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The Launch of STTA's 6th Zone Training Centre, STTA-IPS Zone Training Centre @ Innova Primary School.

Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA) and Innova Primary School (IPS) are pleased to announce the launch of STTA-IPS Zone Training Centre @ Innova Primary School. The details of the event are as follows:

Date:	Tuesday, 6 April 2010
Time:	10am
Venue:	Innova Primary School, 80 Woodlands Drive 17, Singapore 737888
Guest of Honour:	Er Lee Bee Wah, Member of Parliament for Ang Mo Kio GRC & President, STTA

This is STTA's 6th Zone Training Centre and the **FIRST** Zone Training Centre located within a primary school premise. During the launch, STTA will also be signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Innova Primary School (IPS) to introduce table tennis to Primary 1 to 3 students during PE lessons.

The introduction of the table tennis programme to lower primary schools is to encourage high participation among young students and to pave the initial pathway to spot promising talents. These talented and promising young paddlers will put on additional hours at Bishan, Tampines, Toa Payoh, Yishun, Clementi and now Innova Zone Training Centre for intensive training. The promising ones will get directed to the Youth Development Squad when they get to Primary 6. This cohort will be further shortlisted to join the National Youth Team and eventually be part of the National Team.

"Innova Primary School is pleased to be in a milestone partnership with Singapore Table Tennis Association to develop the first Zone Training Centre in a primary school. The Zone Training Centre will provide the infrastructure and expertise necessary for sports development and excellence in table tennis, not only for Innova Primary School but also for schools in the North Zone. Table tennis is a popular sport in Singapore and provides a good platform for students to develop character and sportsmanship. This partnership is a strong indication of Innova Primary School's support for the national sports development and it is in line with our focus for quality holistic education, said Mr Michal Saw, Principal of Innova Primary School.

"MOE supports the STTA-IPS Zone Centre initiative as Table Tennis is one of the games taught in PE and this initiative will help to broaden the participation base in sports. Students who excel in this sport will have further opportunities to hone their skills through the Junior Sports Academies (JSAs) and other talent development programmes" said Mr Henry Tan, Assistant Director, Co-Curricular Activities (Sports), Ministry of Education.

"We are delighted to form this new partnership with Innova Primary School. We are committed to introduce table tennis to our children at PCF kindergartens and as an extension, to lower primary schools. STTA strongly believes in early introduction of table tennis to young children and this is where STTA can spot young aspiring talents," said Er Lee Bee Wah Member of Parliament for Ang Mo Kio GRC & President, STTA

Er Lee added, "Following the launch of table tennis program in PCF last year, STTA is working towards having table tennis in the lower primary schools this year. This paved a structured program to nurture our local talents. Our STTA's Zone Training Centres offers a structured and sustainable programme to develop young talents and we are committed to introduce more Zone Training Centres if there is a continuous demand. I strongly believe that with the seeds for the growth of local born paddlers planted, we are able to see results of this programme in the next 10 to 15 years. What's more, we hope that more primary schools will come forward to work with us."

About Innova Primary School

Innova Primary School

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Vision: An Inspirational, Innovative and Inviting school where our students are Champions of Character, Change and Citizenry
Mission: Connecting Hearts, Engaging Minds and Igniting Passions

CCA Offered

Sports & Games: Table Tennis, Badminton, Volleyball, Fencing, Swimming, Rope Skipping and Netball
Uniformed Groups: Singapore Red Cross Society and Brownies
Performing Arts: Dance (Chinese and Malay) and Brass Band
Clubs & Societies: Public Speaking, Mathematics Olympiad, Avicennia Club (Green Movement), Robotics, ICT and Chinese Painting

Achievements 2008-2010

- Genetic Modification Advisory Committee (GMAC) Student Reporters' Challenge 2008 (2nd)
- International Chinese Language Competition 2008 (Silver)
- Singapore Records Challenge 2008
(Fastest Game of Tunnel Ball and Largest Garden Sculpture Formed by Balloons)
- RCY Arts Festival 2009 Song Competition (3rd)
- National Inter-School Taekwondo Championship 2009
(Silver in Junior Male Light Category)
- National Inter-School Swimming Championship 2009
(Gold and Silver in the 50 and 100 Metres Butterfly)
- The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools 2009
(Certificate of High Distinction)
- National iSports Media Challenge 2009 (5th)
- National Pesta Sukan Taekwondo Championships
(Gold in the Red Belt –Flyweight Division)
- Spelling Bee Competition 2009 (2 Finalists)
- National Chinese Scholar Online competition 2009 (3rd)
- National Short Story Writing Competition 2009 (Silver)
- Singapore-China "I Hope" Children and Youth Bilingual Speech Competition (1st and 5th Lower Primary)
- Annual National Schools PhotoArt Competition 2010 (1st)

Innova Experience – Learning is an Adventure

Innova Primary seeks to provide every Innovian in their six years of education with the *Innova Experience*, an enriching holistic experience where *learning is an adventure*! The staff envisions a school where children enjoy learning and are inspired by their teachers and peers where the teaching is cutting edge and innovative. Each and every child is inspired to believe in himself, to love learning, to dare to dream and to achieve his personal best!

It is of paramount importance that every child has the right moral compass, the right values and disposition in him. It is about the building of character first, then the building of strong academic fundamentals in each child so that he can excel at each level, culminating in being the best learner ready for PSLE and beyond.

Every child going through the Innova experience will be nurtured into Champions of Change, Character and Citizenry.