

# The art of crafting active citizens



More peaks of excellence in PE, Art and Music

Education Minister Ng Eng Hen, at the Work Plan Seminar 2010 announced the new enhanced music and art programmes. Jane Ng from Straits Times writes:

“The three schools picked to run the new enhanced art and music programmes are St Andrew's Secondary and CHIJ Katong Convent, which will focus on art, and Chung Cheng High (Main), on music.

Under the programme, students with talent in either art or music can develop their gift. The schools will be given the funds to buy music instruments or art equipment. Those offering the art programme can ask for up to \$150,000, and those-doing the music programme, up to \$100,000. The art programme at CHIJ Katong Convent will include, for example, photography, creative digital imaging and animation, so the funds will go into buying high-end scanners and printers, said its art teacher, Mr Juraimy Abu Bakar.

Dr Ng, noting that teachers are beacons of inspiration for their students, said: "Just because we added all the right ingredients doesn't mean the soup will be great.... There is one critical ingredient that is crucially needed - the anointing touch of that special teacher, the one who stirs the pot and makes it all come together for the child in front of him.

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