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FIRST BATCH OF STUDENTS FROM MOE-JUNIOR SPORTS ACADEMIES GRADUATES

Launch of Athletes Profiling and Tracking System

1. 144 Junior Sports Academies' (JSAs) student athletes graduated and received their certificates of participation at the 1st MOE-JSA Graduation Ceremony 2009 today.
2. The students are from four JSAs, which were first set up in January 2008, to supplement the sports programmes in schools and provide more opportunities for student athletes who wish to excel.
3. With hard work and commitment, these JSA student graduates have completed a 2-year JSA training programme. Some have also represented Singapore at regional and international competitions. MOE will continue to identify and develop young athletes at these centralised sports academies, where resources are collectively harnessed to provide systematic training to realise the athletes' potential.
4. The training philosophy of the JSAs emphasises the long-term development of athletes. Hence, MOE has developed the Athletes Profiling and Tracking System (APTS) to track and study the long term physical and sporting development of these students into adult athletes. APTS will capture information such as height, weight, National Physical Fitness Awards (NAPFA) results and sporting achievements till they are 30 years old. The information will help athletes in setting short and long-term goals for training. MOE sports officials can offer sporting advice and guidance when the need arises. The APTS can also provide a platform for continual communication and sharing between the graduates and MOE sports officials on useful information such as nutritional and exercise tips.

Background

5. The objective of the Ministry of Education's Talent Development Framework for Sports is to systematically identify and provide development opportunities for talented athletes within the school system.
6. The Talent Development Framework focuses on three key strategies;

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- a. Development of talented athletes in primary schools through MOE Junior Sports Academies;
- b. Enhancement of the support of the Singapore Schools Sports Teams; and
- c. Enhancement of resources for schools' talent development efforts.

7. In 2008, MOE piloted four Junior Sports Academies. Another eight new JSAs were set up this year.

No	Venue	Sports	Start Date
1	Henry Park Primary School	Badminton	Jan 2008
2	Chung Cheng High School (Main)	Wushu	Jan 2008
3	Singapore Sports School	Netball, Swimming, Table Tennis & Track & Field	Jan 2008
4	Singapore Table Tennis Association	Table Tennis	Jan 2008
5	Anglican High School	Badminton	April 2009
6	Anglo-Chinese (Primary)	Swimming	April 2009
7	Catholic High School	Wushu	April 2009
8	Yio Chu Kang Primary School	Soccer	April 2009
9	Ahmad Ibrahim Secondary School	Shooting	July 2009
10	Nan Hua Primary School	Table Tennis	July 2009
11	Pasir Ris Crest Secondary School	Fencing	July 2009
12	Paya Lebar Methodist Girls' (Secondary) School	Table Tennis	July 2009

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List JSA Student Athletes for Media Interviews

JSA@Chung Cheng High Main for Wushu

Name of Student	Adeena Binte Mohamed Nagib
School	St Anthony's Convent Primary
Name of Parent	Mdm Hawa Binte Ahmad (Mother)
Parents' Contact	93837259
Information of Student	Adeena has no background in wushu. She was identified and invited to the JSA selection trial based on her excellent NAPFA Test results. She was eventually selected to enrol in the JSA based on her potential. She attends the training sessions regularly and is glad for the opportunity to learn Wushu.

JSA@Singapore Sports School for Swimming

Name of Student	Samantha Yeo
School / JSA (Sports)	CHIJ St Nicholas
Name of Parent	Mr Steven Yeo (Father) Mrs Javine Yeo (Mother)
Parent's Contact	97925418 (Father) 98177225 (Mother)
Information of Student	<p>Samantha was in the JSA Programme for swimming at Singapore Sports School in 2008.</p> <p>In July 2009, she broke the national record for 100m Breaststroke (under 14 girls) where the previous record was set by Joscelin Yeo in 1991.</p> <p>In August 2009, Samantha won 3 bronze medals at the 6th Asian Amateur Swimming Federation (AASF) Asian Age Group Championships in Tokyo for the following events: 100m Backstroke (14 & under) 100m Breaststroke (14 & under) 200m Breaststroke (14 & under)</p> <p>She is now selected to represent Singapore at the 25th SEA Games in Laos in December 2009</p>

JSA@Henry Park Primary for Badminton

Name of Student	Yvonne Tan Hui Juan
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School	Yew Tee Primary
Name of Parents and contacts	Father: Tan Siong Cheng (94873303) Mother: Mrs Tan (67319665)
Information of Student	Yvonne Tan was in the JSA programme for badminton at Henry Park Primary in 2008. She has since been selected by Singapore Badminton Association and is now training with the national youth squad.

Name of Student	Muhammad Faryz Bin Khazid
School	Henry Park Primary
Name of Parents and contacts	Father: Khazid Omar (64637173) / (97882765)
Information of Student	<p>Faryz was in the JSA programme for badminton at Henry Park Primary in 2008. The coaches were very pleased with his progress and commented that he always gives his best during training.</p> <p>His grades in school have also shown marked improvement after joining the JSA programme. His teachers observed that he is more motivated to do well in all areas. His father commented that Faryz has become more organised and efficient in juggling his school work and training since participating in JSA.</p>

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