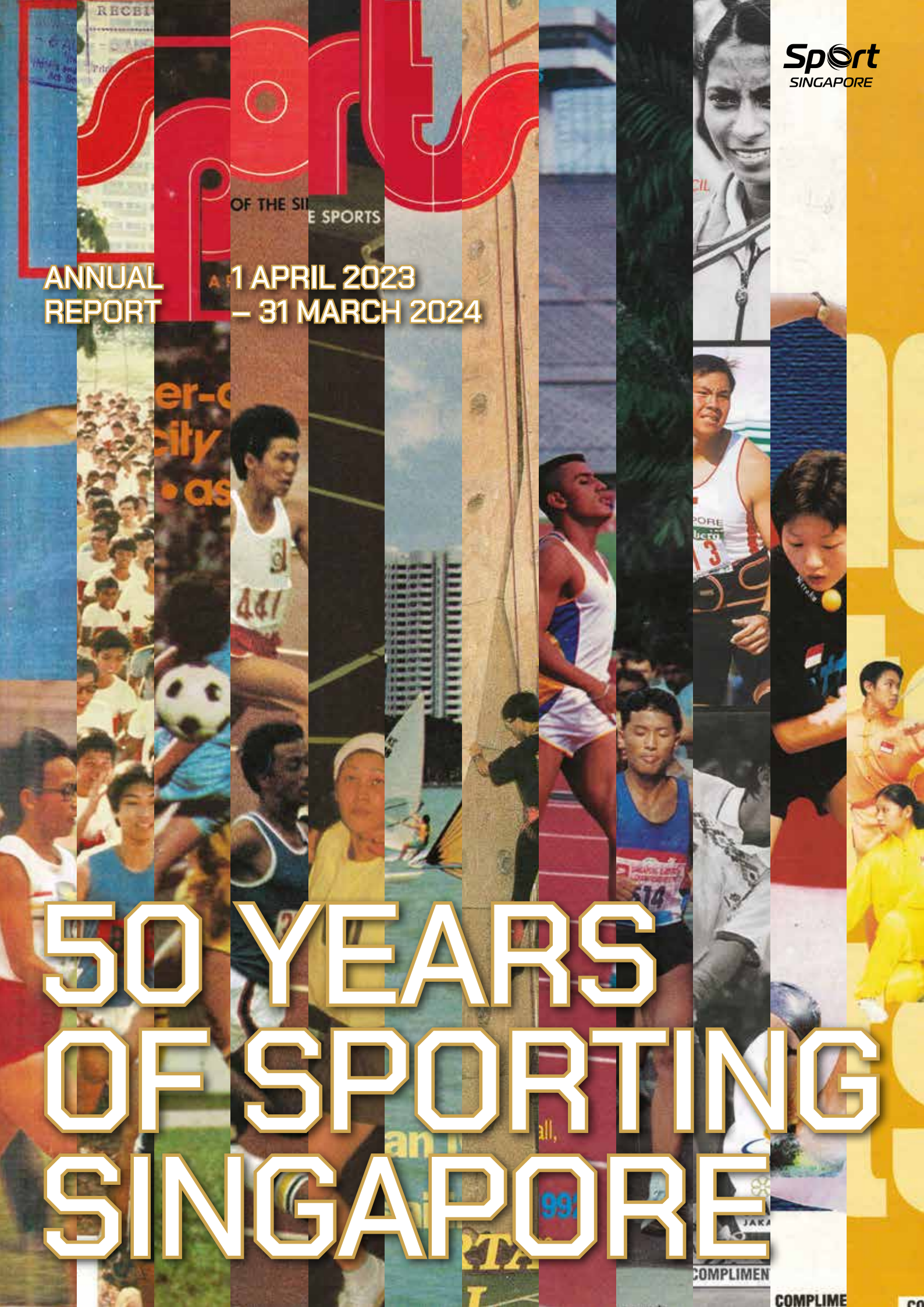


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50 YEARS OF SPORTING SINGAPORE



SPORT SINGAPORE'S PURPOSE IS TO **INSPIRE THE SINGAPORE SPIRIT AND TRANSFORM SINGAPORE THROUGH SPORT.** THROUGH INNOVATIVE, FUN AND MEANINGFUL SPORTING EXPERIENCES, OUR MISSION IS TO **REACH OUT AND SERVE COMMUNITIES ACROSS SINGAPORE WITH PASSION AND PRIDE.**

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



In 2023, Sport Singapore (SportSG) crossed a pivotal milestone – our jubilee year. For fifty years, we have served the nation through sport, bringing people together, connecting communities, nurturing champions, and inspiring many to live better.

As we reflect on this half-century journey, we recognise that it is not the finish line for us. We have continued to grow, expand our horizons, and push the boundaries of sport, celebrating the breakthroughs made over the last five decades. This appreciation of the past has empowered us to embrace the present and forge a brighter future for sport in Singapore.

HONOURING OUR SPORTING LEGACY

To mark SportSG's 50th anniversary, we honoured our sporting legacy on various fronts. We organised a sport heritage exhibition, "SportSG: 50 Years in Covers" and unveiled "Sport in Singapore: Visions for Change" – the final edition of the book-trilogy of Singapore's most iconic sporting moments. We also expanded the Sport Hall of Fame to include sport administrators, with eight athletes and sport leaders inducted in recognition of their achievements and contributions back to sport and the community.

We celebrated the milestone anniversaries of our initiatives, including the 10th anniversary of Saturday Night Lights, a SportCares flagship programme that has engaged over 6,000 vulnerable youths through football. On the high performance sport front, our *spex*Scholarship programme commemorated 10 years of excellence with 105 *spex*Scholars awarded – the largest cohort to date. We later inducted 48 athletes into the all new *spex*Potential programme in April 2024.

ADDING TO OUR HISTORY BOOKS

While honouring our past, we continued to make history in the present day. The inaugural Olympic Esports Week in June 2023 showcased the best of active virtual sports, providing a platform for athletes to showcase their excellence and passion for sport. We also hosted world-class sporting events such as FIBA Intercontinental Cup and HSBC Singapore Rugby Sevens, drawing visitors from not just Singapore but all over the world.

Singapore also became the first Southeast Asian country to host the prestigious International Council for Coaching Excellence Global Coach Conference, bringing together coaches, coach educators, researchers, sport scientists, technical directors, and sport administrators from the world to address current and emerging issues in coaching.



We continued our legacy of punching above our weight at international tournaments. Team Singapore performed well at four Major Games – the SEA Games, the Asian Games, the ASEAN Para Games, and the Asian Para Games.

- * The 32nd Southeast Asian Games in Cambodia celebrated several historic firsts, with sprinter Shanti Pereira becoming the first Singaporean woman to clinch gold at both the 100m and 200m. Singapore also achieved its 1,000th SEA Games medal since 1959.
- * The 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou similarly saw national records being broken and history being made. Marc Brian Louis broke the long-standing 22-year National Record set by U.K Shyam by an outstanding 10 seconds, while Debutant Ang Chen Xiang became the first Singaporean in over 55 years to qualify for the Men's 110 Hurdles finals.

- * At the 12th ASEAN Para Games, we wrote 16 national records and 9 games records. Team Singapore also recorded its best performance at the 4th Asian Para Games in terms of quality of medals clinched, while Chan Han Siong Daniel earned the nation's first ever shooting qualification for the Paralympic Games.

Back home, sport remained a vital part of our communities and neighbourhoods, serving as a bridge that brought people from all walks of life together. For example, Play Inclusive, Singapore's biggest unified sport competition, made history with 31 organisations taking part as Unified Partners (UP) – the highest number to date, and more than 650 athletes with disabilities competing with their UP across six sports.

