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### **Minister for Education Heng Swee Keat graces NUS High School's convocation as it announces the inaugural Tay Eng Soon Awards and Scholarships**

1. On 22 November 2011, two hundred and seven students of NUS High School of Mathematics and Science will receive their NUS High School Diplomas. The Graduating Class of 2011 is the fourth cohort of students who will enter universities, and is the second batch to go through all six years of the NUS High School programme. This is the largest graduating cohort.

3. Mr Heng Swee Keat, Minister for Education, will grace the occasion as the Guest of Honour. The Convocation Ceremony will be held at NUS High School's Auditorium, from 4pm to 6pm.

4. NUS High School is announcing the introduction of the Tay Eng Soon Gold Medal. The award will be presented to a single graduand who has been outstanding in his passion, talent and achievements in mathematics and science. This year's recipient is Cheng Heng Yi. Heng Yi shows true passion and great aptitude in his research area - origami. Having won three prestigious awards at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair this year and presented at international conference, he has demonstrated excellence in his field of research.

5. In addition to the Tay Eng Soon Gold Medal, the school is rolling out the NUS High School Tay Eng Soon Awards for Year 2 to Year 5 students who exhibit outstanding talent in Mathematics and Science. The school is also announcing the NUS High School Scholarships for talented Primary 6 students who show potential in similar fields.

6. Of the two hundred and seven graduates, 32% of them will graduate with high distinctions and 33% 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.

7. 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, Princeton, Stanford, Yale, Harvard, Cambridge, Oxford, Imperial College and University College London have also accepted the NUS High School Diploma for admission.

8. 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.