## The Number of Applicants for the 2014 Comprehensive Assessment Program for Junior High School Students

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The application for the 2014 Comprehensive Assessment Program for Junior High School Students ended on March 15<sup>th</sup>. According to the statistics reported by the National Test Affairs Committee (NTAC; New Taipei Municipal New Taipei Senior High School), a total of 271,205 students signed up for the Program, and were distributed in 18 examination districts nationwide and one examination center in Mainland China. In particular, 270,024 applicants applied through group application, while 1,181 applied as individuals. Taichung-Nantou, New Taipei City, and Kaohsiung examination districts had the most applicants, with respective numbers of 42,144, 42,060, and 30,528.

The total number of applicants with special identities was 8,794, including aborigines, children of governmental expatriate employees, Mongolian and Tibetan students, overseas Chinese students in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao students, veterans, and children of outstanding overseas scientific and technological talents. The total number of applicants with disabilities was 7,057, including those with intellectual disability, visual, hearing, or physical impairments, cerebral palsy, health impairments, emotional behaviors, learning or multiple disabilities, autism, developmental retardation, or other disabilities. The NTAC stated that applicants with special identities should submit related documents of proof for further review during any enrollment application procedure. While the documents of applicants with disabilities has been reviewed during the procedure of application, applicants still have to wait for the final approval of their requests for the special arrangement after they are verified by the review panel of the host schools that consists of scholars, experts and professionals in the related fields of special education. Therefore, applicants with disabilities should contact the host schools of test affairs in the examination districts in order to receive proper service and arrangement.

This year, the Program will be held in air-conditioned rooms, with exceptions of 544 applicants applying for "non-air-conditioned" test venues. Host schools of test affairs in each examination district will arrange venues for the applicants based on their choices.

The examination dates of the 2014 Program will fall on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Admission cards will be mailed out on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Junior high school graduates of the current year who have signed up for the Program through group application shall receive the admission cards from their current junior high schools. Individual applicants shall receive their cards from the host schools of test affairs in each examination district. The NTAC reminded all applicants to have a detailed check of their own admission ticket. Group application applicants should apply for error correction on the card at their current junior high schools by 5PM on April 14<sup>th</sup>, while individual applicants should apply for it at the host schools by 5PM on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

For further information on the 2014 Comprehensive Assessment Program for Junior High School Students, please visit its official website at http://cap.ntnu.edu.tw/, or National Test Affairs Committee's website at http://cap.ntsh.ntpc.edu.tw/. For application details, please contact host schools of test affairs in each examination district.