

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

During this period, the DAS Academy ended its partnership with the London Metropolitan University (LondonMet) on 11 June 2013 for the MA in Specific Learning Differences. We will not take in new students for this course but commit to continue to teach out all existing students. As a replacement for this programme, the DAS Academy launched the new Masters in Special Educational Needs with the University of South Wales in September 2013 with a total of 39 students enrolled in the first module. This new Master degree will better equip students with skills and knowledge in Special Educational Needs (e.g. Social Emotional needs, behavioural aspects, etc...) beyond just the Specific Learning Differences focus of the LondonMet degree.

From June 2013, the DAS Academy partnered with AWWA Resource Centre (a fellow VWO) to deliver targeted workshops at all five polytechnics in Singapore in the area of Special Educational Needs. As of March 2014, we have successfully conducted a total of 10 training sessions attended by more than 250 lecturers and will continue to offer more of these workshops in the coming financial year.

For the first time, the DAS Academy achieved a 4-year registration for the Enhanced Registration Framework (ERF) with the Council for Private Education (CPE) from 30 December 2013 to 29 December 2017. Previous ERF registration with CPE had only been for one year. This 4-year registration shows that the DAS Academy has a clear future ahead of it and we will continue to grow in the years ahead.

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