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**STTA TO AWARD TOP PLAYERS FOR 2009**

Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA) is pleased to announce the inaugural STTA Awards Ceremony to honour 4 table tennis paddlers for doing Singapore proud in the year 2009. The details of the event are as follows:

Date:	Friday, 12 February 2010
Time:	6.30pm to 9pm
Venue:	STTA, 297C Lorong 6 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319389
Guest of Honour:	Er Lee Bee Wah, Member of Parliament for Ang Mo Kio GRC & President, STTA

The four prestigious awards are as follows: Most Promising Young Player, Special Award of the Year, Most Improved Player of the Year and Best Player of the Year.

The factors that were considered by the Selection Committee were the recipient's versatility, impact on the sport association, personal contribution, overall merit and other qualities.

The award recipients for 2009 are as follows:

**Most Promising Young Player: ISABELLE LI**

Our promising youth player is an aspiring pro. Isabelle Li's relentless pursuit for excellence in her sports makes her the recipient of the Most Promising Young Player. In 2009, Isabelle won the mixed team bronze at the Asian Youth Games, and a girls U-15 singles bronze at the Asian Championships. In Sept 2009, she became the top junior girls' qualifies at the ITTF World Junior Circuit Finals and ITTF Cadet Challenge. The Table Tennis Illustrated, Autumn Issue recently featured Isabelle Li as the cover girl.

**Special Award of the Year: SUN BEI BEI**

The special award of the year represents exceptional performances achieved by the athlete for the year 2009. Sun Beibei is the recipient of the Special Award of the Year because of her victorious wins at the Asia Table Tennis Championships, Sea Games and Pro Tour Grand Finals. At the Asia Table Tennis Championships, Beibei won against world No. 4 Li Xiaoxia in the third singles. Singapore lost 1-3, but it was still a mission accomplished. At the Sea Games, Sun Beibei and Yu Mengyu beat their more illustrious teammates to win the women's double gold and at the recent Pro-Tour Grand Finals, the Singaporean pair beat Korea powerhouse, Kim Kyung Ah and Park Mi Yong in the WD Quarter Finals. Sun Beibei's current world ranking is No. 19.

**Most Improved Player of the Year: PANG XUEJIE**

The Most Improved Player of the Year award acknowledges the efforts and the recent high performances of the athlete. Pang Xuejie world's ranking has improved from his previous ranking of 716 (Feb 2009) to his current ranking of 504. His recent accomplishments include:

- SEA Games – MT Gold and bronze in Men's Doubles
- Asian Junior Championships - Bronze in Men's Doubles
- Chinese Taipei Invitational-U18 Men's singles Champion

**Best Player of the Year: FENG TIANWEI**

In the absence of Li Jiawei, Feng Tianwei took over as the captain of the women's team. She played a central role, in the progress and success of the team, and was selected ahead of other nominees. Tianwei anchored the women's team to second place finishes at the World Team cup and Asian Table Tennis Championships and third place finish at the Pro Tour Grand Finals. Tianwei achieved her highest world ranking of No. 5 in November 2009. The STTA Selection Committee selected Tianwei as the Best Player of the Year for her dedication to Table Tennis, her outstanding efforts and persistence.