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### SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION (STTA)-PAP COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (PCF) TABLE TENNIS CARNIVAL 2015

There is no secret to creating a world class player. We believe in starting our next generation of players young, giving them a lot of coaching and opportunities, and keeping them in the sport for sufficiently long period for them to get good.

For this reason, we strongly believe that our early introduction of table tennis programme to the PAP Community Foundation (PCF) Kindergarten is on the right track for growing the sport and grooming more sporting talents at an early age.

In the past, children will typically start playing table tennis only in Primary 3, when they pick the sport in school as a co-curricular activity. However, through the STTA-PCF table tennis programme, PCF Kindergarten children are exposed to the sport as early as five years old.

To date, the STTA-PCF table tennis programme has expanded to 34 constituencies and over 1000 children are exposed to the game of table tennis yearly.

To encourage more interest and sport participation, these children are invited to show off their forehand and backhand drives at the STTA-PCF Table Tennis Carnival, which was held today at OneKM Shopping Mall, Central Atrium (Level 1), 11 Tanjong Katong Road Singapore 437157. Ms Ellen Lee PBM, STTA President was the Guest of Honour.

Over 200 children from the PAP Community Foundation (PCF) Kindergarten participated in the STTA-PCF Table Tennis Carnival. In addition, graduates of our STTA-PCF table tennis programme were also invited back for an invitational friendly competition.

What is more, Li Hu and Zhou Yihan, SEA Games 2015 bronze medallist (mixed doubles) made star appearance at the STTA-PCF Carnival.

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