

# Sec 1 e-Registration Briefing on Mother Tongue Languages

# Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Policy

The Mother Tongue Language (MTL) policy requires **all students (including foreign students)** to study MTL.

MTL is an **entry requirement** to Junior Colleges.

# Importance of Mother Tongue

Learning Mother Tongue Languages is more than just obtaining a grade. It's about knowing our roots and culture.

We seek the partnership of parents/guardians to continue to inculcate the interests and love of the Mother Tongue Languages in our students at home.



# List of Mother Tongue Subjects offered

## In GESS

- a) **Mother Tongue (CL/ML/TL)**
- b) **Higher Mother Tongue (HCL/HML)**

## In external venues

- a) **Higher Mother Tongue (HTL)**
- b) **Non-Tamil Indian Languages (NTIL)**  
(Bengali/ Gujarati/ Hindi/ Panjabi/ Urdu )

# List of Mother Tongue Subjects offered

## In external venues

- c) **MTL-in-lieu:** Foreign Languages  
(French/German/Japanese/ Thai/Burmese)
  
- d) **Third Language**  
Malay (Special Programme), Chinese (Special Programme), Bahasa Indonesia, Arabic, French, German, Japanese and Spanish.

# Higher Mother Tongue (HCL/HML/HTL)

- **Eligibility for Higher Chinese/Higher Malay/Higher Tamil**

In addition to students who obtained an overall PSLE score of 8 or better, those with an overall PSLE score of 9 to 14 (inclusive) and attained AL1/AL2 in Mother Tongue Language (MTL) or Distinction/Merit in Higher Chinese/Higher Malay/Higher Tamil, are also eligible to study Higher Chinese/Higher Malay/Higher Tamil at secondary school level.

- **Only eligible Sec 1 students** will be offered Higher Mother Tongue. Please indicate your decision to the form that has been sent out via PG today.
- Please submit the form **by 26 Dec 2024**.

# Higher Mother Tongue (HCL/HML/HTL)

- **Higher Chinese and Higher Malay** is offered in **GESS**
- **Higher Tamil** students need to opt for their **preferred centres** (UPTLC, Jurong West Sec, Marsiling Sec, Pasir Ris Crest Sec)

**Please indicate your preferred HMT centre asap as we need to help to register your child with the centre by 26 Dec.**

# **CRITERIA FOR TRANSFER FROM MOTHER TONGUE TO HIGHER MOTHER TONGUE AT THE END OF SEM 2**

Students in G3 posting group who attain at least an

**a) overall result of 75% for Mother Tongue &**

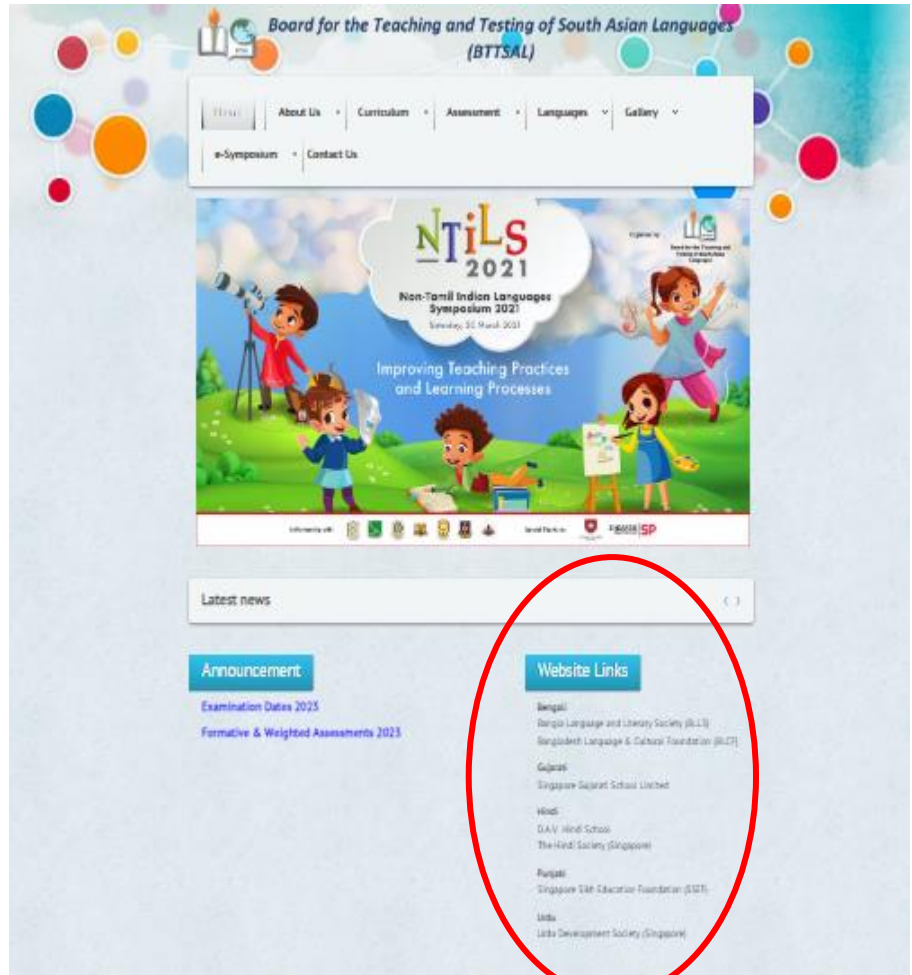
**b) an average of 70% or higher for all subjects overall**

