

Date: 24th January 2014

**The Principal
All Primary Schools**

Attn: HOD (Science) / HOD (English)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Shell Singapore Youth Science Festival - SSYSF Stage! Drama Competition for Primary Schools

The Shell Singapore Youth Science Festival is a national annual event jointly organised by the Science Centre Singapore, the Science Teachers' Association of Singapore and the Shell Companies in Singapore. This is the 37th year that the event has been organised. Introduced in 1978, SSYSF aims to give youth a deeper insight into science and technology and to provide opportunities for them to exchange views and experiences in science education.

Since 2007, an exciting competition called SSYSF Stage! has been organised, for primary level students. This year, the theme is '**Crystals – More than Meets the Eye**', as 2014 is the UN International Year of Crystallography. This event will see teams putting up a 7-minute skit on the theme. The winning teams will present at the Singapore Science Festival.

Each school is encouraged to send at least 1 team to participate in this event. Please refer to the details of the event attached.

We would greatly appreciate if this information could be circulated to all staff. This event would require interdisciplinary inputs. From previous submissions, we believe that your students will benefit greatly in learning both science content and presentation skills by participating in this event.

If your school would like to participate, please fill in the registration form to indicate interest and fax or e-mail it back to us by **11th Mar 2014**. You can fax the registration form to 6561 6361 or e-mail praba@science.edu.sg, attention Praba. For enquiries, please contact Praba at 6425 2441 or Charissa at 6425 2789. At this stage a full script is not required.

We look forward to meeting your students at the SSYSF Stage!

Yours sincerely



Dr. Lee Song Choon
Chair, SSYSF Stage!
SSYSF Stage! Organising Sub-Committee
Shell Singapore Youth Science Festival 2014

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SSYSF STAGE! 2014

About the Competition

SSYSF Stage! promotes science and its application, through drama.

SSYSF stage aims to promote

- better communication skills
- scientific knowledge
- creativity

The competition is open to all pupils in primary schools.

Performance Guidelines

Performance should be in the form of a short skit not exceeding 7 minutes. The performance should be based on this year's theme of "**Crystals – More than Meets the Eye**", as 2014 is the UN International Year of Crystallography.

Here are some suggested topics that teams can explore (the list is not exhaustive):

- Crystals in nature
- Crystals/mineral formation
- Crystal patterns
- Beauty of crystals and why they are valued
- Crystals and modern technology (eg. solar cells, semiconductors etc)

Competition Rules

General

- Each school is allowed to send a maximum of **3 teams**.
- Team formed can comprise up to 30 students including backstage helpers. Teachers can assist backstage (control AV system etc).
- Participants in the team must be a current student of the school.
- Performance should not exceed 7 minutes. A penalty will be imposed for performances exceeding 7 minutes.
- Performance should be in English.
- Props used should as far as possible be made from recycled materials. Please complete the Environmentally-friendly Props List attached on the list of recycled materials used.
- There will be a preliminary selection before the final judging. Participants should take note of the key dates of the competition.
- All sources for storyline, music, etc must be properly credited and acknowledged.

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Preliminary Audition

- Teams are to record a full performance (with no cuts/editing in between) and upload the videos onto Youtube. After which, please send the link to the Youtube video, together with the softcopy of the performance scripts and the Environmentally Friendly Prop List to Praba at praba@science.edu.sg **by 10th April**.
- Alternatively, if the team is having difficulty uploading the Youtube video, the team may send a CD/DVD of the recorded performance to Science Centre. The CD/DVD must reach Science Centre **by 10th April**. Please indicate that the CD/DVD is for SSYSF stage and attention to Praba. Please ensure that the school and team name are clearly stated.
- Late submissions will not be accepted in the competition.
- Teams must ensure that the recording is clear and the sound is clearly audible.

Finals

- Shortlisted finalists will be informed by 26th April.
- The Finals will be held in Science Centre Singapore (**Annexe Hall 1**) on **24th May (morning)**.
- 3 minutes for backstage preparation is allowed prior to the performance.
- The winning team will perform at the Singapore Science Festival on **19th and 20th July**.

