

INFORMATION SHEET ON THE 2010 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 certain minimum PSLE benchmark¹ at least twice in every 3-year assessment period from 2008 onwards, in order to admit new Primary 1 pupils. Each home-schooler is expected to meet the same benchmark as San Yu Adventist School.

Madrasahs

2. 342 CE-exempted students from the 2005 P1 cohort in madrasahs sat for the PSLE this year. 3 madrasah students from the 2005 P1 cohort were retained. 34 students had earlier transferred back to national schools. For the 2005 P1 cohort, four of the six madrasahs met the benchmark. Madrasah Al-Arabiah and Madrasah Wak Tanjong did not meet the benchmark.

3. As Madrasah Wak Tanjong did not meet the benchmark twice in the current 3-year assessment period, it cannot admit P1 students from 2012-2014. It will continue to take in the P1 students it has already accepted for the school year 2011.

4. The overall annual madrasah intake of a maximum of 400 P1 students will be maintained. Madrasah Wak Tanjong's quota of students will be redistributed to the other madrasahs. The madrasahs will have sufficient places to take in these students.

5. If Madrasah Wak Tanjong meets the PSLE benchmark in the next 3-year assessment period of 2011-2013, it can resume its P1 intake from the 2015 P1 cohort. Madrasah Al-Arabiah has already ceased its P1 intake since 2009.

San Yu Adventist

6. Only 1 CE-exempted student from the 2005 P1 cohort sat for the PSLE this year from San Yu Adventist. Based on this candidate, San Yu Adventist did not meet the benchmark. However, as San Yu Adventist had met the PSLE benchmark twice in the current 3-year assessment period, it can continue enrolling P1 students.

¹ For the madrasahs, the benchmark is pegged at the average PSLE aggregate score of Malay pupils who took four standard-level subjects in the six lowest performing national schools, ranked according to the performance of Malay pupils who take four standard-level subjects in the PSLE of the same year. For San Yu and home-schoolers, the benchmark is pegged at the 33rd percentile PSLE aggregate score of all pupils who took four standard-level subjects in the PSLE in that same year.

Home-schoolers

7. There were 31 CE-exempted home-schoolers from the 2005 P1 cohort who were supposed to sit for their PSLE in 2010. 26 sat for the PSLE this year², while 5 deferred sitting for the PSLE due to valid medical reasons. 9 home-schoolers from the 2005 P1 cohort did not meet the benchmark and will have to sit for the PSLE in 2011.

8. MOE will help to facilitate admission to Secondary One for home-schoolers who have met the benchmark. Those who wish to attend a national primary school to repeat the PSLE in 2011 can also seek MOE's help for admission to Primary Six or lower, so that they can take advantage of the full opportunities and resources available in our national schools.

² 4 pupils from the 2004 P1 cohort who had previously deferred sitting for the PSLE in 2009 also sat for the 2010 PSLE, in addition to the 26 pupils.