



MEDIA INVITATION

SINGAPORE PADDLERS AND JUNIORS TO SPAR WITH LEGENDARY PLAYERS AND CHAMPIONS COMPETING IN WORLD'S RICHEST TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE T2APAC

SINGAPORE - Come next Monday October 30th, Singapore's national players and members of the STTA Junior Development Squad (JDS) will have an exclusive opportunity to spar with some of the stars of T2APAC.

Among T2APAC stars visiting Singapore is six-time Olympian Vladimir Samsanov who in July became the first player in any discipline to win in every continent – Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe, Oceania – on the ITTF World Tour. His win at the Australian Open extended his lead at the top of the all-time list of ITTF World Tour Men's Singles winners to 27 titles, three more his nearest rival Ma Long of China.

Joining Samsanov is Korean ace Jeong YoungSik (who was ranked world number seven earlier in the year), 2016 World Junior champion Shi Xunyao of China and compatriot Liu Fei, a renowned chopper, and captain of Team JJ, Chinese great and two-time world champion Jiang Jialiang. These top table tennis stars will have a sports exchange with paddlers from the national junior development squad, spar with our national paddlers: Clarence Chew, Pang Xuejie, Zeng Jian and Lin Ye and thereafter interact with fans and spectators.

Please come and join us in this exciting event on **Monday, 30th October 2017 at 2.30pm to 5.00pm** at Singapore Table Tennis Association, 297C Toa Payoh Lorong 6, Singapore 319389. Admission to the event is free.

The table tennis stars will be happy to accept interviews with the media.

T2APAC Stars Clinic with STTA

Event Date: 30 Oct 2017 (Monday)

Venue: Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA), 297C Toa Payoh Lorong 6 Singapore 319389

Time: **2.30pm – 3.30pm**

T2 Introduction by Vladimir Samsonov

Friendly sparring with the STTA Junior Development Squad (JDS) players together with #T2 team

Q&A Session

3.30pm – 4.30pm

Competition : #T2 team vs #SGP Team

- Vladimir Samsonov vs Clarence Chew SGP
- Jung Young Sik vs Pang Xuejie SGP
- Shi Xunyao vs Zeng Jian SGP
- Liu Fei vs Lin Ye SGP

Autograph & Photo session

About Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA)

The STTA is a National Sports Association affiliated to the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) and Sport Singapore (SS). Our mission is to develop world class table tennis players by identifying, nurturing and motivating aspiring table-tennis talents to become the best that they could be. STTA is also committed to promoting table tennis vigorously by building a significant number of table tennis players to help make a vibrant sporting Singapore. Our vision is to make table tennis the most popular game in Singapore.

About STTA Junior Development Squad (JDS)

Sports champions are not born and successes results from many years of hard work and well-planned training. With this in mind, the STTA has put in place strong and structured youth development programmes such as the JDS programme to groom our young athletes, from the age of 9 years old to 13 years old into the champions of tomorrow

STTA website: www.stta.org.sg.

About T2 Asia-Pacific Table Tennis League:

T2 Asia Pacific Table Tennis League (T2APAC) features 24 of the world's most exciting players, handpicked by four legendary champions acting as captains battling for USD 2 million in prize money in a mixed team competition. Televised live to over 100 countries around the world from the 'T2cavern' - a purpose built studio set located at the iconic Pinewood Iskandar Studios in Johor, Malaysia, T2APAC has been an unprecedented success in its debut season.

Headquartered in Singapore and with offices in Shanghai and Chicago, the first-ever pan-regional professional table-tennis league has been assembled to engage a much broader audience and consumer base. The first of its kind, T2APAC features a ground-breaking format including separate but concurrent Men's, Women's, and Mixed-Team Championships, a player draft system (for the Mixed-Team Championship), 24-minute time limit per match, and a unique scoring system. All 228 matches of the inaugural season will be held entirely in the T2CAVERN, a specially-designed and purpose-built arena at Pinewood Studios in Johor, Malaysia, and before a live studio audience.

Factsheet – Competition Format

The T2APAC competition format will decide the season's champions for the following categories:

- **Men's Champion** – winner of the final match of the Men's Championship.
- **Women's Champion** – winner of the final match of the Women's Championship.
- **Team Champion** – the team with best aggregate number of games won over six matches comprising the Team Finals

Time-based Match Format

Each match is limited to **24 minutes**. Scoring in each game accords with the ITTF Laws of the Game, subject to the following:

- (a) In each Match, Players play and win as many games as possible within the 24-minute time period.
- (b) Each game is played to **11 points**, with the winner of the Game being the first player to score 11 points with a 1-point difference (*i.e.*, no deuce).
- (c) If a game is still ongoing at the end of the 24-minute time period:
 - the Player with the higher number of points in such game is declared winner of that game;
 - if Players are tied on number of points in such game, a 1-point difference "sudden death" play-off applies, and winner of the play-off is declared winner of that game.