may be considered for Higher Mother Tongue in the following year.



# Non-Tamil Indian Languages (NTIL) (Bengali/ Gujarati/ Hindi/ Punjabi/ Urdu )

- Please register for NTIL **before the start of the new school term** through the respective links found in <http://www.bttsal.com>
- **BTTSAL- Board for the Teaching and Testing of South Asia Languages)**



# Non-Tamil Indian Languages (NTIL) (Bengali/ Gujarati/ Hindi/ Punjabi/ Urdu )

- For NTIL, only marks provided by MOELC will be recorded and used for promotion purposes.
- Lessons at MOE Language Centres are **compulsory**. Students who are unable to attend with valid reasons must produce supporting documents(e.g. Medical Certificate)

# **Students who are offered Foreign Languages in-lieu of MTL (Not Exemption)**

## **Important:**

- Students who are offered **Foreign Languages in-lieu of MTL (French/German/Japanese) or Thai/Burmese at Primary** are **NOT** exempted from Mother Tongue Languages.
- Students are to continue taking the subject with **private study** arrangements and **sit for the national examination in 4 years' time.**

# Students who are offered MTL-in-lieu/ Foreign Languages (Not Exemption)

- MOELC has **limited vacancies** in classes for Foreign Languages. Therefore, students are required to study the FL at **Private Centres** or with a **Private Tutor** while waiting. You are required to submit documents such as marked assignments, result slips, payment receipt etc for checking by end of Term 1.
- For students who wish to study the FL in MOELC, they are required to submit a **re-application** through the school and they will be placed on the waiting list to be considered for MOELC admission. They will need to sit for a Readiness Test should a vacancy at MOELC be available.

# Students who are offered MTL-in-lieu/ Foreign Languages (Not Exemption)

- Important: Students who offer **Thai/Burmese** in lieu of Mother Tongue Language are to study on their own as these subjects are not offered at MOELC.
- **No marks** will be recorded in their report books nor will they be used for promotion purposes.
- However, students are required to sit for the national exam at end of 4 years.

# **3<sup>rd</sup> Language Application**

**Malay (Special Programme), Chinese (Special Programme), Bahasa Indonesia, Arabic, French, German, Japanese and Spanish.**

Students who have applied for **3<sup>rd</sup> Language**, will be informed by their Form teachers by today, 19 December, on the outcome of their application.

# **3<sup>rd</sup> Language Application**

**Malay (Special Programme), Chinese (Special Programme), Bahasa Indonesia, Arabic, French, German, Japanese and Spanish.**

**Successful applicants** are to register for 3<sup>rd</sup> Language at MOE Language Centres or Zonal Centres via their website **between 19 Dec 2024 to 2 Jan 2025.**

**Places of students who failed to register by the stipulated dates will be allocated to other applicants on the waiting list.**

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Language Application

**Malay (Special Programme), Chinese (Special Programme), Bahasa Indonesia, Arabic, French, German, Japanese and Spanish.**

