ A new grade structure is used for the GCE N(T) Level Examination, namely Grades A, B, C, D and U (Ungraded), with Grade A being the best.

5. 5,859 (97.2%) students from the Normal (Technical) course will be awarded the Normal (Technical) Level certificate. The Normal (Technical) Level certificate is awarded to a candidate who obtains a pass grade of Grade D or better in at least one Normal (Technical) subject.

6. In addition, 99 Normal (Technical) students offered one or two Normal (Academic) subjects and 87 (87.9%) of them have obtained at least a Grade 5 or better.²

PROGRESSION TO SEC 5 NORMAL (ACADEMIC)

7. Students in the Normal (Academic) course who obtain an aggregate not exceeding 10 points in their best three subjects and a Grade 5 or better in English Language (EL) (Syllabus A) will be promoted to the Sec 5 Normal (Academic) in 2009.

8. This year, 3,704 Normal (Academic) students sat 1-2 subjects in the O-Level Examination.³ These students are also eligible to proceed to Sec 5 Normal (Academic) if they obtain an aggregate not exceeding 10 points in their three best subjects and a Grade 5 or better in EL (Syllabus A) using their combined GCE Normal (Academic) Level and their school-based O-Level preliminary examination results.

9. In all, a total of 8,653 students (73.2%) are eligible for promotion to Sec 5 Normal (Academic).

DIRECT PROGRESSION TO SECONDARY 5 NORMAL (ACADEMIC) COURSE

10. Since 2007, selected Normal (Academic) students are given the opportunity to progress directly to the Secondary 5 Normal (Academic) Course, bypassing the GCE Normal (Academic) Level Examination. The second cohort of students, who were selected for direct promotion at the end of Secondary 3 Normal (Academic) last year based on their school-based performance, numbered around 1,300.

ADMISSION TO HIGHER NITEC COURSES AT ITE

11. From 2007, Normal (Academic) students who obtain an aggregate of 19 points or less for EL, Mathematics and three other subjects, with at least a Grade 4 in EL and Mathematics, will have the additional option of enrolling in a new curriculum track allowing direct entry to Higher Nitec courses at the Institute of Technical Education (ITE). These include courses from the Engineering, Infocomm Technology, Applied & Health Sciences and Business⁴ clusters. With this option, eligible students can start their Higher Nitec studies a year earlier, without having to sit the O-Level Examination. The Higher Nitec courses that students are eligible for will be indicated on the personalised ITE application form that all Normal Course students will receive when they collect their results. Eligible students may apply

² Since 2006, N(T) students may offer up to two N(A) subjects from the full range of N(A) subjects.

³ Since 2004, selected N(A) students may offer up to two O-Level subjects. The range of O-Level subjects that they may offer has been expanded since 2006.

⁴ To be eligible for courses in the Business Cluster, students must get at least a Grade 3 in EL.

through the ITE website (www.ite.edu.sg) during the Joint Intake Exercise in December.

PROGRESSION OF NORMAL (TECHNICAL) STUDENTS

12. All Normal (Technical) course students who have completed their secondary education in 2008 can apply to further their studies at ITE. Schools may also allow Sec 4 Normal (Technical) students to be laterally transferred to Sec 4 Normal (Academic) if they have obtained grade A for English and Mathematics and grade B or better for one other subject at the Normal (Technical) level.

RELEASE OF RESULTS

13. School candidates will be issued their results slips by their respective schools from 2:00 pm today. 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 today.

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INFORMATION SHEET ON THE 2008 SINGAPORE-CAMBRIDGE GCE NORMAL (ACADEMIC) LEVEL EXAMINATION

The data provided is based on the performance of the students in the 2008 GCE Normal (Academic) Level Examination.

I NORMAL (ACADEMIC) COURSE

The aggregate is calculated using the grades for English Language (Syllabus A) and best five subjects.

A TOP STUDENT

<u>Name / Gender</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>
Ao Chengkai 敖诚凯 / M	Yio Chu Kang Sec	6

B TOP CHINESE STUDENTS (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER OF SCHOOLS)

<u>Name / Gender</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>
Ong Guo Xiang 王国祥 / M	Bukit View Sec	7
Kwa Yan Hui 潘妍卉 / F	Hai Sing Catholic Sch	7
Xu Guifang 徐桂芳 / F	MacPherson Sec	7
Melissa Lim Jie Yi 林婕旖 / F	Nan Chiau High Sch	7
Yeung Wai Hing 杨慧馨 / F	Pasir Ris Crest Sec	7
Joyce Tham Zi Yun 谭紫匀 / F	Paya Lebar Methodist Girls' Sch	7
Chua Ze Lin Melissa 蔡泽琳 / F	St Anthony's Canossian Sec	7

C TOP MALAY STUDENTS (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER OF SCHOOLS)

<u>Name / Gender</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>
Safiah Bte Yahya / F	Pasir Ris Crest Sec	7
Muhammad Ihsan B Salimi / M	Yishun Town Sec	7

**D TOP INDIAN STUDENTS
(IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER OF SCHOOLS)**

Name / Gender	School	Aggregate
Pillay Aaron Ashley / M	Loyang Sec	8
Muhammad Aziz B Firdaus A / M	Montfort Sec	8
Sangareewari D/O Silvam / F	Swiss Cottage Sec	8

**II LIST OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITH AT LEAST ONE NORMAL
(ACADEMIC) STUDENT WITH 5 Grade 1 OR MORE
(IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER OF SCHOOLS)**

- 1 BUKIT BATOK SECONDARY SCHOOL
- 2 BUKIT VIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL
- 3 COMPASSVALE SECONDARY SCHOOL
- 4 GUANGYANG SECONDARY SCHOOL
- 5 HAI SING CATHOLIC SCHOOL
- 6 JUNYUAN SECONDARY SCHOOL
- 7 MACPHERSON SECONDARY SCHOOL
- 8 MANJUSRI SECONDARY SCHOOL
- 9 NAN CHIAU HIGH SCHOOL
- 10 PASIR RIS CREST SECONDARY SCHOOL
- 11 PAYA LEBAR METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL
- 12 PEI HWA SECONDARY SCHOOL
- 13 ST. ANTHONY'S CANOSSIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL
- 14 SWISS COTTAGE SECONDARY SCHOOL
- 15 TEMASEK SECONDARY SCHOOL
- 16 WEST SPRING SECONDARY SCHOOL
- 17 YIO CHU KANG SECONDARY SCHOOL
- 18 YISHUN TOWN SECONDARY SCHOOL

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