All these would not have been possible without our sporting spaces. Our Sport Facilities Master Plan forged new ground with the completion of several first-of-its-kind developments. ActiveSG Sport Village @ Jurong Town was opened to the public in April 2023, giving residents access to a wide variety of sports including emerging sports like pickleball, with sustainable features such as a rainwater collection system and a jogging track made from recycled materials. Phase two of Bukit Canberra unveiled additional facilities, notably the largest ActiveSG gym in Singapore with inclusive gym features such as HUR machines (which use air pressure in place of traditional weights). The Kallang Alive Precinct also crossed a significant milestone with the completion of two new facilities: Kallang Tennis Hub, which features Singapore's first international tournament-ready indoor tennis facility; and Kallang Football Hub which functions primarily as a National Training Centre, with facilities that allow for all-weather play and are equipped with sports science capabilities.



These efforts have started to bear fruit, as seen in our 2023 National Sport Participation Survey. We saw a 20% increase in non-participants picking up sport and exercise, up from 15% the previous year. Singaporeans also expressed a sense of pride and national identity, with 76% saying supporting Team Singapore gave them a sense of pride, and 77% saying Singapore's achievements in sport have made them proud to be Singaporean. Indeed, we have much to be proud of our sport ecosystem in the past, present and what is to come in the future.

LAYING THE GROUND FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR SPORT

As we crossed our 50th anniversary, we laid and reinforced foundations to nurture the next generation of sport enthusiasts, athletes, coaches and professionals.

The launch of the Singapore Youth League in February 2024 under the Unleash the Roar! (UTR!) national football project provided aspiring youth players with a robust competitive platform to gain match experiences during their developmental years and showcase their talent.

We also awarded the first ever UTR! Overseas Scholarship to eight young talents to study and train abroad full-time, further bolstering long-term efforts to uplift the standards of football.

The introduction of the National Registry of Exercise Professionals (NREP) in April 2023 has raised overall standards and professionalised the sector, and provided better support for exercise professionals through continuous learning and development resources. In the same vein, SportSG and the Singapore Standards Council overseen by Enterprise Singapore launched new guidelines for safer sporting environments, in response to the rising popularity of aquatic sports.

To ignite passion and inspire change on the sport volunteering front, SportSG launched a new leadership programme to identify and groom future Team Nila volunteer leaders. The programme will provide training to equip suitable volunteers with the essential skills and competencies needed for effective leadership. In addition, a new Team Nila Training Roadmap was introduced to equip all volunteers with the necessary skills set for a diverse range of deployment initiatives.

Turning 50 has given us the opportunity to take stock of how far we have come, and how much more we can do to help everyone Live Better Through Sport in the coming decades.



CHAIRMAN



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Managing Partner, Foo Kon Tan LLP

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Chairman, Evercore Asia;
Chairman, Kallang Alive Sport
Management Co

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BOARD MEMBERS

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Chairman

Mr Andrew Lim

Members

Ms Chan Yen San
Ms Theresa Sim
Mr Tay Choon Hong

Terms of Reference:

The Audit Committee assists the SportSG Board in overseeing the financial reporting process, the internal controls, the audit process and the organisation's process for monitoring compliance with laws, regulations and the code of conduct. The Audit Committee recommends the appointment of the external auditors for approval by the Board as well as reviews the work performed by the internal and external auditors.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman

Mr Keith Magnus

Members

Dr Lee Tung Jean
Mr Sushil Nair
Mr Pan Kit Kuan

Terms of Reference:

The Finance Committee is responsible for the strategic direction and management of SportSG's financial resources and policies and it advises SportSG on all major financial matters. It oversees the overall structure and systems for managing SportSG's financial resources, accounting policies and financial regulations. The committee acts as the approving authority as decided by the Board. It also sets the direction and policies on management of surplus funds. The committee is supported by the SportSG Finance Division.

HUMAN CAPITAL COMMITTEE

Chairman

Mr Kon Yin Tong

Members

Dr Lee Tung Jean
Mr Alan Goh

Terms of Reference:

The Human Capital Committee is responsible for the strategic direction and management of SportSG's human capital, specifically compensation, talent development and management. The committee also endorses the appointment of members of various subcommittees and advisory boards.

MAJOR PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Chairman

Mr Kon Yin Tong

Members

Mr Sushil Nair
Mr Alan Goh
Mr Tai Lee Siang (Co-opt Member)
Mr Tan See Nin (Co-opt Member)

Terms of Reference:

The Major Projects Committee reviews the Sport Facilities Master Plan and infrastructure development (including Sports Hub) projects. The Committee endorses the conceptual plan, project brief, architectural and design aspects of development projects, and rejuvenation plan to existing sport facilities. The Committee also advises on partnership opportunities with private sector businesses and other government agencies to ensure mutually beneficial collaborations.

spexScholarship SELECTION COMMITTEE

Chairman

Mr Kon Ying Tong

Members

Dr Benedict Tan
Ms Chan Yen San
Dr Hing Siong Chen
Mr Alan Goh
Mr Toh Boon Yi
Dr Su Chun Wei
Ms Feng Tianwei
Mr Sukhmohinder Singh (Co-opt Member)
Mr Mervyn Toh (Co-opt Member)

Terms of Reference:

The spexScholarship Selection Committee approves the award, continuation or completion, and termination of SportSG spexScholarships. It also reviews the annual monitoring and evaluation of existing spexScholars, as well as approve the metrics that determine the maximum programme funding for spexScholars and the stipend for spexScholar athletes.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR VISION 2030 FUND

Chairman

Mr Kon Yin Tong

Members

Dr Benedict Tan
Mr Michael Palmer

Terms of Reference:

The Board of Trustees for the Vision 2030 Fund provides overall guidance for the use of the funds to achieve the goals in the Vision 2030 master plan. Guided by the Vision 2030 objectives, the Board of Trustees is also responsible for ensuring that SportSG's policies and initiatives are able to promote, develop and advance sport, foster sport volunteerism and philanthropy and position sport as an integral part of everyone's life.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE



Chief Executive Officer
Mr Alan Goh



Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr Toh Boon Yi



Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Development)
Chief, Kallang Alive Management Office
Mr Daryl Yeo



Chief, Strategy Group
Ms Lee Huei Chern



Chief, Sport Infrastructure Group
Mr Lim Hong Khiang



Chief, Singapore Sport Institute
Dr Su Chun Wei



Chief, ActiveSG
Mr Tan Hock Leong



Chief, Sport Development Group
Mr Marcus Tan



Chief, Industry Development, Technology & Innovation Group
Mr Roy Teo



Chief, Assurance & Corporate Excellence Group
Mr Muhammad Rostam Umar

SENIOR MANAGEMENT



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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SPORTSG

SportSG celebrated 50 years of sport service and history in November, marking its jubilee year with the launch of a sport heritage exhibition and the release of its second book for 2023, *Sport in Singapore: Visions for Change*.

Sport in Singapore: Visions for Change by Dr Nick Aplin, the final in a trilogy, looks through the lens of former Chairmen and Chief Executive Officers to highlight the history of Singapore's sporting vision.

The exhibition celebrating Singapore's sporting journey was graced by Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, President, Republic of Singapore at The Plaza of the National Library Building, as well as Mr Edwin Tong, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth & Second Minister for Law. The exhibition featured panels of 320 magazine covers that highlighted milestones such as the country's first Olympic medal in 1960, and the former National Stadium's opening in 1973.

Each magazine cover was specially selected to a moment in local sporting history from the 1970s onwards, crafting a time capsule through the different eras of Singapore's diverse sporting history for visitors.

During a guided walkthrough of the exhibition, former national athletes such as P.C. Suppiah, James Wong and father-son duo Wong Shoon Keat and Derek Wong, shared their unique experiences in their sporting journey, alongside TeamSG athletes such as Eric Yee and Maisarah Binte Mohamed Hassan.

The exhibition also featured, in collaboration with the National Heritage Board, two copies of *The Sportsman Magazine*, first published by former President Yusof Ishak.

The launch saw more than 160 attendees, while the exhibition saw roughly 5,600 attendees across its entirety. To date, about 500 copies of *Sport in Singapore: Visions for Change* have been distributed.



