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SIM UNIVERSITY TO AWARD HIGHER EDUCATION SPONSORSHIPS FOR OUTSTANDING SINGAPORE PADDLERS

SIM University (UniSIM) joins the Singapore Table Tennis Association's (STTA) network of educational partners to provide educational opportunities to outstanding Singapore paddlers.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish the UniSIM-STTA Sports Leader Sponsorship will facilitate the pursuit of higher education by high potential athletes. UniSIM will offer two sponsorships for any UniSIM undergraduate programme per year for the next five years to outstanding Singapore paddlers recommended by STTA.

The sponsorship will cover 100% of the tuition fees for the entire duration of the paddlers' undergraduate programme at the University.

Er. Dr. Lee Bee Wah, Member of Parliament for Nee Soon GRC & President, STTA says, "UniSIM is a private university which provides excellent educational pathways which will allow our paddlers to pursue a high quality education after their sports careers".

She added, "With the UniSIM-STTA Sports Leader Sponsorship programme in place, we are able to maximise the potential of our elite athletes in their academic endeavours as well. This will definitely benefit our Singapore paddlers in the long run in terms of a career beyond their sports, and encourage more local talents to pursue professional table-tennis as a career.

Professor Cheong Hee Kiat, President, UniSIM says, "UniSIM has been offering sponsorships to recognise students who excel in academic achievements or other special talents like sporting. We are happy to partner STTA which has an impressive track record in identifying and nurturing Singapore's next generation of table-tennis talents. UniSIM's flexible mode of delivery is ideal for up-and-coming paddlers seeking to balance studying and high level training, for a better future."

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About STTA

Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA) is a National Sports Association affiliated to the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) and Singapore Sports Council (SSC). 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.

Visit www.stta.org.sg.

About SIM University

As the only national private university in Singapore, SIM University's mission is to create excellence in lifelong education through a uniquely designed learning experience that equips learners for a better future. Home to more than 13,000 students, SIM University adopts a flexible and practice-focused learning approach and offers more than 50 academic programmes in various disciplines. Eligible students taking SIM University's undergraduate programmes enjoy government subsidies of up to 55% of tuition fees and access to government bursaries, tuition fee and study loans. SIM University is a not-for-profit university and the SIM University Education Fund has been a Singapore 'Institution of a Public Character' (IPC) since September 2005.

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