GENERAL INFORMATION

The Regional Studies Programme (RSP) is a prestigious scholarship programme offered to Year 1 students. It is available in four schools, namely Anglo-Chinese School (Independent), Raffles Institution, Raffles Girls' Secondary and Victoria School.

RSP will have the following features:

• Students in the RSP will offer Malay (Special Programme) M(SP) or Bahasa Indonesia (BI) as a third language.

• Up to 100 scholarships will be awarded per cohort of students across the four schools. The scholarships will cover a school fee subsidy, an annual allowance of $1,000 per annum, various subsidies and funding.

• RSP curriculum will include overseas immersion programmes and structured enrichment modules spread out during the course.

RSP CURRICULUM

The programmes covered are as follows:

(i) Malay (Special Programme) or Bahasa Indonesia

Students will have to offer Malay (Special Programme) or Bahasa Indonesia (BI) as a third language. This will be conducted in school or in MOE language centres after curriculum hours.

(ii) Enrichment module: Understanding Southeast Asia (USEA)

To equip students with an understanding of cultural and social developments in the region, a module on ‘Understanding and Appreciating Southeast Asia’ (USEA) specially designed by the school will be incorporated in the RSP curriculum.

The module will be conducted in English. The curriculum time is estimated to be about 24 hours per academic year and will take place after school. MOE will also jointly organize annual seminars for all RSP students as a follow-up on this module.

(iii) Immersion Programme

During the whole course of the RSP, RSP scholars will have up to one month immersion in Malaysia or Indonesia to gain better understanding of the cultural and social aspects of the region.

(iv) Enrichment Activities

MOE and the RSP schools will organise a combined cultural camp for all RSP scholars. In addition, as part of the USEA module, the school will also organise other enrichment programmes like research projects, field trips, visits and home stays to help deepen students’ learning and understanding of the Southeast Asian culture.
RSP SCHOLARSHIPS

The RSP scholarships are open to all Year 1 Integrated Programme (IP) Singaporean students. The scholarship terms include:

• Scholarship allowance of $1,000 per annum
• Annual school fee subsidy of $2,400
• Subsidised enrichment programmes including fieldtrips, seminars and talks
• Funding for up to 30 days of immersion in Malaysia or Indonesia (on shore cost only) for the whole course

ELIGIBILITY

Year 1 IP students interested in applying for the scholarships must:

• Be Singapore citizens
• Not have taken Malay as a Mother Tongue Language
• Achieve excellent PSLE results
• Offer Malay (Special Programme) or Bahasa Indonesia as a third language
• Exhibit scholarly qualities including leadership and other personal qualities.

The scholarship is subject to yearly renewal based on academic results.

APPLICATION

Students interested in applying for RSP can be done through the RSP Application Form. For the 2011 Year 1 students, the closing date for submission of RSP application is Friday, 21 January 2011

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