10 YEARS OF SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS IMPACTING LIVES THROUGH FOOTBALL

SportSG continued to use sport as a force for good, creating opportunities to uplift the lives of people from all walks of life and social groups.

Saturday Night Lights (SNL), a flagship programme under SportCares, commemorated its 10th anniversary with the culmination of a five-month long HEARTS Football League and a special photo exhibition. The league involved over 18 SNL teams and eight invited teams comprising SportCares partners. The event, held on 18 November 2023 at ActiveSG Woodlands Stadium, was graced by Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, President, Republic of Singapore and Ms Jane Ittogi, with 600 youths, their families and community partners in attendance.

SNL was developed by SportCares, SportSG's philanthropic arm, to provide youths aged 13 to 21 with a safe space to build relationships, develop character and lead through the game of football. Since its inception in 2013, SNL has benefitted over 6,000 youths.

Today, the programme supports 21 teams of over 400 youths at nine training venues. The youths gather not only to play football, but also for sessions on character development and life skills. Even as the youths graduate from the programme, the positive values inculcated in them continue to leave a lasting impact on their lives.

spexScholarship CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY WITH LARGEST COHORT OF 105 ATHLETES

As the Sport Excellence Scholarship (*spexScholarship*) celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2023, it also marked its largest cohort of *spexScholars* in its history with 105 athletes across 24 sports.



This included 33 new athletes from 11 sports, who joined the ranks of over 211 *spexScholars* since the programme started in 2013. From the time it was launched, the programme has produced 13 world champions with 25 world championship titles, and 39 athletes achieving 49 podium finishers at the Asian Games, Olympic Games, and their para-equivalents. Nine athletes have been on the programme since its inception.

This year, the programme welcomed its first athlete in open water swimming, Chantal Liew, who was the first Singaporean to qualify for and compete in the sport at the Olympics.

Since 2013, there has been a seven-fold increase in funding support for *spexScholars*, from \$2.3 million to \$16.4 million.

New *spexPotential* programme to nurture athletes early for sustained sporting successes

In August 2023, SportSG announced the Sport Excellence Potential (*spexPotential*) – a new programme that provides an enhanced level of support to prepare athletes for gold medal success at the Southeast Asian (SEA) Games level, with the longer term aim of transitioning them into the *spexScholarship* programme.

The introduction of *spexPotential* – which offers a more seamless support structure – will strengthen the support for youth-to-senior athlete transition and nurture athletes early for sustained sporting success. Both the *spexScholarship* and *spexPotential* programmes provide targeted financial and programmatic support for athletes to prepare them for podium success and excellence at the Major Games. These include a monthly stipend, as well as support for local and overseas training and competitions, sport science and medicine, education, career and personal development.

The inaugural cohort of *spexPotential* scholars comprised 48 athletes across 22 sports. Among them were paddler Ser Lin Qian who earlier earned the Sportsgirl of the Year title at the 2022 Singapore Sports Awards, wushu athlete Cassandra Ong, shuttler Nur Insyirah Khan, sprinter Thiruben Thana Rajan, and kayaking brothers Evan and Titus Ching.

8 ATHLETES AND SPORT LEADERS INDUCTED INTO REFRESHED SPORT HALL OF FAME

The Sport Hall of Fame was refreshed in 2023 to include a new category for sport leaders, and to recognise the achievements of athletes beyond medals, including contributions back to sport and the community.

Eight individuals were inducted into the Sport Hall of Fame at the Istana on 6 February 2024, with Guest-of-Honour Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, President, Republic of Singapore gracing the event.

Inducted under the Sport Leaders category were:

- * Former Team Singapore water polo player and veterans sports official, the late **Dr Tan Eng Liang**. He was also the Chairman of the Singapore Sports Council (1975 to 1991), and Vice-President of the Singapore National Olympic Council (1992 to 2020).
- * Former Team Singapore sailor and Vice-President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), **Mr Ng Ser Miang**. He has held several top positions, including Chairman of Singapore Sports Council (1991-2002) and Vice President of the Singapore National Olympic Council (1990 to 2014).
- * **Mrs Jessie Phua**, the first Singaporean to head an International Sport Federation and first woman elected to head the International Bowling Federation. She served as the President of the Singapore Bowling Federation for almost 20 years and was a Nominated Member of Parliament from 2007 to 2009.



- * President of the Singapore National Paralympic Committee and Singapore Disability Sports Council, **Dr Teo-Koh Sock Miang**, who has been active in the disability sports scene for decades, coaching para-athletics and para swimming.
- * Former Team Singapore water polo player, **Mr Kenneth Kee**, who was named the Coach of the Year in 1982. He built up a team comprising solely neighbourhood players who eventually won gold at the SEA Games 1979 and 1981, and competed at the Asian Games 1982. He was also the national team coach from 1979 to 1982, and part of the Singapore Swimming Association Water Polo Advisory Committee between 2017 and 2018.

Inducted under the Athletes category were:

- * Former Team Singapore boxer, **Mr Syed Kadir**, who is the first and only Singaporean boxer to represent Singapore at the Olympics. He also won Singapore's first Commonwealth Games boxing medal in 1974.
- * **Ms Joscelin Yeo**, who is a former Team Singapore swimmer, four-time Olympian, two-time Asian Games medallist, and three-time Sportswoman of the Year. The most bemedalled Southeast Asian Games athlete with 40 gold medals, she also served as a Nominated Member of Parliament from 2009 to 2011.
- * **Ms Yu Mengyu**, who is a former Team Singapore paddler and two-time Olympian, who was a part of the historic team to upset 17-time world champions China, to win the World Table Tennis Championships in 2010.

To date, 57 top sportsmen and women have been inducted into the Sport Hall of Fame.

FIRST IN SOUTHEAST ASIA TO HOST ICCE GLOBAL COACH CONFERENCE

Singapore became the first in Southeast Asia and the third in Asia to host the International Council for Coaching Excellence Global Coach Conference (ICCE GCC) this year. Held from 29 November to 3 December 2023 at the Marina Bay Sands and Singapore Sports Hub, the 14th edition of the conference brought together coaches, coach educators, researchers, sport scientists, technical directors, and sport administrators from all over the world to address current and emerging issues in coaching. The theme for the conference was "Coaching for a Better Tomorrow" and focused on effective coaching practices, coach learning and development, coaching policy and systems, and inclusivity.



554

ATHLETES ACROSS 30 SPORTS PARTICIPATED IN THE 2023 SEA GAMES

259

DEBUTANTS, 47% OF THE CONTINGENT



158

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEDALS

51 GOLDS 43 SILVERS 64 BRONZES



SEA GAMES 2023, CAMBODIA

BEST PERFORMING SPORTS

Golds		Silvers		Bronzes	
Aquatics (swimming)	22	Aquatics (swimming)	15	Aquatics (swimming)	10
Fencing	7	Fencing	3	Fencing	6
Table Tennis	4	Table Tennis	2	Table Tennis	3
Sailing	3	Sailing	4	Athletics	5
Athletics	3	Athletics	2		
Total					
Aquatics (swimming)	47	Sailing	7		
Fencing	16	Athletics	10		
Table Tennis	9				

HIGHLIGHTS

- * Achieved Singapore's 1000th SEA Games gold medal since 1959. This medal was won by our swimmers in the Women's 4 × 100m Freestyle Relay.
- * Shanti Pereira became the first Singaporean to win gold in the 100m and 200m sprints.
- * The men's Water Polo team reclaimed gold for Singapore, coming back from their loss in the 2019 SEA Games which ended their 27-year winning run.



