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First Cohort of Life & Physical Sciences Graduates from PSB – The University of Western Australia (PSB-UWA) partnership

- Over 700 Life Science Professionals in the pipeline

Singapore, 12 August 2008 – On 13 August 2008, PSB Academy will see its **pioneer batch of 34 Life and Physical Sciences students graduating** from the Bachelor of Science degree programme offered in partnership with The University of Western Australia, a leading Group of Eight research university in Australia. They will be joined by 150 graduands from the PSB-UWA Business Bachelor, Master and Doctorate programmes.

Degrees will be conferred on the graduands by **Dr Michael Chaney, Chancellor of The University of Western Australia (UWA)** at the Presentation ceremony. An event which marks a significant milestone in the partnership between PSB Academy and UWA, the university has specially invited **Professor Barry Marshall, Nobel Laureate for Physiology or Medicine in 2005** and an alumnus of UWA, to speak at the ceremony. Other representatives from the university include **Professor Alan Robson – Vice-Chancellor, Professor George Stewart – Dean of Life & Physical Sciences** and **Ms Tracey Horton – Dean of Business School UWA.**

Contributing Quality Life Science Professionals-to-be

Dr Steve Lai, CEO of PSB Academy, said: “Singapore is rapidly gaining grounds to become the Life Science Hub in the region. With an investment of more than US\$2.1 billion committed to the sector, many big names around the world have either expanded their presence or set up a regional base here. The need for Life Science professionals will be increasing exponentially in the coming years.”

“We are excited to be part of this fast-growing industry, **contributing to the high calibre workforce required.** Besides the pioneer batch of graduates, we also have **over 700 students in the Life Science programme at PSB Academy** who will be graduating in the next one to two years. The large increase of students speaks volume about the quality of our programme and our partnership with The University of Western Australia.”



PSB Academy and The University of Western Australia started offering the Bachelor of Science programme in four **different Life Science specialisations** in 2004. Although the cohort started small, overwhelming applications in the following year sees the university increasing the class capacity and offering an additional three specialisations to the programme.

To cater to the needs of students who are interested but from non-science background, PSB Academy has also launch a Life Science Foundation course in 2005. A course specially designed to bridge to the first year of the Bachelor of Science programme, PSB Academy ensures **all students with an interest in Life Science will be given an opportunity to embark on a career in the field.**

Professor Alan Robson, Vice-Chancellor of The University of Western Australia, commented, "Life Sciences is an exhilarating field where technological and research developments provide answers for some of the big questions facing human life itself. A degree in Life Sciences from The University of Western Australia ensures that our graduates are internationally qualified and at the forefront of their field."

"In Singapore, UWA partners with the local expertise of PSB Academy which is backed by over four decades of heritage in education and a commitment to the students. This has enabled us to provide a high-quality studying experience to the students. We look forward to a continued successful relationship with PSB Academy in Singapore."

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About The University of Western Australia

The University of Western Australia (UWA) was founded in 1911. It is one of Australia's longest established universities and has been described as Australia's Top Comprehensive University. As one of Australia's Group of Eight research-intensive universities, UWA has an extremely strong research culture. In terms of scholastic research and teaching, UWA is widely recognized as the leader in its home state.

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