



## **An Interview with Ew Ju Vern, SMK Taman Desa 2008 SPM Top Scorer**

**What was your reaction when you first got your results?**

*What?! Are you sure? I don't believe you.*

*That pretty much sums up my initial reaction. I was pleasantly surprised. I am still somewhat disbelieving.*

**Who would you like to thank for your success?**

*All of my teachers and of course my family. I wouldn't be here without their support.*

**Would you like to share your secret with other students? How did you prepare for SPM?**

*The secret is there is no secret. Hard work is the answer.*

*Oh! Part of my preparation: I wrote Chinese essays during biology exams. I wouldn't recommend doing the same though.*

**Do you have any advice for your juniors who wish to emulate your success?**

*Advice? No! That's because it's MY record you'll be trying to break. Haha... jokes aside, you just have to study smart and produce the kind of answers that the examiners want to see.*

**How well did you expect yourself to score before the results were announced?**

*The night before results day, I literally told myself – do not fall apart when you don't receive straight IAs. I never expected this.*

**Are you satisfied with your results?**

*Of course.*

**At this point in time, do you know what you want to do?**

*I want to survive medical school and life in general. I want to make a difference.*

**If you could turn back time, would you have done anything differently while you were in school?**

*Oh, plenty.*

**What is the most vivid memory you have of school in SMK Taman Desa?**

*Teachers, friends and half-empty classrooms.*

**What would you like to say to your ex-teachers and friends from the graduating class of '08?**

*Kami cemerlang, SMKTD terbilang!*

**How do you hope to contribute to society in the near future?**

*I would like to work with Doctors Without Borders and help contribute to society especially in terms of healthcare in rural and critical areas.*



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