ASEAN PARA GAMES 2023, CAMBODIA

25

ATHLETES ACROSS 6
SPORTS PARTICIPATED
IN THE 2023 ASEAN
PARA GAMES

7/11

spexScholars IN PARA
SPORTS REPRESENTED
SINGAPORE

44

TOTAL MEDALS

12 GOLDS
15 SILVERS
17 BRONZES

16

PERSONAL BESTS

16

NATIONAL RECORDS

9

GAMES RECORDS
WERE ACHIEVED



MEDALS IN ALL SIX SPORTS

Golds		Silvers		Bronzes	
Para Swimming	11	Para Swimming	10	Para Swimming	8
Para Athletics	1	Para Athletics	2	Para Table Tennis	3
Boccia	3	Boccia	2	Para Powerlifting	2
		Para Table Tennis	1	Para Badminton	1
Total					
Para Swimming	29	Para Table Tennis	4		
Para Athletics	3	Para Powerlifting	2		
Boccia	5	Para Badminton	1		

HIGHLIGHTS

- * Nur 'Aini Binte Mohamed Yasli won Singapore's first ever medals in Woman's Para Powerlifting with 2 bronze medals.
- * Wong Zhi Wei broke a 15-year Games record in the Men's 100m Butterfly.
- * Colin Soon Jin Guang broke 4 national records in the Men's 50m Breaststroke SB13, 100m Freestyle S13, 100m Backstroke S13, and 50m Freestyle S13. In doing so, he also rewrote 2 Games records in the 100 Freestyle S13 and 50m Freestyle S13.



ASIAN GAMES 2022, HANGZHOU

427

ATHLETES ACROSS 32 SPORTS PARTICIPATED IN THE 2022 ASIAN GAMES

333

DEBUTANTS, 77.9% OF THE CONTINGENT

16

TOTAL MEDALS

3 **GOLDS**
6 **SILVERS**
7 **BRONZES**

BEST PERFORMING SPORTS

Golds	Silvers	Bronzes
Sailing 2	Sailing 2	Sailing 3
Athletics 1	Athletics 1	Wushu 1
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Total		
Sailing 7	Wushu 2	
Athletics 2		

HIGHLIGHTS

- * Shanti Pereira won 1 gold and 1 silver medal, winning her first ever Asian Games medals.
- * Marc Brian Louis broke the 22-year old National Record of 10.37s and clocked a 10.27s sprint at the Men's 100m semi-finals. He was the first Singaporean in 55 years to qualify for the Men's 110m hurdle.





ASIAN PARA GAMES 2022, HANGZHOU

31

ATHLETES ACROSS 9
SPORTS PARTICIPATED
IN THE 2022 ASIAN
PARA GAMES

16

DEBUTANTS,
52% OF THE
CONTINGENT

7/11

spexScholars IN PARA
SPORTS REPRESENTED
SINGAPORE

8

TOTAL MEDALS

3 **GOLDS**
3 **SILVERS**
2 **BRONZES**

12

PERSONAL BESTS

9

NATIONAL RECORDS

2

GAMES RECORDS
ACHIEVED

BEST PERFORMING SPORTS

	Golds	Silvers	Bronzes
Swimming	3	Swimming 1 Lawn Bowls 1 Archery 1	Lawn Bowls 1 Table Tennis 1

Total		
Swimming	4	Archery 1
Lawn Bowls	2	Table Tennis 1

HIGHLIGHTS

* Swimmer Toh Wei Soong broke 2 Games records in the Men's 100m Backstroke S7 Final and Men's 50m Freestyle S7 Timed Final





UNLEASH THE ROAR! ELEVATING THE GAME

Through the national football programme Unleash the Roar! (UTR!), we continued to elevate Singapore's football ecosystem with various new initiatives implemented steadily throughout the year.

FIRST OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP FOR SINGAPORE'S TOP YOUNG FOOTBALL TALENTS

In July 2023, eight of Singapore's most promising young football talents – six girls and two boys – were awarded the first ever UTR! Overseas Scholarship to study and train abroad full-time at reputable institutions. Minister for Culture, Community and Youth & Second Minister for Law, Mr Edwin Tong presented the scholarships to the eight recipients – Ardhra Arul Ganeswaran, Chloe Koh, Irsalina Irwan, Kyra Taylor, Loo Kai Sheng, Seri Ayu Natasha Naszri, Uchenna Eziakor, and Yasmine Zaharin.

Five of them enrolled at the IMG Academy's programme in Florida, United States of America, while the other three attended ESC LaLiga & NBA in Madrid, Spain.

Under the institutions' robust football programmes, the young talents stepped out of their comfort zone, training and competing at a much higher intensity than they were used to back home. They were fast becoming better players both on and off the field, as more doors continued to open for them. We look forward to these young talents doing Singapore proud one day!



MORE OVERSEAS STINTS FOR FOOTBALLERS

In November and December 2023, some of Singapore's most promising boys and girls travelled to Europe and Southeast Asia to compete and train under UTR!



The National Development Centre (NDC)'s Under-14 boys headed to Spain for a two-week stint in Madrid, where they took on academy sides from Atletico Madrid, Leganes, Rayo Vallecano and Getafe. The trip was thanks to a collaboration between UTR! and Spanish top-tier league LaLiga.

The boys were based at ESC LaLiga & NBA Centre – a state-of-the-art training facility used by both LaLiga and the National Basketball Association (NBA) to groom future football and basketball talents.

Over in Thailand, the NDC U-13 and U-15 teams were based in Bang Bo for a training camp before competing in the 2023 Siam Cup, a league-format competition featuring renowned Thai Premier League sides like Buriram United and Chonburi FC. There were also training matches against the likes of Thai academy teams like STB Football Academy, Prime FC, and Bangkok Sports School.

Meanwhile, the NDC girls' U-14 and U-16 teams and a combined boys School Football Academy (SFA) spent over a week in Malaysia, where they gained invaluable overseas match and training exposure. The teams were in Kuala Lumpur for matches against sides from the Selangor and Klang areas.



MORE COMPETITIVE EXPOSURE FOR YOUTH PLAYERS

Singapore launched its inaugural nation-wide elite youth football competition – Singapore Youth League (SYL) – in February 2024. Co-organised by the Football Association of Singapore and SportSG as a key tenet of UTR!, the SYL is a manifestation of

both parties' commitment to building a pipeline that will uplift Singapore football for years to come. It provided aspiring youth players a robust, competitive platform to gain match experience during their developmental years and showcase their talent.

The league kicked off on 24 February and would continue to run till December 2024, with matches played at stadiums across the island. There were over 200

teams from 52 clubs and academies competing across various age groups (Under-8, Under-10, Under-12, Under-13, Under-15, and Under-17). The participating teams – all part of the FAS' Academy Accreditation System – included St Michaels' Soccer Association, Flair Football Academy, and the Singapore Premier League's Lion City Sailors. There were also invited teams in the likes of Malaysia's Johor Darul Ta'zim.



Meanwhile, we hosted yet another successful edition of the SFA Fiesta in February 2024. The event brought together over 300 young student-athletes comprising 12 boys' and eight girls' football teams from various secondary schools under the SFA, with a fresh focus on lower secondary cohorts. We also welcomed SFA newcomers Deyi Secondary, Dunman Secondary, Chung Cheng High (Yishun), Naval Base Secondary, Northland Secondary, Singapore Chinese Girls' School, and Yishun Secondary to the girls' programme, and Bedok View Secondary to the boys' programme!



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FAMILIES THAT PLAY SPORT TOGETHER, STAY TOGETHER

The ActiveSG Active Parents network continued to grow from strength to strength with more experiences for families to enjoy together and bond through sport. Among them were the brand new multi-sport parent-child event concept – Sporty Playdate, and FunFam SportFest which returned for its second edition.

The inaugural Sporty Playdate took place over the 2023 December school holidays, drawing participation from more than 4,000 parents and children. Held at the Singapore Sports Hub, the one-day event featured parent-child activities including mass dance sessions and learning how to canoe. There was also the FitFam Challenge, which saw 1,000 parents and children team up and compete in fitness-themed challenges to earn a coveted spot on the leaderboard.



Meanwhile, FunFam SportFest 2023, organised in support of National Family Week 2023 by Families for Life, attracted over 8,000 parents and children over the mid-year school holidays.

