1,000 more varsity spots for S’poreans this year

Even as we create more places, we want our students to be able to meet the rigours of the programmes and at the same time, to make the best use of opportunities as our economy grows and becomes more diverse,” he wrote. The Government will continue to work towards providing publicly-funded university spaces for 40 per cent of every cohort by 2020, he said, adding it would take “hard work from the Ministry of Education, our universities and our partners, but it is a most worthwhile goal”.

For young Singaporeans vying for those university spots, he had this piece of advice: “Remember that higher education is not about chasing a piece of paper.

“What is more important is to build deep skills and have the right values that will enable you to succeed in the long haul.”

SINGAPORE – Another 1,000 university places will be offered this year,umping up the total number of spots for local students at the six publicly-funded universities to 14,000.

The increased number of places, the highest ever, also means the Government has achieved its aim of providing university places for 30 per cent of Singaporean students a year ahead of its 2015 target.

Most of the additional places will come from the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) and SIM University (UniSIM).

Education Minister Heng Swee Keat said this in a Facebook post yesterday, along with an announcement that SIT has become the newest autonomous university, joining the National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Management University, UniSIM and Singapore University of Technology and Design.

SIT’s new status, he said, was part of efforts to steadily expand higher education opportunities for young Singaporeans and the proportion of each cohort admitted to the publicly-funded universities was being raised each year.

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