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A NEW COMMUNITY SPORTS INITIATIVE: NATIONAL NETWORK OF PASSION TABLE TENNIS CLUBS

People's Association and Singapore Table Tennis Association sign MOU to bring table tennis to the heartlands

Come 2015, every constituency in Singapore will have at least one table tennis club through the **National Network of PAssion Table Tennis Clubs**, a new collaboration between People's Association (PA) and Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA).

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between PA and STTA will be signed at the Launch of the Community Sports Festival (CSF) 2011 on 24 April 2011 between **Mr Yam Ah Mee, Chief Executive Director, PA** and **Ms Wong Hui Leng, Chief Executive Officer, STTA**. Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, who is the Guest-of-Honour for the launch of CSF 2011 and Er Lee Bee Wah, Adviser to Nee Soon South GROs and President of STTA, will witness the signing of the MOU. This partnership between STTA and PA will continue through 31 March 2015.

Under the MOU, PA and STTA will jointly set up the National Network of PAssion Table Tennis Clubs (PAssion TT Clubs), a group of table tennis sports interest groups, to widen outreach and deepen engagement with residents through table tennis at the Community Clubs, Residents' Committees Centres and Neighbourhood Committees. A key area of cooperation under the MOU is to engage and to promote community and family bonding amongst residents. It will also provide opportunities for residents, regardless of gender, race and age, to learn to play table tennis and improve their skills.

Er Lee Bee Wah, Adviser to Nee Soon South GROs and President of STTA said, *"The STTA's partnership with the PA to establish the National Network of PAssion Table Tennis Club's further illustrates our dedication towards developing our table tennis community and participation programmes island-wide. By teaming up with PA in setting up the PAssion TT Clubs, we will be able to increase participation in table tennis as a sport, at both the community and grassroots levels. It will further boost the base and participation of table tennis enthusiasts' at the constituency, which is vital to ensure a sustained interest in the sport."*

"PA aims to reach out to one in five residents through community sports by 2015. With the growing popularity of table tennis among residents, it is a good activity to engage more residents. The collaboration with STTA to set up the PAssion TT Clubs is a good avenue to help form sports interest groups to widen PA's outreach to residents and at the same time, deepen the engagement through regular trainings and communications with them," said, Mr Yam Ah Mee, Chief Executive Director of PA.

On 20 August 2011, STTA, with the support of PA, will be organising **an unprecedented Fun Table Tennis event** at Suntec City involving 88 inter-generation teams playing at 88tables concurrently to promote inter-generational ties. More details will be released later.

Your journalist and photographer are cordially invited to the signing of the MOU between PA and STTA at the **Launch of CSF 2011 on 24 April 2011 at 8.30am at Yio Chu Kang Stadium** (210 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 9, Singapore 569777).

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About People's Association

The People's Association's mission is to build and to bridge communities in achieving one people, one Singapore. We do this through our network of 1,800 grassroots organisations, 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 www.OurCommunity.sg.

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.

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