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Information Note on 2013 Direct School Admission - Junior College (DSA-JC) Exercise

Dear Student,

You will be completing your secondary education soon. At this juncture, it will be appropriate for you to know more about the Direct School Admission - Junior College (DSA-JC) Exercise, which provides you an alternative avenue for seeking JC admission.

What is the DSA-JC Exercise?

2. The DSA-JC Exercise, which was introduced in 2005, promotes holistic education by giving participating schools greater flexibility in selecting students while holding on to the key principles of transparency and meritocracy. Under this exercise, your talents and achievements, in both academic and non-academic areas, can be considered for JC admission. Each JC/Institution sets its own criteria for selection, based on the academic and/or non-academic areas that the JC/Institution would like to emphasise.

How is the DSA-JC Exercise conducted?

3. The 2013 DSA-JC Exercise will be conducted in two Phases according to the following schedule.

Phase	Stage	Dates	Remarks
Phase 1	Offer Stage	1 to 31 Jul	Schools conduct selection and make Phase 1 offers during this stage.
	Acceptance Stage	1 to 5 Aug	A student may accept only <u>one</u> Phase 1 offer within this stage, regardless of offers received. Phase 1 offers that are not accepted expire at the end of this stage.
	Cooling Off Stage	6 to 12 Aug	Students may cancel earlier acceptance of Phase 1 offers if they wish to consider Phase 2 offers.
Phase 2	Offer Stage	6 to 22 Aug	Schools make Phase 2 offers during this stage.
	Acceptance Stage	28 Aug to 2 Sep	A student who has yet to commit to an offer may accept only <u>one</u> Phase 2 offer within this period, regardless of offers received.

4. You may find more details on the **2013 DSA-JC Exercise** at **Annex A** and the list of participating schools and their websites at **Annex B**. You should check the detailed exercise schedule of the schools that you like to apply to, by visiting their websites or contacting them directly way before the start of Phase 1. Please consider carefully what your own strengths are, and which school best meets your own needs, before you commit yourself to participating in tests or trials conducted by the schools.

5. By the end of the Offer Stage of each Phase, schools will make offers to their selected students. If you are selected by a school, you can decide whether to accept or reject the offer. If you accept an offer before its expiry date, you will be guaranteed a place in the JC/Institution, so



long as you meet the eligibility criteria for JC admission based on your GCE 'O' Level examination results¹. Please note that **every student is NOT allowed to accept more than one offer at any time**. If you do so, you will be disqualified from the DSA-JC Exercise, and will have to participate in the Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE) if you still wish to seek JC admission.

6. **Once you have accepted an offer under the DSA-JC Exercise, you will not be able to participate in the JAE and JPSAE²** if you meet the eligibility criteria for JC admission based on your GCE 'O' Level examination results. **You are also not allowed to transfer to another school after the release of the GCE 'O' Level examination results as you are expected to honour your commitment to the posted DSA-JC school**. Hence, please consider very carefully before you accept an offer to be admitted to a school under the DSA-JC Exercise.

7. Students, who change their mind after accepting an offer and wish to withdraw from the 2013 DSA-JC Exercise, have to submit their withdrawals to the **MOE Customer Service Centre by hand** no later than **11 Oct 2013, 5pm**. Once you have submitted your withdrawal from the DSA-JC Exercise, you will be allowed to participate in the JAE/JPSAE later.

Direct Polytechnic Admission Exercise

8. Students who are interested in polytechnic courses and wish to gain direct admission to polytechnics can participate in the Direct Polytechnic Admission (DPA) Exercise, which will commence on **4 Jul 2013**, for admission to polytechnics in **2014**.

9. Students can participate in both the DSA-JC and DPA Exercises. However, they may only accept one offer at any one time i.e. either from a JC/Institution or a polytechnic. Students found to have accepted both a JC/Institution and a polytechnic offer concurrently will be disqualified from both exercises.

For Further Information

10. For more information on the 2013 DSA-JC Exercise, you may refer to MOE website at www.moe.gov.sg/education/admissions/dsa-jc or call MOE Customer Service Centre at 6872-2220. If you are not interested to apply for JC admission via DSA-JC Exercise, you can seek admission through the JAE that is conducted in the first quarter of 2014 after the release of the GCE 'O' Level examination results.

11. For more information on the DPA Exercise, you may refer to the MOE website at www.moe.gov.sg/education/admissions/dpa/.

