

## 2008 General English Proficiency Test (GEPT) Statistics Report Summary on

### High-Intermediate -Level Test Scores

In 2008, the General English Proficiency Test (GEPT) High-Intermediate Level First Stage Tests recognized a total number of 33,464 test-takers. Among these test-takers, approximately 14,400 took the Second Stage Speaking and Writing Tests. The average score for the First Stage Listening Test was 76.53, and that of the Reading Test was 78.97. The passing rate of these two First Stage Tests (Listening and Reading) was 44%, whereas the average band score for both Writing and Speaking Tests (Second Stage tests) was 3.6 with a passing rate of 27%.

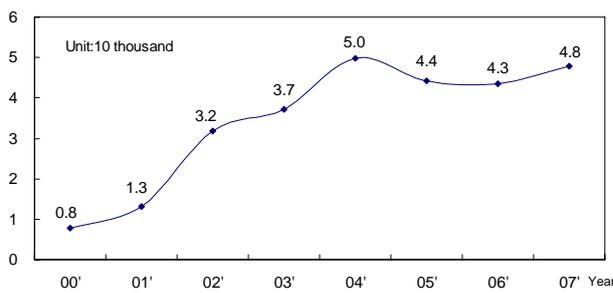
According to the background analysis on overall test-takers, those from northern Taiwan accounted for the largest proportion of the test-taker population with 57%, and those from the central area composed 24%. In the same period, 17% were from the southern area, while the eastern area made up a 1% share. The ratio of males to females was approximately 2:3. The average age of test-takers was 21.84 years, and test-takers aged from 15 to 24 contributed 80% to the

total number. The youngest passing candidate was 12 years old, while the most senior was 61 years old. Grouped by education, up to 80% of the test-takers of this level were senior high school and university candidates. Approximately 60% of the test-takers took the test for English proficiency self-assessment purposes; 37% aimed to use the test results as a positive reference for lifting academic performance or pursuing advanced education.

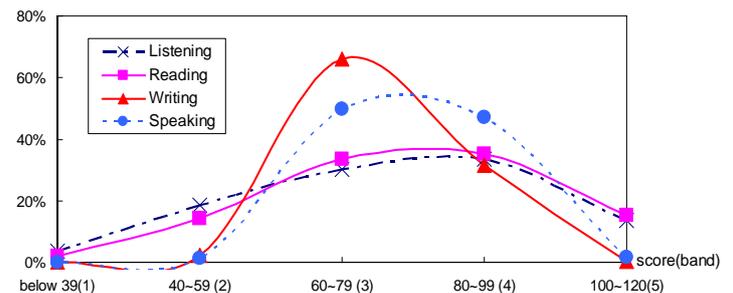
In terms of test scores, statistical result indicated that the performance of test-takers in the First Stage Listening Test appeared to be rather equal among all regions, whereas those from the eastern area with the smallest population share scored highest in the Reading Test.

The mean score of female test-takers in the Listening Test was higher than male test-takers, while male test-takers outperformed their counterparts in the Reading Test. Generally speaking, test-takers under the age of 14 demonstrated greatest competence in both the Listening Test and Speaking test.

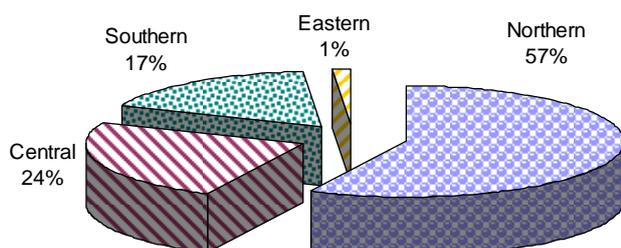
GEPT Annual Test-Taker Population



GEPT Score Distribution by Test



GEPT Test-Taker Population Distribution by Region



GEPT Test-Taker Population Distribution by Education & Background

