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Table Tennis: Jing Jun Hong appointed as Singapore National Women's Team Head Coach

The STTA is delighted to appoint Jing Junhong as the Head Coach of the National Women's Team with immediate effect.

In 2009, Junhong was named deputy head coach of the women's team, she was the head coach of the women's team from 2013 to 2015. During her term, she has been in charge of the development of the women's team and has contributed significantly to the women's team successes at the 2010 World Team Table Tennis Championships, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, SEA Games and London Olympic Games 2012.

From 2015 onwards, Jing was tasked to groom the younger generation of players. Jing Jun Hong raised the standard of our young athletes and Team Singapore has the best finish at South East Asian (SEA) Junior & Cadet Table Tennis Championships since 2016.

Coach Jing Junhong demands a high standard of training and discipline from the athletes. She is actively involved in all aspects of the athletes' development, and works closely with them on their styles and techniques in their sport. Notably, our youths which include Zhou Jingyi, Ser Lin Qian and Izaak Quek have scored several wins in the ITTF Junior Circuits and WTT Youth Contenders. In April 2021, Izaak reached No. 1 in the Under-15 boys' World Ranking. At the 2021 ITTF World Championships, Ser Lin Qian and Izaak Quek also scored the Republic's first bronze medals at the tournament. Our youths were thriving under Coach Jing's charge as the Chief Coach (Youth Development).

Ellen Lee Geck Hoon, JP, PBM, President of STTA said, "I have known Coach Jing since 2014 and her track record speaks for itself, with many of our youths winning in the international circuit. Coach Jing has this ability to work with the younger generation of players and I look forward to seeing her continuous work with our younger generation of players."

Coach Jing Junhong, "I am thankful for this opportunity and the management's trust and confidence in my abilities. The task is not easy as we are a team made up of

young players but I am ready to face the challenges ahead and do my best for Singapore. I hope to continue Singapore's table tennis success in major competitions.”

Coach Hao An Lin will continue to work with the women's team as the Deputy Coach, Women's Team. Coach Hao said, “Coach Jing was my mentor when I started coaching and it was a successful working relationship. I look forward to working with her again.”

Zhou Jingyi said, “I have worked with Coach Jing since I was 13 years old and I have learned so much from her. Coach Jing is a good coach who can communicate effectively, has a good understanding of the sport and is able to motivate the younger athletes. I am thrilled that Coach Jing will take over as Head Coach as I have grown so much as a player under her charge. I look forward to learning more from her.”

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