

Top student outdoes her seniors

AN ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) of 99.75 placed Tan Chia Ee, an INTI International University student who sat the South Australian Matriculation (SAM) 2013 exam, in the top five per cent of the world's achievers and a step closer to her goal of becoming a neurosurgeon.

Tan was awarded the SAM Highest Achiever Award, an honour given to SAM students with the highest ATAR in Malaysia and China.

She received the SAM Subject Highest Achiever Award for Biology, and the SACE (South Australian Certificate of Education) Merit Certificate for Biology and ESL Studies.

Tan said she drew inspiration from her seniors in the Class of 2012: Lew Yun Xin, Chiew Chong Keat and Kenny Liew.

"When I saw them receiving awards for achieving ATAR of above 99, I resolved to emulate them."

Pre-University Studies director Mary Ng said: "Tan actually outdid her seniors. The top student of 2012 scored an ATAR of 99.56. These results are evidence of INTI's staff and students' commitment to a tradition of ever-improving academic excellence."

At INTI International University, 35.09 per cent of the 2013 SAM exam candidates achieved an ATAR of 90 and above to be ranked among the top 10 per cent in the world.

Among the high achievers were Loh Wen Kai and Sam Ong, who received the Highest SAM Subject Achiever Award for Mathematical Studies and Research Project.

SACE merit certificates were presented to Sarah Goh and Tan Sue Faye for ESL Studies, Sam Ong for Research Project and Loh Wen Kai for Math-

ematical Studies.

The internationally-recognised South Australian Matriculation qualification is equivalent to Year 12 of education in Australia.

It allows students to gain direct entry into universities in Australia, New Zealand, the UK, the US and other countries. Assessment of individual subjects in the South Australian Matriculation programme consists of school assessment (70 per cent) and public examinations (30 per cent).

The school assessment component encourages independent learning and hones study skills for university.

Assessment tasks including projects, assignments and laboratory work are assigned yearlong, and marks are submitted to the SACE Board to be moderated during the public examinations.

Public examinations are provided by the SACE Board of South Australia, a statutory authority of the Government of South Australia, and developed by examination panels that include secondary school and university representatives.

The examination papers are marked in Australia.

INTI International University, the largest centre for SAM in the southern region of Malaysia, is one of the few SAM examination centres in the country that are recognised by the SACE Board, which awards the South Australian Certificate of Education and administers the SAM programme.

INTI's SAM graduates have gone on to complete their university education around the world, establishing careers in commerce, medicine, pharmacy, engineering and law.

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