Language Centre Posted To	Registration
<b>MSP Zonal Centre</b> (Zhonghua Secondary School)	<p>Students to click on the link below to complete registration for your MSP.</p> <p><a href="https://sites.google.com/moe.edu.sg/2025zhonghuasec1infoportal/higher-mtl-3rd-lang-msp?authuser=0">https://sites.google.com/moe.edu.sg/2025zhonghuasec1infoportal/higher-mtl-3rd-lang-msp?authuser=0</a></p> <p>If the centre is unsuitable for your child and you want to switch centre, do register first via the link above and indicate your interest to transfer centre in the same registration form.</p>



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Language Application

**Malay (Special Programme), Chinese (Special Programme), Bahasa Indonesia, Arabic, French, German, Japanese and Spanish.**

Language Centre Posted To	Registration
<p><b>MOE Language Centre (Bishan or Newton)</b></p> <p><b>For MSP, CSP, Bahasa Indonesia, Arabic, FLs</b></p>	<p>Students to confirm the acceptance of the offer and complete the online registration at:</p> <p><a href="https://www.moelc.moe.edu.sg/">https://www.moelc.moe.edu.sg/</a></p> <p><b>Period of registration From 19 December 2024 (Thurs) to 2 January 2025 (Thu)</b></p>

## Frequently Asked Questions by Successful Applicants

For Ministry of Education Language Centre (MOELC):

<b>1</b>	<b><i>Why must I register at the Ministry of Education Language Centre (MOELC)?</i></b>
Ans.	You must register online at MOELC website to confirm your acceptance of the offer to study a 3rd language. Information on the class allocation, textbooks and supplementary materials can also be downloaded from the website.
<b>2</b>	<b><i>How do I get to the MOELC?</i></b>
Ans.	Please refer to the location maps at <a href="http://www.moelc.moe.edu.sg/contact-us">http://www.moelc.moe.edu.sg/contact-us</a> .
<b>3</b>	<b><i>How much do the textbooks and supplementary materials cost?</i></b>
Ans.	Chinese (Special Programme) and Malay (Special Programme) use local textbooks which cost about \$30. The cost of the other textbooks for the foreign languages range between \$80 to \$180. as these are published overseas. For Bahasa Indonesia, the textbooks are used over 2 years.
<b>4</b>	<b><i>I am under the Financial Assistance Scheme. Am I eligible for free textbooks?</i></b>
Ans.	The Financial Assistance Scheme is administered by your school. You will need to check with your school for eligibility.
<b>5</b>	<b><i>What are the day(s) and time of the lessons?</i></b>
Ans.	Lessons are conducted once a week during the school term. Class details and lesson commencement date will be provided through the online registration.
<b>6</b>	<b><i>Are there any fees to be paid?</i></b>
Ans.	No, there are no fees to be paid.
<b>7</b>	<b><i>Are 3rd languages examination subjects or are they enrichment subjects?</i></b>
Ans.	All the 3rd Languages are full curriculum subjects, like any other subject in school. Students sit for the GCE 'O' Level Examination at the end of the 4th year of study. In addition, the French, German, Japanese and Spanish programmes offer an extension into the Junior College years leading to the GCE 'A' Levels.

## **Frequently Asked Questions by Successful Applicants**

For the **Zonal Centres:**

<b>1</b>	<b><i>Why must I register at the Centre I am posted to?</i></b>
Ans.	You must register online at the respective Zonal Centre website to confirm your acceptance of the offer to study Malay (Special Programme)/Chinese (Special Programme) i.e. MSP/CSP as a 3rd language. Information on the lesson schedule, textbooks and supplementary materials can also be obtained from the website.
<b>2</b>	<b><i>What are the day(s) and time of the lessons?</i></b>
Ans.	Class details and lesson commencement date will be provided through the online registration.
<b>3</b>	<b><i>Are there any fees to be paid?</i></b>
Ans.	No, there are no fees to be paid.
<b>4</b>	<b><i>Is MSP/CSP an examination subject or enrichment subject?</i></b>
Ans.	They are full curriculum subjects, like any subject in school. Students sit for the GCE 'O' Level Examination at the end of the 4th year of study.

# Students who are exempted from MT in Primary school

- Students **exempted** from the Mother Tongue Languages **at PSLE by MOE** will continue to be exempted in Secondary Schools.
- **Important** : Please submit a copy of **Exemption Letter given by MOE to Form Teachers** on **Thursday, 2 Jan 2025**.

# For queries on Mother Tongue Languages

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