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PRESS RELEASE

NUS High School congratulates its 1st batch of graduates to experience the school's full 6 year programme

Six years to experiment, explore and excel

1. On 23 November 2010, one hundred and seventy-three students of NUS High School of Mathematics and Science will receive their NUS High School Diplomas.
2. The Graduating Class of 2010 is the third cohort of students who will enter universities, and is the first batch to go through all six years of the NUS High School programme.
3. Mr Chiang Chie Foo, Permanent Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, who is also Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence will grace the occasion as the Guest of Honour. The Convocation Ceremony will be held at NUS High School's Auditorium, from 10.00am to 1.00pm.
4. Of the hundred and seventy-three graduates, 23% of them will graduate with high distinctions and 40% with distinctions. Besides conferring academic diplomas, awards will be presented to students with outstanding achievements in various fields. These include the Top Academic Award, Top Honours Student Award and Excellence Award for Mathematics and Sciences, Outstanding Student Award for other subjects, CCA Achievement Award, A*STAR Young Researcher Award and DSO Star Award.

Experiment

5. As part of the graduation requirements, all students are to do an Advanced Research Project in their Specialisation Years. We have a total of eight and ten recipients for this year's A*STAR Young Researcher Award and DSO Star Award respectively.

Explore

6. Of special mention are Singaporean Chua Lynn, 18, and China-born Singapore permanent resident Liu Shiyang, 20, both graduating this year. Having keen interest in quantum physics, they embarked on an Independent Study Module, which is part of NUS High School's Talent Development Programme, to explore the subject of their interest even further. This led them to co-author a 160-page textbook, titled *Six Quantum Pieces*, with National University of Singapore Associate Professor Valerio Scarani. The text is targeted at junior college students keen on pursuing quantum physics.

Excel

7. The Top Academic Award also goes to Liu Shiyang who has emerged as the top academic student in NUS High School. She is also the Top Honours Student in Chemistry 2010. Shiyang is also the recipient of the prestigious A*Star Young Researcher Award which is given out to outstanding students who have displayed exemplary passion, attitude and aptitude for research.

8. The Graduating Class of 2010 has lived up to the school's mission of nurturing well-rounded individuals who can make distinguished contributions. A noteworthy all-rounder is Donovan Loh Yuan Jie, the Valedictorian of the Convocation Ceremony. Donovan was part of the team that clinched a Bronze Award at the Singapore Biology Olympiad 2010 and he received a Silver Award at this year's Singapore Science and Engineering Fair. As vice-captain of the soccer team and a member of the student council, he has shown prominent performance in areas of service leadership.

9. The NUS High School Diploma is both locally and internationally recognised. NUS High School students have gained successful entry to National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Management University and Singapore University of Technology and Design to further their tertiary education. Many top overseas universities such as MIT, Stanford, Yale, Cambridge, Oxford and Warwick have also accepted the NUS High School Diploma for admission.

10. Today, NUS High School graduates are found all over the world. The credibility of the Diploma can be attributed to the robust and rigorous curriculum. In addition, the students' outstanding performance in global competitions such as the International Olympiads; the strong research culture and opportunities in NUS High School; the year-long boarding experience and the string of accolades from renowned universities and research institutions have put NUS High School distinctly on the global map.

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You are cordially invited to cover the NUS High School's Convocation Ceremony. Should you wish to send a reporter and/or photographer to the event, please contact:

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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 classrooms and laboratories. Innovative and interesting teaching methods are used, and emphasis is given to higher level cognitive learning. 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.