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## **Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA) adds a new player to the national team**

Ethan Poh (傅绍峰), 19 years, will officially join the Singapore National Team with effect from 1 May 2018. Ethan says, ‘I am grateful and thankful that STTA has given me this opportunity to be promoted to the national team. This marks just the beginning for me and I will continue to work hard to bring glory for Singapore’.

Ethan started playing table tennis at the STTA Toa Payoh Zone Training Centre at 5 years old, followed by an early stint in the STTA Junior Development Squad (formerly known as the Youth Development Squad) at the STTA Training Hall where the national players were training. This was where he first met national paddlers and he vowed to train hard to become a national player. His diligence eventually paid off as he went on to the Singapore Sports School and he is now pursuing the Diploma in Business Studies at Ngee Ann Polytechnic while training full time.

Ethan has represented Singapore at the 2017 Southeast Asian (SEA) Games and the 2018 Commonwealth Games. From the 2017 SEA Games, Ethan brought home 2 silvers in the team and doubles events. At the recently concluded Commonwealth Games 2018, Ethan Poh and Koen Pang managed to defy all expectations and made it to the top four in the men’s doubles event on their Commonwealth Games debut. The Ngee Ann Polytechnic business management student will be competing in the upcoming Liebherr 2018 World Table Tennis Championships, Halmstad 29 April – 6 May 2018.

Ms Ellen Lee Geck Hoon PBM, STTA President says, “We are very pleased to have Ethan Poh joining the national team. We are delighted that our development pathway for young Singaporean paddlers to pursue a career in the table tennis sport is showing success. The STTA has always been committed to growing the sport and introduce more Singapore-born players in the national team. We are focused on a gradual push and we hope that more young Singaporeans will follow the footsteps of Ethan to play table tennis professionally.”

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