12. Lastly, we hope that you have found the information in this note useful.

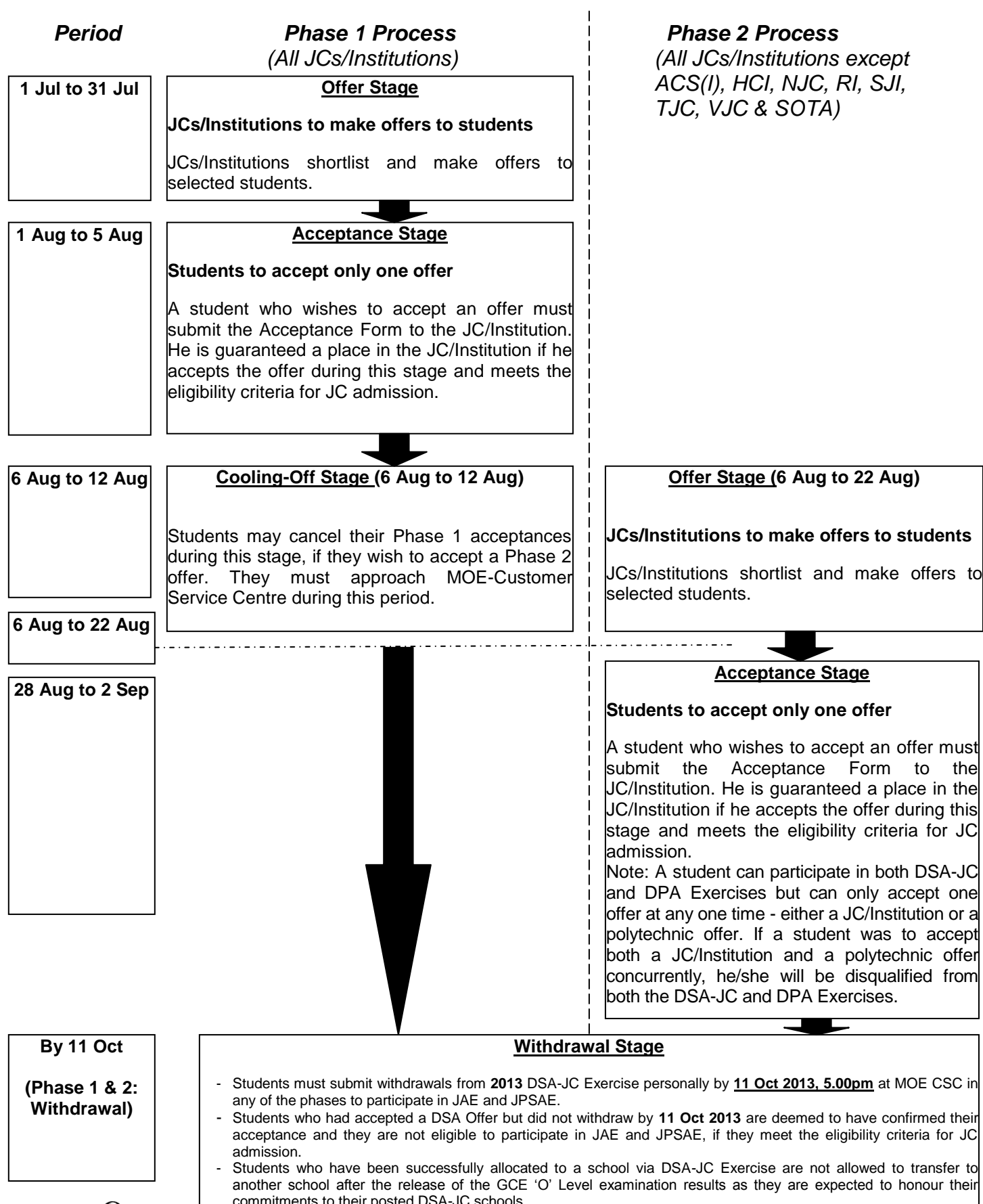
Thank you

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¹ Students who do not meet the eligibility criteria for JC admission based on their GCE 'O' Level examination results will not be admitted to the JC/Institution under the DSA-JC Exercise.

² Under the Joint Polytechnic Special Admissions Exercise (JPSAE), the polytechnics will consider applicants who have special aptitude and talents, based on the polytechnics' own and independent JPSAE criteria. For more information, please visit www.polytechnic.edu.sg.

Flowchart of the Steps in the 2013 DSA-JC Exercise



List of Websites of JCs/Institutions Participating in DSA-JC Exercise:

Name of JC/Institution	Website
1. ANDERSON JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://www.ajc.edu.sg
2. ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (INDEPENDENT) [#]	http://www.acs.sch.edu.sg/acs_indep
3. ANGLO-CHINESE JUNIOR COLLEGE*	http://www.acjc.edu.sg
4. CATHOLIC JUNIOR COLLEGE*	http://www.cjc.edu.sg
5. HWA CHONG INSTITUTION [#]	http://www.hwachong.edu.sg
6. INNOVA JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://www.innovajc.moe.edu.sg
7. JURONG JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://www.jurongjc.moe.edu.sg
8. MERIDIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://www.mjc.moe.edu.sg
9. NANYANG JUNIOR COLLEGE*	http://www.nanyangjc.org
10. NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://www.njc.edu.sg
11. PIONEER JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://www.pioneerjc.moe.edu.sg
12. RAFFLES INSTITUTION [#]	http://www.ri.edu.sg
13. SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, SINGAPORE [@]	http://www.sota.edu.sg
14. SERANGOON JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://www.srjc.moe.edu.sg
15. ST. ANDREW'S JUNIOR COLLEGE*	http://www.standrewsjc.moe.edu.sg
16. ST. JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION [#]	http://www.sji.edu.sg
17. TAMPINES JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://www.tpjc.moe.edu.sg
18. TEMASEK JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://temasekjc.moe.edu.sg
19. VICTORIA JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://www.vjc.moe.edu.sg
20. YISHUN JUNIOR COLLEGE	http://www.yishunjc.moe.edu.sg

* Government-aided JC

[#] Independent School offering JC or equivalent courses / Independent JC/Institution[@] Specialised Independent School