Key Dates of Competition

11 th Mar	Submission of entry forms
10 th Apr	Preliminary audition deadline (submission of video on Youtube or CD/DVD)
22 nd and 23 rd May	Rehearsal for Finals
24 th May	Final Drama Competition (Venue: Science Centre, Annexe Hall 1)
19 th and 20 th July	Winning teams to perform at Singapore Science Festival (Venue: to be confirmed)

Judging Criteria

- Content relevance – 20 %
- Communication – 10 %
- Cast Performance – 20 %
- Overall Presentation – 30 %
- Use of environmentally friendly /recycled materials – 20 %

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Prizes

1st prize	\$600
2nd prize	\$400
3rd prize	\$200
5 Merit awards	\$100
Best 'props'	\$100
Best scientific content	\$100
Best performer	
Certificates for all participants	

Contact

For further information please contact:

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Pictures and Dimensions of Annexe Hall 1 stage (For Finals):

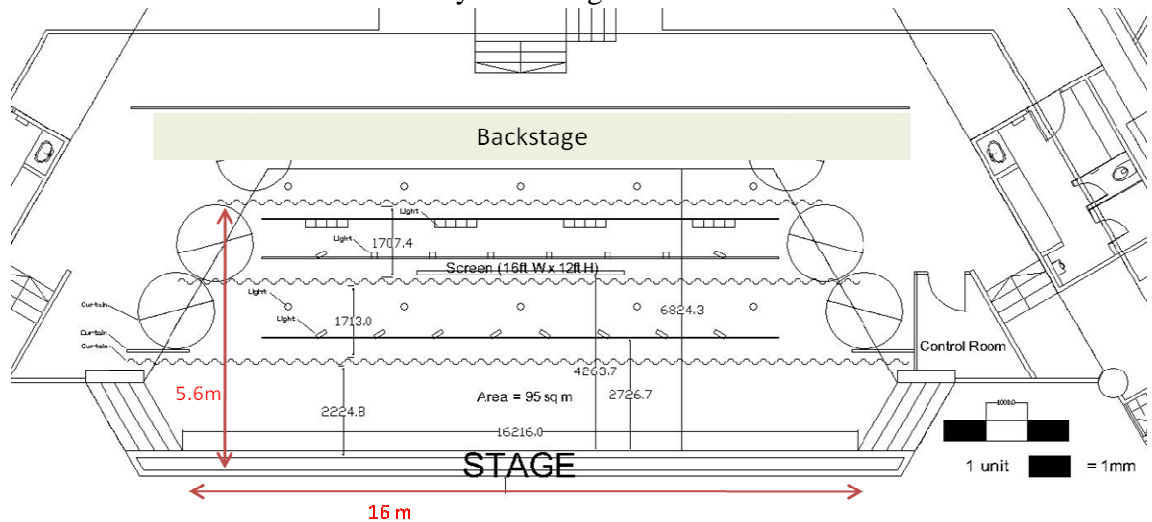


Side view of stage



Front view of stage

Layout of stage:



Front of stage

* Please note that the projector screen is a full length screen (from top to stage floor). The projector beam may shine directly on the participants if they stand in front of the screen.

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SSYSF STAGE! 2014 ENTRY FORM

School Details

Level of students _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

School Tel No _____

Contact Details –Teacher in Charge

Name _____ Date _____

Email _____

Phone (office) _____ Mobile _____

Teacher's Signature _____ Principal's Signature _____

Entry Details

Performance Title: _____

Group's Name _____

Number of performers _____ Number of crew _____

Brief Description of skit : _____

Entry to be faxed/ e-mailed to Science Centre Singapore by 11th Mar 2014.

Fax: 6561 6361 (Attn. Praba) or e-mail to praba@science.edu.sg .

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CHECKLIST FOR PRELIMINARY ROUND

Please submit the following to Praba at praba@science.edu.sg by 10th April 2014.

- Link to Youtube video / recording of performance
- Softcopy of script
- Completed environmentally friendly props list below

Environmentally Friendly Props List

To promote conservation and creativity, teams are strongly encouraged to use recycled materials as props. Please list the recycled or environmentally friendly materials used in the performance.

**You may attach additional sheets if necessary*

Prop	How is it environmentally friendly?

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