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## **NEW COACH FOR SINGAPORE MEN'S TABLE TENNIS TEAM**

Yang Chuan Ning, 51 will be the new coach to the men's table tennis team, taking over from Alain Chen who will be leaving Singapore Table Tennis Association when his contract expires in December 2010.



The Jiangsu native was head coach of Jiangsu Province Table Tennis team for 5 years and also had a distinguished career as a player. Yang Chuan Ning has coached and groomed Olympic and World Champions such as Fan Ying, Li Ju, Wu Na, Qin Zhijian, Dan Mingjie, Jing Junhong. In 2006, he was the recipient of the prestigious People's Republic of China Sports Honour Award. Chuan Ning is also the recipient of the Jiangsu Province's Labour & Jiangsu Province Government 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Class Merit Award multiple times.

Under his guidance, the Jiangsu Province Table Tennis Team won the championship in the Men's Doubles and the Mixed Doubles at the China National Table Tennis Championships in 2006 and 2008 respectively.

"We are ecstatic to have attracted one of the top coaches to Singapore Table Tennis Association," said Er Lee Bee Wah, Member of Parliament for Ang Mo Kio GRC & President, STTA. "Yang Chuan Ning brings a wealth of experience with him in developing table tennis players and I believe he will take our men paddlers to the next level. We are very excited about the future for men's table tennis team with Chuan Ning leading the way."

Er Lee also expressed her thanks to Alain Chen. "Alain has been a great mentor to the men in the team for the last two years. We would like to thank Alain Chen for his good efforts and we wish him all the best."

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