新大也取消学能评估为入学条件

随着新加坡国立大学和南洋理工大学在今年年初取消把学能评估测验（SAT）成绩作为入学条件之后，新加坡管理大学也在昨天发表文告表示，今后学生可以自由呈交SAT1的成绩，作为额外考量，但这个成绩已经不再是本地学生入读新大的强制条件。

新大自2000年创校以来一直以SAT作为入学标准，也是我国第一所大学采取这样的做法。就算在今年3月，当国大和南大决定取消SAT成绩为入学标准后，该校发言人仍然表示他们的入学标准不变。初级学院毕业生和理工学院毕业生，除要分别呈交A水准会考成绩和工院毕业成绩，还都要呈交SAT成绩。如今这项改变，可说为工院生去除了入学障碍。

国立和南大决定取消SAT成绩为入学要求后，今年接到来自理工学院生的申请表格便分别多达1万1000份及1万2000份，比去年的2000名多出五倍。工院生今年申请新大的人数并没有激增，原因跟新大仍然需要SAT成绩的成绩有关。

新大文告指出，虽然SAT成绩不再成为入学的强制条件，但是校方仍然希望学生能尽量呈交，这将能增加他们被录取的机会。而对国际学生来说，入学仍需呈交SAT成绩。本地学生要修读双学位，要申请奖学金者，也仍需呈交SAT成绩。

新大文告指出，新大在对在校学生和有潜质入学新大的学生所做的意见调查后，发现他们能自由呈交SAT1成绩的意愿，于是作出上述决定。

新大招生处主任伍书斌说：“我们重视学生的意见，对他们的决定充满信心。这样做，配合了新大要培养学生，成为一个对自己、对社区、对社会有责任的专业人士和企业家的意愿。”

能让更多学生入学

新大二年级会计系学生蔡特丝（20岁）来自义安理工学院。她的SAT虽能考得1300分，但是她承认对工院生或甚至初院生，要在SAT考得高分，并不容易。

她说：“我很多工院同学的SAT都考得不好，有些还低至1000分。就连初院生，成绩也不好。就我所知，很多初院生还拿不到1300分。”

现在新大决定让学生自由呈交SAT分数，蔡特丝认为是一件好事。她说：“这样做，能让更多人入学。”
SMU also does away with SAT as admission requirement

Following the announcement by National University of Singapore (NUS) and Nanyang Technological University (NTU) early this year to scrap Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores as admission requirement, Singapore Management University (SMU) also announced yesterday that students now have the freedom to choose whether or not to take the SAT as entry requirement although they can still submit their SAT scores for admission.

Since its inception in 2000, SMU has used the SAT scores as part of its admission criteria, it was also the first university to have adopted the approach. In March this year, even after NUS and NTU had announced their decision to do away with SAT scores as entry requirement, SMU kept to its original stand. Besides their A-level/polytechnic grades, graduates from junior colleges and polytechnics also need to submit their SAT scores. This new change is said to have removed obstacles for the applicants.

Following NUS' and NTU's new move, polytechnic applications increased to 11,000 and 12,000 respectively, an increase of more than 2000 applications from last year. For SMU, there is no increase of the number of polytechnic applicants this year as this is due to the SAT entry requirement.

According to a SMU media release, while the SAT will no longer be absolutely required, students are strongly encouraged to take and submit their SAT scores, which can be used as an advantage in situations where they are being assessed against other applicants with similar academic grades but without SAT scores. For international students, they will still need to submit their SAT scores. SAT will also remain compulsory for local students who are applying for direct entry into SMU's double degree programme as well as for scholarship applicants.

The release also highlighted that SMU has sought feedback from students themselves who have responded that they would prefer to have the freedom of choice whether or not to take the SAT, hence the new move.

SMU Undergraduate Admissions Director Alan Goh said, "We value and appreciate our students' feedback and we are confident about the choices they make as it mirrors SMU's desire to develop students into professionals and entrepreneurs with a strong sense of responsibility – of self, community and society."

To admit more students

SMU second-year accountancy student Chua Tess, 20, graduated from Ngee Ann Polytechnic. Although she had a SAT score of 1300, she felt that it was a challenge for both polytechnic and A-level applicants to achieve high SAT scores.

She said, "Many of my polytechnic mates did not do well in their SAT, some even had scores of below 1000. Similarly, A-level applicants did not do well either. To my knowledge, there were many who didn't score 1300."

In response to SMU's latest decision to allow students the freedom of submitting SAT scores or not, Tess felt that it was a good move. She said, "This will allow more students to be admitted."