Early research start for JC1 students

NEW junior college (JC) students can soon take on research-related subjects as the 18-year-old Science Research Programme (SRP) is incorporated into the newly-introduced JC curriculum this May’s intake of students.

That’s when JC subjects are categorised into Higher 1 (H1) to Higher 3 (H3) levels. Students can take subjects spanning that range, with H3 being the toughest level, comparable to independent research or undergraduate modules at university.

“It is vigorous and pitched at undergraduate research level,” said chairman of the Science Research Programme Associate Professor Lim Tit Meng (picture).

Under the SRP, students can take part in research projects under the supervision of mentors from the National University of Singapore (NUS), research institutes, and government agencies.

Those who excel could also potentially get advanced placement in NUS and be granted exemption from one module. There are currently 120 students in the programme but about half are expected to be screened out by end May. — LIN YOQUAN