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'50 TABLES' FUN TABLE TENNIS EVENT IN CELEBRATION OF SG50

- *PASSION TABLE TENNIS 2015 HELD IN THE HEART OF NEE SOON SOUTH FEATURING COMPETITION ON 50 TABLES AND FAMILY CARNIVAL ON SATURDAY, 1 AUGUST 2015*

The **PAssion Table Tennis** event featured a competition with 50 table tennis tables with table tennis enthusiast from all over the island including teams from the PAssion Table Tennis Clubs and Table Tennis Association for the Disabled Singapore (TTADS) will play right in the heartlands of Nee Soon South constituency community venue. What is more, there were free carnival games and children's activities for the public to enjoy!

2 The People's Association (PA) and Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA) have collaborated since 2011 to organise an annual high point table tennis event to bring like-minded residents together and to promote the sport of table tennis. The collaboration has seen to the growth of PAssion Table Tennis Clubs (table tennis sport interest group) based in the heartlands to over 70 Clubs, which has the objective of engaging residents on a regular basis and foster greater community bonding through table tennis.

3 In this fifth edition of the high point event, Nee Soon South Community Sports Club (CSC) with the support of the Nee Soon GRC Grassroots Organisations is the community partner to organise the PAssion Table Tennis 2015. The event is supported by the SG50 Celebration Fund and is open to teams representing five categories namely Men's Open, Women's Open, Veteran, Youth and Children, to promote inter-generational bonding. The Youth category is created this year to give opportunities for players in the 13 to 21 year-old age range. The competition is designed to be friendly and enables each team meet no less than five or six other teams to maximize the opportunities for participants to interact and connect socially.

4 Mr Khaw Boon Wan, Minister for National Development and Grassroots Adviser to Sembawang GRC was the Guest-of-Honour for the event. He was accompanied by Ms Ellen Lee Geck Hoon, PBM, President of STTA, also Grassroots Adviser to Woodlands Grassroots Organisations, and Er Dr Lee Bee Wah, Grassroots Adviser to Nee Soon South Grassroots Organisations (GROs). SEA Games medalists from the National Table Tennis Team, Ms Lin Ye, Ms Zhou Yihan, Mr Chen Feng and Mr Clarence Chew made their appearance. Participants and members of the public had a chance to mingle and spar with these medalists.

5 Ms Ellen Lee Geck Hoon, PBM says “The STTA is proud to collaborate in this ‘50 tables’ fun table tennis event with the People’s Association Nee Soon South CSC and Nee Soon GRC GROs. We believe that this event will rally Singaporeans of all ages to come together and celebrate this special milestone, and together, we can make Singapore's 50th birthday a truly inclusive and unforgettable one.”

About Singapore Table Tennis Association

The [Singapore Table Tennis](#) 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. The 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. More information at www.stta.org.sg.

About People’s Association

The [People’s Association](#) (PA) was established on 1 July 1960 to promote racial harmony and social cohesion in Singapore. Our mission is to build and bridge communities in achieving one people, one Singapore. PA offers a wide range of [programmes](#) to cater to Singaporeans from all walks of life - connecting people to people, and people and government. We do this through our network of 1,800 [grassroots organisations](#) (GROs), over 100 Community Clubs, five Community Development Councils, the National Youth Council, National Community Leadership Institute, Outward Bound Singapore and Water-Venture. More information at www.pa.gov.sg and [OurCommunity.sg](#)

About the Community Sports Clubs

The Community Sports Clubs (CSCs) are part of the People’s Association network of grassroots organisations. There are 87 constituencies in Singapore and there is a CSC in each constituency. The 87 CSCs are managed by volunteers who work with the PA to organise sports activities for the residents to promote social cohesion, racial harmony and community bonding.

Glossary of Chinese Terms

ENGLISH	CHINESE
Singapore Table Tennis Association	新加坡乒乓总会
People’s Association (PA)	人民协会
Community Sports Club (CSC)	社区体育俱乐部
Grassroots Organisations (GROs)	基层组织
Grassroots Adviser	基层组织顾问