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## BURSARY AWARD CEREMONY – PRIMARY 6 & GCE 'O' LEVEL ON 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008

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MERCU™ Learning Point would be presenting bursary awards to its top five students based on their PSLE aggregates. Introduced in 2006, the Bursary Scheme Award rewards recipients with a bursary of up to \$2,000. A student from MERCU™ Private School, who sat for her full time GCE 'O' Level examinations last year, would be receiving \$1,500. This is the first time that an award is given to an 'O' level student from the school. The Award Ceremony to present these bursary awards will be held on **15<sup>th</sup> February 2008**.

To qualify for the Primary 6 Bursary Award scheme, students have to fulfil a few criterias, one of which is, for the student to attain a minimum aggregate of 245. Nur Anisa Putrianti Bte Razali, a student in P6 Guaranteed Results Programme®, successfully attained an aggregate of 262 in the PSLE last year. She is a former student from Chongzheng Primary School and is currently in Raffles Girls' School.

When interviewed on her achievement, she said, "*My parents, my teachers as well as my tutors in MERCU™ have helped me to excel in my studies. Even though it requires much hardwork, my tutors at MERCU™ taught me how to learn Science and Mathematics in fun ways. I was equipped with skills such as mind mapping, concept mapping and speed-reading. The lessons were fun and stimulating. Initially I was afraid to ask questions in class. However, after attending classes in MERCU™, I had definitely gained confidence. Thanks to MERCU™. My results as well as my self-confidence have greatly improved.*"

**P6 Guaranteed Results® Programme** assures parents that their children will pass their PSLE and move on to at least, the Normal Academic stream. Failing which, parents will be refunded up to 50% of their total tuition fees. In the programme, term tests and motivational or revision workshops are conducted for students.

A total of 960 students from the EM1/EM2 enrolled in the P6 Guaranteed Results® Programme since it started in December 2003. For the 2007 intake, 350 students enrolled in the programme. Out of which, 65% achieved Express stream. This is an improvement from 60% for last year's cohort. 30% passed and progressed to Normal Academic Stream and generally, these students were weak in their foundation of the core subjects upon entry to the P6 Guaranteed Results® Programme.

For the first time, **MERCU™ Private School** is giving out bursary awards to its deserving students. Radhiatul Mardhiyah Bte Mustafa, a former student of Madrasah Aljunied Al Islamiyah, will be receiving an award for being the top student in MERCU™ Private School, attaining 15 points for 5 subjects in the GCE 'O' Level.

She said, "I had only one year to seriously prepare for my 'O' levels. I did not expect to achieve such results. The teachers at MERCU<sup>TM</sup> are always giving encouragement and willing to go the extra mile to assist students. MERCU<sup>TM</sup> has played a big part in helping me achieve my goal."

Started in 2004, MERCU<sup>TM</sup> Private School offers full-time 'O' and 'N' Level programmes. Both programmes offer a foundation term where students undergo intensive revision and foundation lessons on the core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science.

Mr Michael Palmer, MP for Pasir Ris-Punggol GRC, will grace the event as the Guest-of-Honour. We cordially invite members of the press to cover the event. The details of the event are as follows:

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2008 (Friday)**

**Time: 7.15pm – 9.15pm (press to arrive latest by 7.30pm)**

**Venue: 1 Pasir Ris Dr 4, Pasir Ris East Community Building, AMP@Pasir Ris,  
4<sup>th</sup> floor, AMP Auditorium**

*(The programme schedule for the event can be found on the 3<sup>rd</sup> page)*

Please RSVP by **14<sup>th</sup> February 2008** via email: [sumarni@merculearning.com](mailto:sumarni@merculearning.com) or telephone, at the numbers indicated below, to confirm your attendance. We look forward to your presence at the event.

### **About MERCU<sup>TM</sup> Learning Point**

MERCU<sup>TM</sup> Learning Point is an education and training provider that offers a comprehensive range of programmes and services to the general public, corporate, grassroots organisations and other Voluntary Welfare Organisations (VWOs). Set up in 1999, MERCU<sup>TM</sup> has an extensive network of early childhood educational centres, student care centres, learning centres and a private school.

MERCU<sup>TM</sup> comprises of one preschool centre and two childcare centres, four student care centres and three learning centres that offer academic and enrichment for students and a Private School offering full-time private GCE 'N' and 'O' level programme.

We kindly request the media's support and assistance to inform members of the public of these programmes so that they may take advantage of its benefits. Should you require more information, please contact Ms Sumarni at 6346 8301 or e-mail: [sumarni@merculearning.com](mailto:sumarni@merculearning.com)

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**Programme Schedule: Bursary Award Ceremony 2008 (15 February 08)**

7.15pm	Arrival of Guests & Registration
7.45pm	Arrival of Guest-of-Honour
7.50pm	Presentation of Corporate Video
8.00pm	Speech by Chairman, MERCU <sup>TM</sup> - Mr Moiz Tyebally
8.05pm	Presentation of Most Improved Student Award – Primary 1 to 5
	Presentation of Bursary to Top 5 PSLE Students
	Presentation of Outstanding Performance Award in GCE 'O' Levels
	Presentation of Bursary to Top GCE 'O' Level Student
	Speech by Top PSLE Student
8.45pm	End of Programme / Reception

**Recipients: Top Students for Primary 6 Guaranteed Results Programme**

Student Name	Aggregates
Nur Anisa Putrianti Bte Razali	262
Khairul Anuar Bin Hamidon	258
Rabiatul Adawiyah Bte Rosli	257
Ko Johann	251
Muhd Hafiz Bin Hashim	251

**Recipients: Most Improved Student Primary 1 – 5 (2007)**

Student Name	Level	SA1 Results			SA2 Results		
		Eng	Maths	Sci	Eng	Math	Science
Aqilah Hani Bte Alfian	Primary 1	63%	70%	-	80%	80%	-
Aqil Lutfi Bin Md Ali	Primary 2	58%	47%	-	74%	72%	-
Muhd Danish Bin Sallehuddin	Primary 3	59%	77%	60%	76%	79%	76%
Muhammad Yusri Bin Abdul Rahman	Primary 4	49%	52%	53%	68%	86%	55%
Eidhan Khalis Suhairi	Primary 5	67%	70%	63%	74%	89%	78%

**Top GCE 'O' Level Student: Radhiatul Mardhiyah Bte Mustaffa**

Subjects	Grades
English Language	A2
Malay Language	A1
Mathematics	B3
Science (Phy/Chem)	C6
Combined Humanities	B3

**Most Outstanding Performance in GCE 'O'**

Student Name	Subject	Grades
Radhiatul Mardhiyah Bte Mustaffa	Malay Language	A1
Nuruljannahtul Naim Bte Ramli	Malay Language	A1