Vacations extended shifted to all students to support inaugural event

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SOME post-secondary and tertiary students will get to enjoy an additional one to two weeks of holidays this year, with the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) coming to town in August.

Nanyang Technological University, which will house the athletes, has added extra days of holidays in August, while Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Temasek Polytechnic and the Institute of Technical Education will also give additional weeks’ break to their students to support and enjoy the Games.

The YOG, the first to be organised by the International Olympic Committee, will bring about 5,000 athletes from 203 National Olympic Committees to Singapore from August 14 to 20.

These other polytechnics, Sin-

gapore, Nanyang and Republic, have also scheduled breaks for August, but will not increase their overall annual vacation time. They have adjusted their academic calendars to accommodate the YOG by ways such as cutting their June, September or December breaks and extending term times to make up for the extra holidays.

However, there is no change for students from mainstream schools and the National University of Singapore. But several mainstream schools have changed their current term or examination timetables to allow their students to watch the YOG.

The tertiary institutions said they made the adjustments to their calendars as they recognise that the YOG is an important part of Singapore’s bid to host the Youth Olympic Games.

Temasek Polytechnic registrar, Anson Soh said: "We are proud to support the international sports event as it will bring many international guests to our country. We hope that students will enjoy this opportunity to watch the YOG.

"We are also proud to be a part of this historic event as we get the opportunity to support the YOG.

"Our goal is to support the YOG and to support our students in watching the various events, as well as to volunteer their expertise and assistance required.

"No Shuero Sih, Temasek Polytechnic registrar"