LTTE combatants to sit A/L Examination

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The Department of Examinations will issue special Identity Cards for over 1,000 candidates including 42 ex-LTTE combatants at the Vavuniya and Chettikulam IDP centres to enable them to sit for the G.C.E (AL) examination this August, the Defence Ministry said.

The Identity Cards will be issued as a special arrangement considering the unusual circumstances under which the candidates are sitting the examination, said Anura Edirisinghe Commissioner General of Examinations. This is the first time that they were issuing Identity Cards to candidates sitting an examination, he said. Many of the former LTTE cadres who surrendered to the security forces and are now in welfare villages on an amnesty granted by the Government had expressed a desire to pursue studies in an effort to return to normal life; and the Examinations Department was doing everything possible to assist them. The Department has also provided textbooks, past test papers and instruction facilities, the examinations chief said. Officials of the Department will visit the welfare villages next week with photographers. They will take photographs of the candidates and issue IDs to them on the same day. Examination centres for these candidates will be set up within the welfare villages where the candidates are housed, said Mr. Edirisinghe. Over 5,000 grade five students from IDP welfare villages and camps who will sit the year-5 scholarship examination on 23rd August are being taught by campus students and displaced teachers, coordinated by Education Department officials, including Regional Directors and their subordinates, Mr Edirisinghe added. Past papers, books, exercise books, other stationery and furniture had been issued to them, he said. Courtesy: dailymirror.lk