ADEQUATE PREPARATION IN MATHEMATICS
FOR STUDENTS ENTERING UNIVERSITY

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address at the conference.

Students should have some knowledge of the development of the
number system beginning with the properties of the natural num-
bers and a logical construction of the integers, rational numbers,
real numbers, and complex numbers from the foundation of natural
numbers. The laws of algebra such as commutative law, associative
law and distributive law should be known by name.

In trigonometry, less emphasis should be placed on numerical
solution of triangles and more emphasis on graphs of the trigo-
nometric functions, identities, and solution of trigonometric
equations.

I would strongly recommend the addition of a course in Analytical
Geometry and Elementary Calculus to the high school program even
if it were only an option given in the large schools. For
students entering the Faculty of Engineering or taking any course
which requires physics in the first year, some prior knowledge
of the calculus is very helpful.