

Singapore excels in latest Mathematics and Science study

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SINGAPORE: Singapore students have once again done well in Science and Mathematics at an international study. The latest Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) looked at the subjects at the Primary 4 and Secondary 2 levels.

In Science, Singapore ranked first in both primary and secondary levels.

As for Primary 4 Mathematics, Singapore was second with a score of 599, eight points behind leaders Hong Kong.

Taiwan was ranked third and Japan fourth.

For Secondary 2 Mathematics, Singapore was third behind Taiwan and Korea with only five points separating the three.

The Ministry of Education said schools will continue to help students build up strong foundations in the two subjects so they will be equipped with the necessary skills to participate fully in society.

Since 1995, Singapore has been ranked within the top three positions with the exception for 7th position for Primary 4 Science in 1995.

The TIMSS study also affirmed that Singapore schools are well-equipped with Science laboratories, and resources are readily available for Mathematics and Science instruction.

In addition, Singapore schools are ranked the highest or second highest internationally when it comes to providing students with a safe and conducive environment for learning. - CNA/vm