The event featured multi-sport tryouts and learn-to-play sport programmes designed for parent-child participation and family bonding. ActiveSG Academies and Clubs showcased nine sports at the event, almost double that of the previous year’s – giving families more reason to sign up and leverage the ActiveSG \$100 credit top-up for children aged 4-12 years. The event also saw 446 parents and children participate in the FunFam Adventure, where they conquered game obstacles around the Singapore Sports Hub in an amazing race format.

The race was flagged off by Guest-of-Honour Mr Eric Chua, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

START THEM YOUNG

In August 2023, the GASG Nurture Kids Festival returned with the theme “Celebrate SG Through Play!”, rallying the preschool community to celebrate National Day together through fun and play.

The Finale saw the National Stadium transformed into a giant playground, drawing participation from more than 6,500 preschoolers, early childhood educators and parent volunteers across 126 preschools. Of the various activities, two were contributed by the preschools themselves. The two were among 92 entries received as part of a video campaign inviting preschools to submit their activity ideas, in the spirit of knowledge sharing.

Graced by Dr Maliki Osman, Minister, Prime Minister’s Office, Second Minister for Education & Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Finale also saw the launch of the “Fun Start Move Smart – Learning to Move, Moving to Learn” resource guide and a new website dedicated to serve the preschool sector.

The launch of the resource guide marked the culmination of a year-long journey to review and build on existing resources on fundamental movement skills, in partnership with various stakeholders comprising early childhood educators, curriculum specialists, preschool centre leaders and representatives from the Early Childhood Development Agency, Ministry of Education (MOE), National Institute of Early Childhood Development, and National Youth Sports Institute. The guide presented a key shift in focus, with movement defined in a broader sense of being physically active through active play, outdoor learning, in other learning domains and during transition between lessons. Through increased opportunities for movement throughout the day, preschoolers were likely to be more proficient at moving in various aspects of their life.

In the spirit of partnering preschool anchor operators to co-design and deliver capability development initiatives, SportSG collaborated with PCF Sparkletots on a new capability development campaign – “Active

Innovator Award”. The six-month long campaign began in March 2024, with 60 early childhood educators from PCF Sparkletots preschools islandwide. These educators would undergo workshops and implement their own innovative ideas within their preschools to integrate movement as a way of life for preschoolers.





BROADENING THE BASE THROUGH ACTIVE SG ACADEMIES & CLUBS

ActiveSG Academies & Clubs continued to drive regular sport participation among the young, with over 8,000 participants per season across sports.

Among those that expanded with new centres and programmes were:

Programme	New Centres	New Programmes
ActiveSG Basketball Academy	Choa Chu Kang Secondary School *Bedok Green Secondary School *Woodgrove Secondary School *Bukit Merah Secondary School	Intermediate programme for youths aged nine to 12 years old, and 13 to 15 years old
ActiveSG Volleyball Academy	Bukit Canberra Delta *Jurong West Secondary School	New intermediate programme
ActiveSG Table Tennis Academy	Bukit Canberra	

*under the Dual-Use Scheme

The Academies & Clubs also continued to provide various opportunities for participants to compete – both locally and abroad. Local tournaments included the ActiveSG Cup which saw close to 5,500 participants across 10 age groups and five different sports, as well as Pesta Sukan as part of GASG 2023. The ActiveSG Water Polo Academy also introduced a quarterly Season Finale, enabling local clubs to have at least four more tournaments to look forward to each year. Beyond Singapore, our ActiveSG Athletics Club Development Centre athletes competed in Perth, Australia, while our young basketballers played in tournaments in Indonesia, China, and Malaysia.



SUSTAINING A STRONG SPORTING CULTURE IN SCHOOLS

We continued to sustain a strong sporting culture in schools through various efforts, working closely with stakeholders such as the MOE.

Notably, SportSG was involved in the initiation of two new combined schools Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) programmes to engender social mixing opportunities between schools and widen sport CCA choices and access for close to 100 students. The CCAs and participating schools included hockey for Singapore Chinese Girls' School and Queensway Secondary School, as well as volleyball for Anglo-Chinese Independent School and Orchid Park Secondary School.

Meanwhile, the Strategic Partnership Co-Curricular Activity (SP-CCA) continued to grow steadily, providing students the opportunity to participate in centralised, non-school-based CCAs. In 2023, the SP-CCA Athletics programme had 63 students from 41 schools enrolled, while SP-CCA Water-Polo had 33 students from 26 schools.

We also continued to build upon existing offerings in schools to enable youths to learn to play as many sports, as well as in games and competitions. Under the School Sports Partnerships Programme, more than 16,000 students from 99 schools, including eight special education schools, participated in various sport programmes delivered by ActiveSG Academies & Clubs coaches.

At the same time, the Sports Education Programme continued to link service providers with schools to deliver innovative and quality sport programmes to students. More than 200,000 students from 307 schools, including 12 SPED schools, took part in a variety of sport programmes under this arrangement in 2023.

The schools were also actively involved in the GASG 2023 to celebrate national day through sport, with more than 100,000 students from 134 schools participating in various initiatives such as Dance of the Nation and Inclusive Playdate.



PROMOTING ACTIVE LIVING AMONG YOUTHS THROUGH IHLS

To encourage youths from Institutes of Higher Learning (IHL) to take personal ownership of their overall wellbeing through Active Health, an interactive Health & Wellness e-learning package was developed to enable them to learn more about the domains of Move Better, Eat Better and Rest Better. Singapore Polytechnic became the first IHL to roll out the e-learning package for all 4,000 first year students, as part of its Wellness for Life programme.

More than 2,000 students have benefitted from sport modules delivered by coaches from ActiveSG Academies & Clubs since April 2022.

SportSG also partnered the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) in staging their annual sports council road race at the Singapore Sports Hub. The race, which was held in conjunction with GASG 2023, saw more than 800 ITE students participating in the National Day Observance Ceremony, GASG Dance of the Nation 2023 and GASG Majulah Fiesta activities.



EXPANDED ENGAGEMENT WITH ACTIVE HEALTH

SportSG continued to be an active community partner of Healthier SG (HSG), in support of the nation's efforts to encourage Singaporeans to take steps towards better health. This included support through facilities, sporting initiatives, and targeted programmes for individuals medically at risk – powered by our Active Health coaches.

Through participation in all 17 precinct-level HSG roadshows, SportSG engaged with more than 20,000 people to raise their awareness of Active Health. Measuring is Knowing – an ongoing public education campaign aimed at helping people understand their health and fitness baseline so that they can start taking better charge – was prominently featured at the HSG roadshows, in addition to its presence at GASG 2023. Collectively, approximately 35,000 health assessments were conducted as part of the Measuring is Knowing campaign.

SportSG continued to make headway in bridging the gap between healthcare and preventive health. With our referral process recognised as a HSG care protocol, suitable patients would be referred to Active Health Targeted Programmes to manage their Body Mass Index (BMI), as a means to preventive health.



We also conceptualised the Active Health Training and Experiential Session to raise the capabilities of healthcare workers in operationalising the referral process. To this end, the session was designed to introduce core concepts of Measuring is Knowing, sport-inspired exercises, and Active Health Targeted Programmes. The inaugural session was attended by 82 participants comprising nurse counsellors and primary care coordinators, organised by the Agency for Integrated Care. More sessions will be rolled out to different healthcare clusters.

Scaling Active Health's impact through collaborations

SportSG collaborated with various partners to strengthen Active Health offerings and extend its reach to citizens.

One such way was through the inclusion of Active Health offerings in the Woodlands GoActive! pilot – an exciting new platform aimed at empowering residents to access co-created information and diverse array of programmes designed to boost their health and wellness in Woodlands.

We also collaborated with SingHealth to launch Health Up! in the East Coast GRC in June 2023, aimed at helping local residents get targeted health advice.

As part of continued upstream efforts to tackle childhood obesity, SportSG collaborated with SingHealth's KK Women's & Children's Hospital to conduct research on combating childhood obesity, under the Lifestyle InTervention for Everyone (LITE) programme. The study, which involved 100 families, looked into the effectiveness of intervention in tackling obesity among children through semi-structured sessions with exercise, nutrition and behavioural support facilitated by Active Health.

