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SINGAPORE'S BEST MALE PLAYER GAO NING WILL HOST A SPORTS CLINIC FOR STUDENTS FROM PATHLIGHT SCHOOL

Gao Ning together with several members of the national team: Clarence Chew, Chen Feng, Ma Liang, Zhou Yihan and Lin Ye will host a table tennis clinic for students from the Pathlight School. A total of 23 children, aged 13 to 18, will participate in the two hours sports clinic. The sports clinic will start off with a fun introduction to the sport and include *fundamental* instructions covering hand eye coordination, concentration and focus exercises

Gao Ning is the captain of national men's team and has led the team to many victories at the Commonwealth and South East Asian Games. At the London Olympics 2012, he led the team to finish at the Top 8 position, Singapore's best finish for the men's team event at the games.

"I hope that our sports clinic will encourage these students to lead an active lifestyle. And I believe that it is through sports that students can learn a range of skills from acquiring an awareness of physical well-being and developing a sense of self-esteem, to picking up important values such as teamwork, fair play and a can-do spirit," Gao Ning said.

"We are truly privileged to have some of the best talents in table tennis to conduct a sports clinic for our students. It is very motivating for our students to learn from the best and see them in action, demonstrating the values of resilience, discipline and spirit of excellence in everything that they do. This supports our emphasis on a values-driven holistic education for our students. I wish to thank Gao Ning and the Singapore Table Tennis Association for being an inspiration to our students," said Ms Linda Kho, Principal of Pathlight School.

About STTA

Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA) is a National Sports Association affiliated to the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) and Singapore Sports Council (SSC). 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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About Pathlight School

Pathlight School is a special school for high-functioning autistic children. . The school coaches students in social and life skills, teaches them mainstream curriculum subjects and prepares them for employment, in an autism friendly environment. With more than 800 pupils enrolled, the school is noted for its achievements in special education in Singapore.

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