



NUS Students'

Political Association

## Chancellor's Challenge Shield 2010 Singapore 2061 – What do YOU want it to be?

### Introduction

Chancellor's Challenge Shield (CCS) is an annual event organized by the CCS sub-committee under NUSPA. This event was inaugurated and formally endorsed in July 1992 by the late Dr Wee Kim Wee, former President of the Republic of Singapore and then Chancellor of NUS. The past editions of CCS were well received by the participants, as well as the invited guests.

### Objectives

CCS is organised along three main objectives. Firstly, CCS aims to raise the level of political and current affairs awareness amongst youths in Singapore regardless of nationality.

Secondly, by involving students from the Universities, Polytechnics and JCs, CCS aims to provide a platform for students from all walks of life to exchange views and opinions, thereby fostering greater inter-institutional ties between the broad spectrum of educational institutions.

Through a series of challenging and interactive quizzes and tasks, CCS finally seeks to encourage and empower youths to keep up with current affairs and understand the importance of being a well-informed member of Singaporean and Global Society.

### Thematic Information and Revamping of CCS 2010

CCS will introduce for the first time a theme, in its bid to encourage critical and creative application of participants' knowledge of current affairs to a thematic problem in Singapore that is relevant to one's daily lives. Previous editions of CCS have largely focused on knowledge and understanding. CCS 2010 aims to focus more on creative and critical application of knowledge, in which participants can share their knowledge to the larger society where they will have an opportunity to educate or even forge social change and awareness via the CCS framework. **As such, elements of the theme will be presented via an expanded Preliminary Round and an introduction of a Video Competition as a Semi-Final component.**

The theme for CCS 2010 is *Singapore 2061 - What do YOU want it to be?* This theme is crafted in consideration of the Government's upcoming Concept Plan 2011, which gives a broad visionary plan for Singapore's Urban Development for the next 50 years. By adopting this theme, CCS 2010 aims to empower student participants to think critically and creatively about Singapore's urban future. Student work from this competition will be compiled into an executive

summary cum policy recommendation and will be presented to the Ministry of National Development (MND) upon conclusion of the event symbolizing Singaporean Youth's contributions to the drafting of Concept Plan 2011.

### **Participants**

Owing to the enhanced rigorous nature of CCS 2010, **two divisions will be created for the first time to ensure fairness of assessment during both the preliminary and semi-final rounds.** The two divisions will be referred to as the **High Schools** and **Tertiary Institutions** divisions.

#### **High Schools Division**

All students currently pursuing a full-time course such as the GCE A Levels or the International Baccalaureate Diploma or its equivalent in Junior Colleges, Integrated Programme Schools, Millennia Institute and International Schools based in Singapore. For Integrated Programme Schools and International Schools, participants should be in their penultimate or final year of study as of 01 Jan 2010.

Your school may send up to 3 teams, with each team consisting of 4 members. Teams are permitted, though optional, to nominate a reserve participant per team; who may be activated at your own discretion in the event one of your participants is unable to attend. However, reserves will not receive the certificate of participation unless they have participated in the Preliminary or Grand Finals round.

#### **Tertiary Institutions Division**

All full-time matriculated students from the five Universities (NTU, NUS, SMU, NIE and SIM), and Polytechnics. Each team consists of 4 members, though teams are strongly encouraged to nominate a reserve participant who may be activated at the team's own discretion in the event one of your participants is unable to attend.

Registration will begin on **11<sup>th</sup> January 2010** and end on **23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010**. Please register **online** by filling in your team(s) particulars' on the appropriate Google Form which will be made available on the official NUSPA website at <http://www.nuspa.org/> by the stipulated deadline.

### **Event Information (Preliminary Round)**

#### **Staggered Timeline for CCS 2010**

In light of the expanded nature of CCS 2010 especially with the introduction of a semi-final round, the Preliminary and Grand Final rounds will be held separately. More details pertaining to the nature of the Semi-Finals and Grand Final rounds will be given out to teams who have successfully passed the Preliminary Round.

**Date & Time**

06 Mar 2010 (Saturday). Registration will start at 9.30am and end by 10.15am. It is a one day event expected to end by 2pm.

**Venue**

National University of Singapore  
Faculty of Science  
Lecture Theatre 28

**Dress Code**

All participants are expected to be dressed in their respective full school uniform or school polo T-shirt. University and Polytechnic students should avoid wearing sandals, slippers, shorts and bermudas.

**Event Information (Grand Finals) – More details will be given out to successful semi-finalists after the Preliminary Round.****Date & Time**

27 March 2010 (Saturday). Registration will start at 12.30pm and end by 1.05pm. It is a one day event starting at 1.30pm and ending at 5.30pm; with the Guest of Honour arriving at 3.30pm.