Extending our reach with the opening of new Active Health Labs

Our Active Health offerings reached even more stakeholders from different segments of the community with the opening of our new Active Health Labs at the revamped ActiveSG Delta Sport Centre and Bukit Canberra.



Key stakeholders across 58 representatives, ranging from the healthcare sector, grassroots organisations, Team Nila, National Parks Board, to ServiceSG were invited to the labs for a first-hand experience of what would be brought to residents. At the same time, we engaged 210 seniors from eight Active Ageing Centres and 248 residents from both precincts to experience Active Health and ActiveSG programmes.

In conjunction with the opening of our very first Active Health Nutrition Studio in Bukit Canberra, we conducted parent-child nutrition workshops to encourage young families to adopt a more holistic approach to their health and fitness.

Bringing Active Health closer to residents

Since the opening of the Community Health Club by the then Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong in Jalan Kayu in February 2023, residents living in the area have been actively participating in the Discovery Walk in the Park and Floor Curling sessions led by Active Health.

In Jurong, the outdoor Sport-in-Precinct programme was also kickstarted to educate residents on the proper use of fitness equipment to strengthen their bones, joints, and muscles, as they worked towards the recommended physical activity guidelines for their age groups.

As part of supporting seniors to Move Strong and Be Balanced, sarcopenia screening was also brought to seniors in Ghim Moh and Bendemeer to measure their progress on a 30-Week muscle strengthening programme organised by SportCares.





LAUNCH OF ACTIVE X AT THIRD EDITION OF SENIORS' SPORTS DAY

Seniors' Sports Day returned for a third year on 3 August at the Majulah Fiesta, as part of GASG 2023. The event marked the culmination of a series of play dates between seniors and youth who were paired through their respective schools and Active Ageing Centres. The seniors and youths connected and built camaraderie through their shared sporting experiences. In the process, they benefitted from improved mental and emotional wellbeing, knowledge transfer, and personal development.

Held at the Singapore Sports Hub, Seniors' Sports Day saw over 1,400 seniors and youths engaged in intergenerational games. More than 4,300 participants also participated virtually. The seniors and youth, from across nine schools, bonded over sport try-outs and played reimagined "kampung" games such as "Bola Tin Soccer" and "Bullseye Chapteh" together.

The event also saw the launch of ActiveX – a new initiative that promotes active ageing under the Ministry of Health's Refreshed Action Plan for Successful Ageing. The initiative offers a suite of intergenerational programmes which focus on holistic health and social engagement.

By encouraging intergenerational bonding through sport activities and fitness, ActiveX creates a greater sense of belonging and a stronger community support network across age groups.

The relationships built from initial pairing and sport play dates have empowered some of the seniors and youths, such as the pairs from Blangah Rise Primary School and NTUC Health Active Ageing Centre as well as Princess Elizabeth Primary School and REACH Senior Centre, to continue to organise their own sport play dates beyond the event. This was testament to the power of intergenerational interactions in fostering lasting social bonds.



EXPANDING SPORTCARES THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH MSF COMLINK+

SportSG partnered with Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF)'s ComLink+, a network of 21 centres supporting lower-income families, to expand SportCares' reach.

The partnership established programmes targeted at families with young children living in rental blocks in Kreta Ayer, Bukit Merah, Queenstown, Clementi, Ang Mo Kio, and Tampines, with plans to expand the partnership to benefit more families in other ComLink towns across Singapore.

HIGHEST NUMBER OF UNIFIED PARTNERS AT PLAY INCLUSIVE 2023

Over 650 athletes with disabilities and their Unified Partners (UP), persons without disabilities, participated in Play Inclusive 2023 – Singapore's biggest unified sport competition. The 2023 edition saw 31 organisations participating in the event as UP, the highest in its history to date. In partnership with Special Education (SPED) schools and disability centres, the event brought athletes together across six sports – badminton, basketball, boccia, floorball, football, and goalball.

The SPED schools partnered with mainstream schools, like Anglican High School, who teamed up with Saint Andrew's Autism School (SAAS) in Unified basketball and badminton.

Co-organised by SportCares, Special Olympics Singapore and Singapore Disability Sports Council, with the support of participating schools from the Ministry of Education, Play Inclusive has seen strong support across corporate and public stakeholders. Notably, the 2023 edition saw corporate organisations such as Certis and RSVP Singapore participating in the event for the first time.



SAAS teacher, Ms Nurul Baizura Abdul Razak, shared about the importance of these interactions with partner school peers, "For students with special needs, the interaction with their partner school peers helps to build their confidence and social skills, contributing to their holistic education. These efforts are crucial in creating a more inclusive society. The Play Inclusive training sessions and competition are one of the highlight events of the year for most of our students."

TAKING A QUANTUM LEAP ON THE SPORT VOLUNTEERING FRONT

Team Nila continued to grow from strength to strength in 2023. The year saw about 5,500 Team Nila volunteers contributing close to 150,000 hours across 126 sporting and community events.

Our sport volunteers provided operational support at major sporting events and assisted with selected ActiveSG sport centre programmes. They were also at the forefront of various National Day celebrations across Singapore.

These include leading the Dance of the Nation workout at events, driving the National Day Heartland Festivals at five sites across Singapore as part of GASG 2023, supporting the National Day Parade (NDP) 2023 show segment and marching contingent, and assisting with the NDP air safety teams.

In conjunction with the Team Nila annual awards ceremony in February 2024, several new initiatives were launched to ignite passion and inspire change on the sport volunteering front.



Building volunteers who are not just "hands and legs", but also leaders

Among them was a new leadership programme to identify and groom future Team Nila volunteer leaders. The Team Nila Volunteer Leaders Programme was designed to provide training that will equip suitable volunteers with the essential skills and competencies for effective leadership.

Beyond building their confidence in leading functions such as sport competition management, event

planning as well as manpower recruitment and coordination, the programme was also intended to produce leaders who can rally and manage effective volunteer teams.

The introduction of the leadership programme was timely, as Team Nila continued to build both capacity and capability in preparation for upcoming key sport events such as Pesta Sukan 2024, the World Aquatics Championship in 2025 as well as SEA Games and ASEAN Para Games in 2029.





Robust training and development opportunities

A new Team Nila Volunteer Training Roadmap aimed at equipping all volunteers with the necessary skill sets for a diverse range of deployment opportunities was also launched. Through both online and in-person sessions, volunteers honed their functional and technical skills. They also underwent the Responders Plus Programme and the Red Cross Academy for Psychological First Aid, thanks to ongoing collaborations with organisations such as the SGSecure Programme Office and the Singapore Civil Defence Force. Such certifications ensured that volunteers were equipped with the basic ability to respond and assist to emergencies whilst on duty.

Heartbeat of Team Singapore

Since its inception, Team Nila has been cheering on our athletes – be it at mass participation, grassroots, or major sporting events. In 2023, Team Nila cheered on Team Singapore athletes to victory at the SEA Games and ASEAN Para Games in Cambodia.

With the formation of Team Nila Beats, the volunteers elevated their status as the official volunteer-led cheering squad and heartbeat of Team Singapore, rallying Singaporeans to passionately cheer on our athletes at sporting events. Team Nila Beats members undergo training and cheering practices to create a lively and positive ambience at selected Major Games and competitions featuring Team Singapore.

Among its notable appearances to date were at the World Cup 2026 Qualifier games, where hundreds of Team Nila Beats volunteers livened up the atmosphere and rallied the home crowd to cheer on the Lions as they took on China, Guam, and Thailand. Team Nila also made its presence felt at other events such as the World Table Tennis – Singapore Smash 2024, Jumpshot 3x3 and Standard Chartered Singapore Marathon 2023.

Roaring with pride with new Team Nila apparel

As part of the Team Nila identity refresh, revitalised uniforms and apparel were also launched in February 2024. The new line comprised a standardised volunteer t-shirt design as well as practical accessories, suitable for use during volunteering activities.





