

PRESS RELEASE

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Closure of School of Applied Studies

1. The School of Applied Studies (SAS) has informed the Council for Private Education (CPE) of its decision to cease operation on 20 October 2010 at 4 a.m. via the email. They have cited financial difficulties as the reason, and sought the CPE's assistance to place out the students to other private education institutions.

2. The CPE and SAS jointly held a briefing to affected students on the evening of 20 October 2010 at the school premises, to inform of the various measures. The students were briefed on administrative details such as procedures to claim outstanding course fees from the insurance companies and ESCROW banks, and place out options.

3. SAS was registered with the Ministry of Education in March 2002. The school was granted 1-year registration on 20 May 2010, and has not been awarded the EduTrust Certification. On the records from the SAS, it has 300 students, of which, 85 are international students on student passes. The CPE is currently reviewing the records collected from the PEI last evening and will work with relevant agencies and private education players to minimise disruptions to the affected students.

4. Mr Henry Heng, Chief Executive Officer of the CPE provides the assurance that "The interests of the students are our utmost concern, and the priority right now is to assist these affected students to be placed out at other PEIs as soon as possible. We have a clear course of action to facilitate their placements in place, and will be doing everything we can to address their concerns."

5. Students with further queries may contact the CPE Student Services Centre at hotline: 6592 2108 or email CPE_CONTACT@cpe.gov.sg.

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