



PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION AND SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION media advisory

6 October 2013

A PASSION TABLE TENNIS CLUB WITHIN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD BY 2015

The People's Association (PA) and Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA) aims to bring table tennis to every constituency in Singapore, with a shared vision of developing 87 Passion Table Tennis Clubs by 2015. The PAssion Table Tennis Clubs are a group of table tennis sports interest groups to widen outreach and deepen engagement with residents through table tennis at the Community Clubs and Resident Committees Centres. Through the PAssion Table Tennis Clubs, we hope to promote community and family bonding amongst residents and provide opportunities for residents to learn-to-play or improve at table tennis. We are pleased to share that the Clubs have grown to 50 this year, almost doubling from 28 last year.

2 A high point event is organised annually to engage members of the PAssion Table Tennis Clubs. This year, with the support from PA and STTA, Yew Tee Community Sports Club (CSC) organized the '**PAssion Table Tennis 2013**' on 5 and 6 October at Far East Plaza.

3 For the first time, a **Two-Generation Fun Doubles Category** is introduced, which **pairs a paddler with another 25 years or more younger**. This promotes inter-generational bonding in the sport where young and old can come together and enjoy. There will also be a team category in the PAssion Table Tennis 2013 for the PAssion Table Tennis Club members to compete. The team event is fully subscribed with 40 teams taking part.

4 Guest of Honour, Mr Alex Yam, Adviser to Yew Tee Grassroots Organisations, and Member of Parliament for Chua Chu Kang GRC shared that "nothing brings out the community spirit like sports. In Yew Tee, sports has played a big part in uniting our community and bringing people from all walks of life together. Today is no exception as we come together for PAssion Table Tennis. The competition is certainly keen, and seeing sportsmen and women of all ages come together for a common purpose will help to further promote sports, and table tennis in particular to many more."

5. Together with STTA President, Er. Dr. Lee Bee Wah, six members of the national team: Isabelle Li, Lin Ye, Zhou Yihan, Clarence Chew, Gao Ning and Yang Zi made a special appearance. There was an autograph session by the national paddlers, and members of the public got a chance to spar with them. Er. Dr. Lee Bee Wah shared that "sport unites families and communities and it can bring balance to our busy schedules. Every year, the STTA collaborates with the PA to organise a table tennis event with the hope to inspire more Singaporeans to pick up table tennis as a sport. Hence, it is heartening to know that this year's event, PAssion Table Tennis 2013 has been well received by the community."