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This year, SportSG further expanded industry development efforts on several fronts. We catalysed capability development and innovation through the Enterprise Innovation and Capability Development Grant (InnoGrant) and National Registry of Exercise Professionals (NREP); connected with the industry through our inaugural SPOTLIGHT networking series; and curated new sporting experiences such as the Olympic Esports Week 2023. We also continued to expand our existing suite of world-class sporting events to boost mass and high performance sport participation among Singaporeans.

INSTITUTIONALISING THE EXERCISE PROFESSIONAL INDUSTRY

SportSG launched the first phase of the National Registry of Exercise Professionals (NREP) in April 2023, as part of a concerted effort to professionalise and strengthen capabilities in the fitness industry, especially in the areas of safety and knowledge.

During this first phase spanning April 2023 to March 2024, exercise professionals were supported to upskill and register on NREP through a free National Instructors and Coaches Association (NICA) membership. This provided them with benefits such as access to work-related advisories, training support and financial grant.

This would support exercise professionals' transition into NREP's second phase from April 2024, where all government agencies who hire a sizeable number of exercise professionals – including SportSG, People's Association, Health Promotion Board and Ministry of Home Affairs – would only hire exercise professionals registered under the NREP. This would help to establish consistency in the level of qualifications of exercise professionals who conduct programmes run by government agencies.

As at end March 2024, the NREP has onboarded close to 2,000 exercise professionals. In the upcoming third phase, NREP will include an accreditation framework where exercise professionals would be required to have a certification in Basic Exercise Science, along with a continuous education framework.



ENTERPRISE INNOVATION AND CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT (InnoGrant) SCOPE EXPANDED TO FURTHER DRIVE INNOVATION

To further drive innovation and partnerships, SportSG made key enhancements to the Enterprise Innovation and Capability Development Grant (InnoGrant) – an initiative aimed at encouraging collaborative research and development between sport and adjacent industries and upskill sport professionals.



Notably, successful projects may receive up to \$1 million in funding – an almost six-fold increase from the initial \$180,000 per project. We also expanded the scope to accept applications across a broader range of topics and industries as well as throughout the year, providing greater flexibility and more opportunities for the industry.

More than 40 projects have been funded by the grant, with a focus on technological and innovative solutioning in the areas of high performance, fan engagement, sports and fitness equipment and active virtual sports. Among them was Refract Technologies, who had collaborated with the World Taekwondo Federation to create the

virtual Taekwondo simulator that debuted during the inaugural Olympic Esports Week in 2023.

STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS WITH INDUSTRY THROUGH INAUGURAL SPOTLIGHT SERIES

SportSG launched the first ever SPOTLIGHT networking series in January 2024 as part of ongoing efforts to engage stakeholders in the sport and fitness industry.

Designed to shine the SPOTLIGHT on key trends and opportunities, convene conversations, and foster collaborations to catalyse industry transformation, the inaugural SPOTLIGHT sessions in January 2024 had Mr Edwin Tong, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth & Second Minister for Law, announce the enhanced InnoGrant; Sport Data Exchange Singapore (SportDexSG); and the inaugural Singapore Urban Sports and Fitness Festival comprising a mix of fitness racing, urban sports, mass workouts, and conferences.





MAKING HISTORY WITH INAUGURAL EVENTS WHILE SUSTAINING A STEADY PIPELINE

SportSG made breakthroughs with several first ever events, while maintaining a robust calendar of world-class sporting events.

OLYMPIC ESPORTS WEEK 2023

The inaugural Olympic Esports Week 2023 (OEW 2023), co-created with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), was held from 22 to 25 June. The event showcased 10 competition titles, five exhibition matches, 22 free-to-play virtual sport try-outs, and a business forum.

One highlight of the event was the first ever in-person live finals of the Olympic Esports Series (OES 2023), a global virtual and simulated sports competition created in collaboration with International Federations and game publishers.

18 Team Singapore athletes competed with over 120 other players from 63 countries in ten mix-gender titles for the OES 2023 finals. They were cheered on by a full house of over 20,000 fans. Team Singapore athlete Nigel Tan won Gold in the Taekwondo Finals event, defeating world class opponents, such as Olympians Wu Jinyu from China and Nur Tatar from Turkey, along the way.

The OEW 2023 marked a historic milestone for Singapore. It showcased our support for innovations in the Olympic Movement, dating back to 2010 when Singapore hosted the first ever Youth Olympic Games.

The OEW 2023 was also proof of Singapore's ability to attract and organise major events with new formats that engage new groups of audiences. The event attracted over 500,000 unique participants, with more than six million views over all Olympics channels – of which 75% of views were from young people aged 13 to 34. The event also amassed over 120 million impressions on social media platforms globally, 26 million

video views on YouTube, 25 million video views on TikTok, and inspired more than 6,000 articles on traditional media.



PTO ASIAN OPEN

Singapore became the first ever Asian city to host a Professional Triathlete Organisation (PTO) Tour event. Held from 19 to 20 August 2023, the PTO Asian Open saw international professionals and pro-amateurs alike competing in a 2km swim at Marina Bay, an 80km closed circuit cycle through the city, and an 18km run.

The event brought a world-class field of professional athletes to Singapore, with the Men's category being headlined by the likes of Olympic champion and PTO world No. 1 Kristian Blummenfelt and the Women's category featuring PTO world No. 1 Ashleigh Gentle.

As a strategic initiative to promote mass participation and a healthy lifestyle, the Music Run was held on 19 August, with 4,236 runners participating.

The PTO Asian Open also brought about other programmes and activities that benefitted the local sporting community:

- * 41 school and youth athletes benefited from a workshop involving four professional triathletes, where they picked up skills and technique training in running.
- * Nine local coaches participated in a coaching clinic on principles and techniques of swimming at the Bukit Timah Swimming Complex. The clinic was conducted by renowned international coaches including former Olympians Brett Hawke, Geoff Huegill and Michael Klim.

- * 159 Team Nila volunteers were offered various roles to take part in this marquee triathlon event.
- * 21 SportCares beneficiaries embarked on an educational behind-the-scenes tour of the event venue, where they learned about the key components of organising an international triathlon event.



FIBA INTERCONTINENTAL CUP

2023 also saw the kickstart of a three-year partnership between the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) and SportSG in bringing the FIBA Intercontinental Cup (ICC) to Asia for the first time.

The 33rd edition of the event was held at the Singapore Indoor Stadium from 21 to 24 September. Six clubs competed in the tournament - Team Ignite (NBA G League), Sesi Franca (BCLA Winner), Al Ahly (BAL Winner), Zhejiang Golden Bulls (CBA Representative), Al Manama (WASL Champion) and Telekom Baskets Bonn (BCL Winner), with Brazil's Sesi Franca winning the Cup.

Beyond the sporting action, FIBA ICC also made an impact on the community front, with various opportunities created for volunteers and youths from all walks of life:

- * 400 volunteers were deployed in meaningful roles such as assisting in liaison, hospitality, and event operations. Team Nila and SportCares also held a joint mentorship programme that allowed experienced Team Nila volunteers to share their knowledge and guidance to SportCares youth leaders in their respective roles at the event.
- * 250 students from five primary and secondary schools embarked on learning journeys to the FIBA ICC, where they got to experience behind-the-scenes operations, venue preparations and the seamless execution of the event.
- * The organisers also partnered FIBA to deliver the FIBA ICC Jr Hoopers, a skills training clinic tailored for youth aged nine to 16 years old. Led by former NBA Dallas Mavericks hooper Ian Mahinmi, the clinic gave youth participants the opportunity to spectate the ICC matches and meet ex-NBA players.



We continued to bring back event favourites in bigger and better ways.

FIBA 3x3 Asia Cup

The sixth edition of the FIBA 3x3 Asia Cup took place in Singapore on 29 March to 2 April 2023 at the OCBC Square, marking the third time a FIBA 3x3 official competition was held in Singapore. A total of 43 teams – 24 men’s and 19 women’s – from 24 countries and regions participated.

