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Double Happiness at the Regional Hopes Week (SEA), 14 to 21 January 2018, Bangkok Thailand

Singapore Junior Players: Ser Lin Qian (舒麟茜) and Quek Yong Izaac (郭勇) both 12 years old won the Hopes Singles Championships at the Regional Hopes Week (SEA), which concluded today.

In the semi-finals, Ser Lin Qian defeated the Thai opponent SUPAWATANAKUL Natch (3:1), and followed by a 3-0 win against Malaysian LEE Xin Ni in the finals. Izaac also had a good outing by defeating KARNTHANG Chayanan (THA) in the semi-finals (3:1) and NITIBOWONKUN Kasidach(THA) 3:0 in the finals.

While their 11 years old team mates Lai Chloe Neng Huen (梨婷萱)and Tan Kai Yang Jayden(陈慨阳)finished 8th and 6th positions respectively in the Hopes Singles events.

Both Ser Lin Qian and Quek Yong Izaac will qualify for the Asia Hopes Follow Up Camp and Challenge in April 2018. Their challenge will be to qualify for the ITTF Hopes Week and Challenge through the Asia Hopes Follow Up Camp and Challenge.

To qualify for the ITTF Hopes Week and Challenge, the top 16 boys and 16 girls from each continental will receive invitations to participate in the ITTF Hopes Week and Challenge. Asia will receive three places for boys and three places for girls, so does Europe. Africa and Latin America will receive two boys and two girls invitations individually. Whilst for North America and Oceania will each receive one boy and one girl placements. A place for one boy and one girl is reserved for the host association. The final three boys and three will be offered as “Wild Card” nominations.

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