**Venue (*to be confirmed*)**

National University of Singapore  
University Hall – Lee Kong Chian Wing  
Auditorium  
Level 2

**Guest of Honour**

Ms Grace Fu Hai Yien  
Senior Minister of State (Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Education)

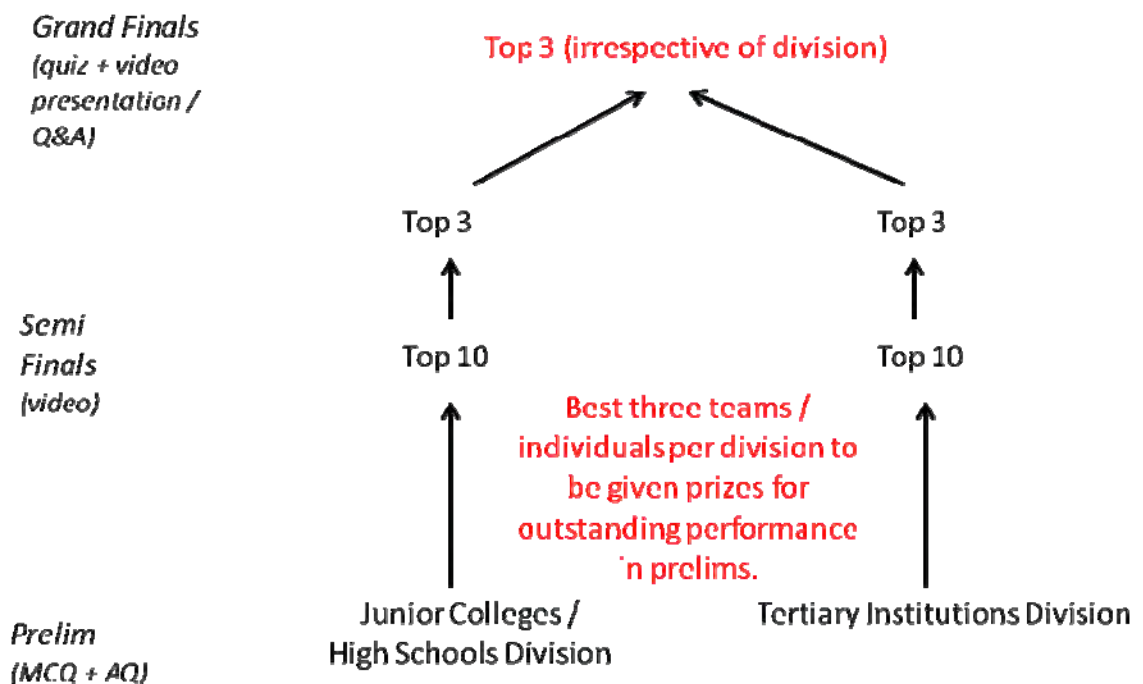
**Dress Code**

All participants are expected to be dressed in their respective full school uniform with tie. University and Polytechnic students must be dressed in office attire with tie (for men).

**All successful semi-finalist teams are required to attend the Grand Finals, where the outcome of the Semi-Final competition will be announced during the Grand Finals itself. All prizes will also be given out during the Grand Finals.**

### **Quiz Format (Please see diagram on the next page for Route of Progression)**

- Preliminaries
  - The Preliminary Round will have two parts, notably the Quiz and Application Essay components with both having equal weightage (50-50). All registered teams are required to sit for this round.
  - The Quiz comprises a total of 50 multiple-choice questions within 45 minutes which will be attempted individually. Individual scores will be combined to form a team score. The quiz aims to assess students' knowledge of current affairs in political, economic and socio-cultural aspects over the past one year.
  - The Application Essay will be attempted as a team within 45 minutes. Teams will be required to propose a suitable response to a situational problem which will be related to the theme. Teams will be permitted to express their answers using sketch maps or diagrams apart from merely writing long essays.
  - Teams' inputs from the Application Essay will be compiled into an executive summary cum policy recommendation to be presented to MND upon the conclusion of CCS 2010 symbolizing Singaporean Youth contribution to Concept Plan 2011.
  - The top ten teams from both the High Schools and Tertiary Institutions divisions will progress to the Semi-Finals. Prizes will be given to individuals and teams for outstanding performance in the Preliminary Round.
- Semi-Finals
  - Semi-finalists will be tasked to produce a short **3 minutes video** in which fieldwork must be conducted. Active consultation and interaction with the general public is strongly encouraged. The video assignment question will be related to the theme, in which semi-finalists will be permitted to execute ideas proposed in the application question in the preliminary round.
  - Successful videos would have adequately increased public awareness of an urban problem in Singapore which warrants policy attention in the Concept Plan 2011 in a concise, creative and critical manner.
  - **More details pertaining to the Semi-Final round will be released following the Preliminary Round.**
  - The top three teams from both the High Schools and Tertiary Institutions divisions will receive prizes. Out of the six teams, three teams regardless of division will be selected to participate in the Grand Finals.
- Grand Finals
  - The Grand Finals will consist of two intervals, namely the Gameshow and Video Presentation.
  - The first interval comprises of a gameshow-style current affairs quiz will be conducted in the presence of NUS Senior Management and Sponsor Representatives.
  - The second interval which comprises of the video presentation will be conducted in the presence of the Guest of Honour.
  - More details pertaining to the Grand Finals such as the format of both intervals will be released to Semi-Finalists after the Preliminary Round.



### Registration Fees

In light of the expanded nature of CCS 2010, registration fees will now be collected which will help partially defray the high expenses incurred in executing this event. The registration fee is **S\$20.00 per team** regardless of division. Details pertaining to the procedure for paying the fee will be announced in due time.

### Prizes and Certificates

Overall 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$500 and Individual Trophies
Overall 2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$300 and Individual Trophies
Overall 3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$200 and Individual Trophies

Special prizes will be given out for outstanding performance in the Preliminary and Semi-Finals Round, in particular for the Quiz, Application Essay and Video Assignments per division.

Preliminary Round participants will be given a Certificate of Participation while Semi-Finalists and Grand Finalists will be given a Certificate of Commendation.

All Prizes and Certificates of Commendation will be given out during the Grand Finals.

### Contact Details

You may send your enquiries to [ccs@nuspa.org](mailto:ccs@nuspa.org)

We look forward to your participation.

Yours truly,

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