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**TABLE TENNIS: ZHOU JINGYI BECOMES THE YOUNGEST SINGAPOREAN TO REACH TOP 5 FOR U15**

The International Table Tennis Federation has updated the current Under 15 world ranking list, and Singapore Sports School Secondary 1 student-athlete, Zhou Jingyi is No. 5 and the youngest player on the Top 10 list.

The 13-year-old's previous best ranking was No. 10. In 2018, Jingyi, a shakehand grip right-handed player, has played 43 ITTF sanctioned matches and earned a 58 per cent win record. She has also made history for Singapore by being the first Singaporean to win the 2017 ITTF World Hopes Week and Challenge in Luxembourg.

Before her win in Luxembourg, Jingyi had secured the Girls Singles titles at both the Regional Hopes (Southeast Asia) Week, and the 2017 Asia Hopes Follow Up Camp and Challenge. She won bronze medals in two Cadet events at her first South East Asian Junior and Cadet Table Tennis Championships outing the same year.

In addition, the young paddler landed Singapore's first Hopes Singles crown at the ITTF Thailand Junior and Cadet Open on the ITTF Golden Series Junior Circuit in May 2017.

"I am so proud of Zhou Jingyi for reaching a world ranking of No.5. I would like to encourage Jingyi to train harder, and we hope that Jingyi will one day be a part of the National Women's Team to attain greater achievements and do Singapore proud," said Ellen Lee Geck Hoon, JP, PBM.

She added, "Her achievements further attest that Singapore Table Tennis Association is on the right path of grooming our high potential talents into world-class athletes."

Zhou Jingyi is part of the School-Within-A-School programme where they receive extended duration of training in the day and attend academic classes in the evenings.

"Singapore Sports School has nurtured more than 16 national table tennis representatives since its inception in 2004. We have a strong partnership with STTA and will endeavour to strengthen the pipeline of sport talent for Team Singapore. My heartiest congratulations to Jingyi for her remarkable progress," said Mr Tan Teck Hock, Singapore Sports School Principal.



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### About Singapore Sports School

Singapore Sports School is a Specialised Independent School, offering academic and focused sports training to aspiring and talented student-athletes who aim to be Singapore's sports champions. We nurture Learned Champions With Character through world-class youth sports development, academic rigour, character excellence and organisational excellence. We encourage the values of respect, integrity, responsibility, excellence and resilience.

#### Sport Achievements

- 8 Olympians (Beijing 2008, London 2012, Rio 2016 Olympic Games)
- 10 World Champions
- 65 Asian Games Competitors (7 gold, 5 silver, 6 bronze medals)
- 44 Commonwealth Games Competitors (7 gold, 2 silver, 2 bronze medals)
- 326 Southeast Asian Games Competitors in 7 editions of the SEA Games (96 gold, 70 silver, 62 bronze medals)
- 7 Asian Champions
- 4 Commonwealth Championships Competitors (4 gold, 5 silver, 1 bronze medals)
- 28 Youth Olympic Games Competitors (2 silver, 2 bronze medals)
- 60 Asian Youth Games Competitors (5 gold, 6 silver, 8 bronze medals)
- 2 Commonwealth Youth Games Champions
- 1 World Youth Champion
- 10 Asian Youth Champions
- 426 National Open Representatives

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## **Annex B**

### **About Singapore Table Tennis Association**

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

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