A total of 8,388 spectators attended the event, with 670 Team Nila volunteers deployed and 30 ActiveSG Basketball Academy youth participants contributing through ceremonial roles.



HSBC SINGAPORE RUGBY SEVENS

The HSBC Singapore Rugby Sevens also returned to Singapore from 3 to 5 May, bringing together a unique festival of sport, music, food, fitness and immersive experiences.

Held at the National Stadium, the two-day event attracted 27,684 visitors. The World Rugby Ambassadors also conducted rugby clinics at the National Stadium for more than 500 youths from junior rugby clubs, including our SportCares beneficiaries.

STANDARD CHARTERED SINGAPORE MARATHON

In December 2023, the Standard Chartered Singapore Marathon (SCSM) concluded a weekend of world-class racing, setting new benchmarks for endurance races in the region. As the World Athletics Gold Label race and National Championship returned, SCSM 2023 witnessed over 44,000 runners taking to the streets and finishing at the National Stadium, including more than 8,000 international participants – the highest in the marathon’s history.

SCSM 2023 also created opportunities for people from all walks of life to participate in the event – from partnering SportCares to curate a dedicated flag off for 84 runners in the Kids Dash, to partnering Runninghour to enable athletes with special needs to participate in the event.



ENHANCING SPORT FACILITIES FOR SINGAPOREANS

As part of the Sport Facilities Master Plan (SFMP), SportSG continued to strive towards providing innovative, accessible, affordable, and relevant sport facilities within a 10-minute walk from our homes by around 2030.

To this end, SportSG oversaw the completion and opening of several new state-of-the-art sport facilities, along with the rejuvenation of existing ones this financial year.

ActiveSG Sport Village @ Jurong Town officially opened

ActiveSG Sport Village @ Jurong Town was officially inaugurated in June 2023. With its opening, members of the public and residents from the surrounding neighbourhoods had access to quality facilities for sports such as football, hockey, pickleball and tennis. They also got to enjoy sheltered multi-sport courts for sports such as basketball, futsal and handball.

Sustainability was a key consideration in the design of the facility. This resulted in features such as a rainwater collection system and a jogging track made from recycled materials.



The hockey field was built to enable water to be collected and used to irrigate the grass football fields and the facility’s landscaping.

With sporting facilities in Jurong having seen increased demand and high utilisation due to the growing number of people living in the area, the opening of ActiveSG Sport Village @ Jurong Town provided more opportunities for residents to participate in sport. Since its opening, ActiveSG Sport Village @ Jurong Town has attracted 86,000 visitors.

In addition to ActiveSG Sport Village @ Jurong Town, Jurong residents also gained access to a baseball and softball facility managed by the Singapore Baseball and Softball Association. The facility augmented efforts to develop the sport from grassroots to competitive levels. Beyond serving as a quality training venue for national athletes and development teams, the facility was also home to a range of programmes including introductory baseball and softball classes, local league matches and school games.



Newly completed Kallang Tennis and Football Hubs mark milestone for Kallang Alive Precinct

Big strides were made for the Kallang Alive precinct as it crossed significant milestones with the completion of two new facilities, the Kallang Tennis Hub (KTH) and the Kallang Football Hub (KFH).

The KTH, Singapore’s first international tournament-ready indoor tennis facility, will enable Singapore to host more international tennis tournaments, while supporting the training needs of high performance and budding athletes under the Singapore Tennis Association (STA) and ActiveSG Tennis Academy (ATA). The facility comprises seven indoor courts, twelve full sized outdoor courts, and two junior sized outdoor courts.

KFH, which functions primarily as an NTC, has a full natural-turf pitch, three artificial-turf pitches, and three futsal courts. One of the artificial-turf pitches and all three futsal courts are sheltered, allowing for all-weather play and training. It also features a high-performance indoor gym with sports science capabilities and youth-specific equipment. The Hub’s newly completed wings have been home to youths of the NDC since March 2024, while the men’s, women’s and junior national teams have been training at the adjacent wing since it was completed in early 2023.



Bukit Canberra Swimming Complex and Gym opened for all to enjoy

ActiveSG Swimming Complex @ Bukit Canberra and ActiveSG Gym @ Bukit Canberra were opened in October 2023, with Minister for Health Ong Ye Kung gracing the opening.

The swimming complex features a six-lane sheltered pool, an eight-lane outdoor lap pool up to 1.8m in depth, a sheltered wading pool and an outdoor fun pool for kids – ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy.

The inclusive gym is the largest ActiveSG gym in Singapore. It features HUR machines which use air pressure in place of traditional weights, enabling people of varying abilities to exercise safely and more efficiently, including seniors.

The Bukit Canberra swimming and gym complexes have seen a combined total of 729,000 visitors since both facilities opened.

Later in March 2024, we opened our Active Health Lab and Nutrition & Wellness Studio at Bukit Canberra. Residents enjoyed a free body composition assessment, along with a slew of parent-child exercise and nutrition workshops as well as sporting games and activities.



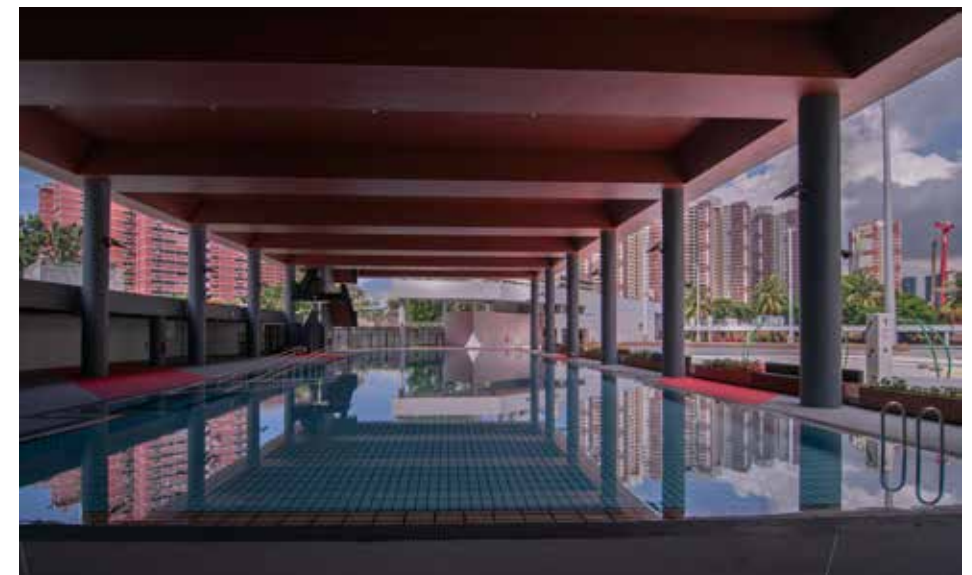
Reopening of refurbished Delta and Choa Chu Kang Sport Centres

The award-winning ActiveSG Delta Sport Centre reopened in May 2023 with a whole new slate of facilities. The refurbished centre, which has drawn 793,000 visitors since its reopening, included new sporting facilities such as more badminton courts, new futsal courts, a full-sized hockey pitch, a jogging track, and two fitness studios.

Other highlights included the new 1,000 square metre gym, new pools such as its sheltered teaching pool, wading pool and kid’s water play area, as well as community areas featuring an ActiveHealth Lab and two new F&B outlets.

The refurbishments to the Delta Sport Centre won an award at the prestigious Singapore Institute of Architecture Architectural Design Awards 2023 for Special Categories (Alterations and Additions). The Centre also won two other awards – Design of the Year and Design Award for Commercial Projects (Recreational Building).

Meanwhile, with the refurbishment of the ActiveSG Choa Chu Kang Sport Centre, residents could enjoy upgraded facilities featuring a larger gym, new gym activity rooms, a sheltered swimming pool and new water play facilities. The facility has drawn 1.53 million visitors since its reopening in March of 2023, underlining the popularity of neighbourhood sport centres among the community.





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