



MEDIA ADVISORY

Embargoed till 12pm, 5 January 2018

SOTA RELEASES 2017 IB EXAMINATION RESULTS

1 The 2017 cohort from the School of the Arts, Singapore (SOTA) will collect their International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP) and IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) results from the school at 12pm today.

2 SOTA's IBCP students did exceptionally well this year, with over 90% of the cohort achieving excellence in their examinations comprising Career-related Studies and DP subjects. This marks the best performance by IBCP students since SOTA pioneered the programme in 2014.

3 In line with its vision, SOTA aims to identify and groom future generations of artists and creative professionals to be leaders in all fields. "The holistic education in SOTA has really taught me to think more critically, examine social issues and assess situations from different areas of knowledge and perspectives. SOTA's level of openness to experimentation has also given me a safe space for making mistakes as well as opportunities to initiate independent projects," Lim Zeharn, IBCP Visual Arts student.

4 Zeharn's work had been showcased in various local and international festivals, museums and exhibitions, most recently in UNTAPPED Discovery by the Visual Arts Development Association (VADA). He plans to further his studies in Fine Arts after National Service.

5 The IBCP programme is offered to SOTA's Year 5 and 6 students who demonstrate exceptional artistic ability and potential in pursuing a career in the arts. The programme allows the students to spend more time honing their artistic skills and preparing their portfolios for admission into arts institutes and conservatories.

6 Many outstanding IBCP graduates have gone on to pursue the arts at internationally acclaimed institutions. Graduates from earlier cohorts such as Nur Sabrina Bte Dzulkifli, Samuel Phua, and Nur Aqilah Binte Hassan are also recipients of the National Arts Council scholarship. Nur Sabrina and Nur Aqilah are currently pursuing their undergraduate degrees at the University of Essex in England and Glasgow School of Art in Scotland respectively, while Samuel Phua will be studying Music at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, Finland.

7 A total of 131 students also sat for the IBDP examinations in 2017 and achieved a 100% pass rate. Over 80% of them scored 35 points and above.

SOTA 10th year anniversary

8 This year, SOTA commemorates its 10th anniversary and the school proudly celebrates its success in nurturing the talents and creativity of its students. "SOTA is a space for creativity, experimentation and expression. We seek to provide a vibrant environment to help our students pursue their passion and achieve their dreams," said Ms Lim Geok Cheng, Principal, SOTA.

For more information, please contact the following:

Eileen Ng (Ms)
Manager
Office of Corporate Communications
School of the Arts
DID : 6342 5806
HP : 9777 8323
Email: eileen.ng@sota.edu.sg

Lee Yuen Mei (Ms)
Senior Executive
Office of Corporate Communications
School of the Arts
DID : 6342 5807
HP : 9186 2692
Email: yuenmei.lee@sota.edu.sg

About The School of the Arts, Singapore

The School of the Arts (SOTA) is Singapore's first national pre-tertiary specialised arts school with a six-year integrated arts and academic curriculum, leading to the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or Career-related Programme, for youths aged 13 to 18 years old.

Under the ambit of the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY), SOTA offers a dedicated development path for those who have interest and show early talent in the arts, providing a learning environment where both the artistic and academic potential can best be realised.

With a vision to shape and impact society through an education in the arts, SOTA aims to identify and groom future generations of artists and creative professionals to be leaders in all fields, and to be patrons and supporters of the arts.

A school of the future, SOTA embraces a holistic educational philosophy that celebrates experimentation, expression and discovery.

About the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

SOTA's IB Diploma qualification is recognised by top universities worldwide. Armed with their IB Diploma and extensive arts portfolio, SOTA students can look forward to the arts as a career or leverage their arts-enriched educational experience to embark on diverse career options such as journalism, law, architecture and more.

About the International Baccalaureate Career-Related Programme

SOTA offers the IB Career-related Programme (IBCP) in Year 5 and 6. IBCP students engage with a challenging programme of study that imparts transferable and lifelong skills in applied knowledge, critical thinking, communication, and cross-cultural engagement.

To learn more, please visit [https://www.sota.edu.sg/why-sota/international-baccalaureate-\(ib\)-programmes](https://www.sota.edu.sg/why-sota/international-baccalaureate-(ib)-programmes)