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8TH INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIAD ON ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS

1 Following Singapore's success at the recent International Math and Science Olympiads, NUS High School of Mathematics and Science (NUS High School), Raffles Institution (RI) and Hwa Chong Institution (HCI) congratulate the Singapore team on their outstanding performance at the 8th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) held in Suceava, Romania from 1 August to 11 August 2014.

2 The Singapore team finished third place among 43 participating teams across 37 countries. We clinched two Gold Medals, one Silver Medal and two Bronze Medals at the 8th IOAA.

3 Wang Fan, Francis from NUS High School and Theng Kwang Hui Mark from Hwa Chong Institution received Gold Medals at the IOAA. Francis also did Singapore proud by winning overall 3rd position amongst 195 participants. Darren Chua Yee Shuen of Raffles Institution received the Silver Medal. The Bronze medallists were Jee Kai Yen from Raffles Institution and Kum Wei Kuan from NUS High School.

4 The Singapore delegation was led by Mr Tang Chi Sin from NUS High School and Ms Geraldine Tan Shu Hui from Raffles Institution.

Background on IOAA

The IOAA is an annual event in which high school students from around the world compete against each other, solving theoretical, analytical and observational problems in the fields of astronomy and astrophysics. The theoretical component requires the students to analyse difficult problems and apply physics and mathematics considerably beyond the Junior College syllabus. The first IOAA was held in Thailand in 2007, followed annually by events in Indonesia, Iran, China, Poland, Brazil, Greece and Romania. The 9th IOAA will be held in Indonesia in 2015.

About NUS High School of Mathematics and Science

The NUS High School of Mathematics and Science is a specialised independent school that aims to nurture well-rounded and world-ready scientific minds through its academic programme, affective education and co-curricular activities. The students are provided a broad-based and flexible curriculum that is conducted in technologically well-equipped laboratories. Upon successful completion of our six-year programme, students graduate with the NUS High School Diploma that is recognised by both local and renowned overseas universities.

About Hwa Chong Institution (HCI)

Hwa Chong Institution is one of Singapore's premier Independent Schools, with a rich history of 95 years. The school's mission is to develop leaders in research, industry and government. The school aims to empower its high ability students to achieve their potential and live their aspirations, while embracing the values of hard work, integrity, passion, and compassion.

About Raffles Institution (RI)

Founded in 1823, Raffles Institution (RI) is a beacon of educational excellence that attracts the best students from Singapore and the region regardless of background, race or creed. Rafflesians are among the most gifted and talented of their cohort, and at RI, they receive an all-round education that enables them to excel in their many passions and pursuits.

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