

## Nothing beats hard work and dedication

**PETALING JAYA** — Grit, determination and perseverance have paid off for students who excelled in the 2016 Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia examinations.

The smiles on the faces of the 17-year-olds said it all when they turned up at their schools to collect their results slips.

At SMK Taman SEA, top Science student Grace Neoh, who obtained 7A+s and 2As, said the wait for the results was the hardest part.

"The anticipation was killing me but I am glad it's over and I can move on," she told *Malay Mail*.

School mate Toh Jia Ying, who obtained 9As and 1B, said she was not satisfied with her results as she was expecting straights As.

In Ipoh, Perak, wheelchair-bound Chiang Wai Cheng was all smiles as he obtained 6As and 3Bs.

Wai Cheng, who suffers from muscular dystrophy, did not let his disability stop him from doing well.

He was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy at the age of seven and has been wheelchair-bound since nine.

The Perak Education Department honoured Wai Cheng with a certificate of appreciation for his excellent results under the physically-disabled category.

Wai Cheng, of SMK Tanjong Rambutan, expressed his gratitude to his father, Wai Marn, 51, and his teachers.

"My mother passed away two years ago from breast cancer and my father had to quit his job to take care of me," he said.

"I don't go for tuition or ask anyone for help in my studies. Most of the time I learn by myself by referring to YouTube."

Wai Marn quit his job as a storekeeper two years ago after the death of his wife Ng Wei Ying, formerly an accounts executive, as both their sons were suffering from the same disability.

At SMJK Sam Tet, triplets Hwang Yu Zhi, Yu Ren and Yu Yong, all Pure Science students, scored identical results of 9As and 1B.

The eldest of the trio, Yu Zhi, said the plus point of having two other brothers was they could study as a group.

Randy Ohera Othman, of SMK Raja Chulan, was the best Orang Asli student



Triplets (from left) Yu Zhi, Yu Ren and Yu Yong are all smiles with their identical results. — Picture by Marcus Pheong

in Perak with 2A+s, 4As, 1A- and 2B+s.

In George Town, Penang, the top four students believe group studies helped them obtain 9A+s.

The four students from SMK Bukit Jambul — S. Prassanth, Sandeep Singh Gill Ranjit Singh, Muhammad Izzuddin Syed Hussain and Y. Edwin — said they exchanged ideas and notes during their group studies.

Muhammad Izzudin said he did not expect to get 9A+s, but thought the other three would get excellent results.

"I am shocked by my results, I never thought of getting straight As. Anyway I am happy and thankful to my parents and teachers for helping me obtain good results," he said.

Sandeep said he wanted to follow the footsteps of his parents to become a doctor.

He said besides their group studies in the school he spent about three hours during weekends studying.

Prassanth, who has a passion for music and is learning the tabla, said his ambition was to be a neurosurgeon.

Edwin's ambition is to be a software engineer.



Wai Cheng is all smiles as he celebrates the moment with his beaming father. — Picture by Marcus Pheong