



## Incoming... New spexBusiness Team



Introducing the brand new spexBusiness team (from left to right) Pauline Tan, Bernard Lim and Apple Tan.

New team lead, Bernard comes with a wealth of experience in events management such as BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore presented by SC Global and HSBC Singapore Rugby 7s under his belt, corporate sponsorships (e.g. sponsorships for SCMS, 2015 SEA Games & ASEAN Para Games), marketing and advertising.

Similarly, team member Apple has more than 10 years of marketing experience having

worked previously with M1 and American Express.

Team member Pauline has been in the spexBusiness team for the past 2 years. Pauline comes with 12 years of overseas experience in Hospitality and Tourism management, focusing on new hotels and resorts opening projects on an international scale. She also worked previously for 2015 SEA Games & ASEAN Para Games' Logistics and F&B Catering.

## Appreciation Note for Outgoing Board Members :

*“On behalf of the spexAdvisory board, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our outgoing spexAdvisory board members, Mr Bernold Schroeder, former CEO of Pan Pacific Group and Mr Koh Ching Hong, former CEO of Borneo Motors Singapore. Their deep convictions and beliefs in the values of sport, have created many strategic collaborations and opportunities that resulted in the milestones achieved under the spexBusiness initiative, which had undoubtedly, benefited our Team Singapore athletes”.*

**Ms Tan Yen Yen, Chairman, spexBusiness Advisory Board**

- Signed up Pan Pacific Hotels Group as spexBusiness partner in 2016
- Offered full-time employment for Team Singapore 2016 Paralympian Apple Yap Qian Yin, at the Accounts Department
- Co-hosted the 2016 spexBusiness ‘Celebrate What’s Right’ event at ParkRoyal @ Beach Road
- Sponsored a PPHG Chef to support Team Singapore at 2016 Rio Olympics



Mr. Bernold Schroeder

- Signed up Borneo Motors Singapore as a spexBusiness partner in 2014
- Offered full-time employment for two Team Singapore athletes, namely Cerigwen Ng and Lina Goh (Women’s Softball) at Borneo Motors.
- Co-hosted the 2015 spexBusiness Partners’ Appreciation Lunch Event at LEXUS Showroom, attended by GOH Minister Lawrence Wong
- Sponsored \$25,000 cash sponsorship for 2015 ASEAN Para Games Camp



Mr. Koh Ching Hong

SSI is partnering with Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) and its respective agencies to promote **inclusive-hiring of athletes**. MCCY and SSI will invest greater efforts, collaborating with **SG Enable** and **SDSC** as part of **role-modelling** for other agencies to build a more **inclusive workforce** collectively.

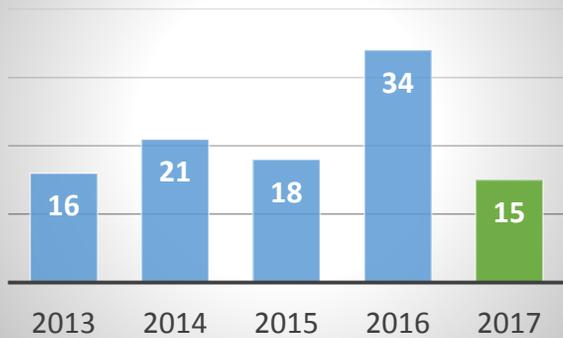
## Partnership with MCCY - A More Inclusive Workforce



## Update on Job Placements

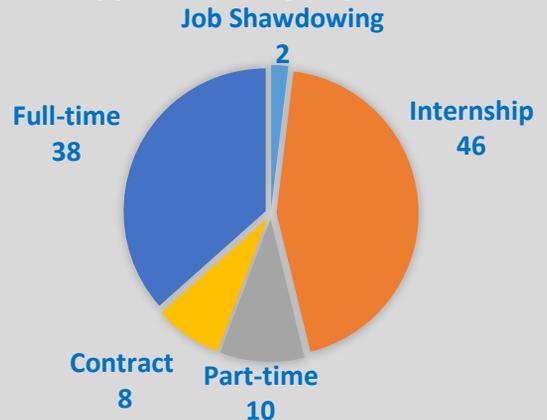
The number of Team Singapore athletes employed has surpassed the 100 mark! A total of 104 athletes had been placed in various types of employment ranging from full-time to internship positions. The *spexBusiness* team will continue to support our Team Singapore athletes for their career transition into the workforce.

### No. of Athletes Employed



■ Total number of jobs placed from Jan- Mar 17

### Types of Employment



## A Warm Welcome to Our 11 New *spexBusiness* Partners..

A total of 11 new *spexBusiness* partners have joined our *spexBusiness* Network to support our athletes in their pursuit of sporting excellence and prepare them for a successful career transition into life after sports.

Fonterra Brands Singapore & Fonterra SEA • Fullerton Healthcare Group • Jobook Singapore  
One Championship™ • OCBC Bank • Pan Pacific Hotels Group • Raffles Medical Group  
Robinsons Group • Royal Sporting House • SMRT Corporation • The Fullerton Hotel



## Upcoming events

Here are some upcoming activities that *spexBusiness* partners can look forward to!

### 1. *spexBusiness* Networking Session – 26 April 17 (3pm - 5.30pm)

Join us at this 'speed-dating' session to meet Team Singapore athletes who are looking for various job opportunities. To register your interest, please RSVP to Pauline at [Pauline\\_tan@sport.gov.sg](mailto:Pauline_tan@sport.gov.sg).

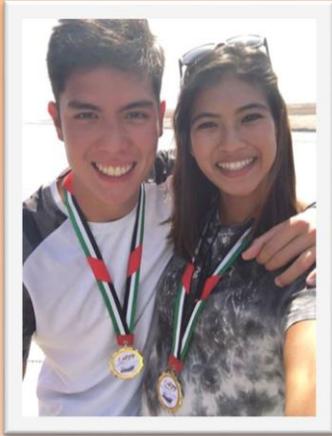
### 2. *spexEthos* session with Deloitte – 16 June 17

### 3. Support our Team Singapore athletes in KL for the 29<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asian Games (19-31 Aug 2017) and 9<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games (17-23 Sept 2017)

Stay tuned to a whole suite of campaigns and activities that you can be involved in cheering for our Team Singapore athletes! Show your support by hashtag #OneTeamSG now!

## Athletes-In-Action...

### Mark Leong, Team Singapore Waterskier and Sasha Christian, Team Singapore Wakeboarder



Double the joy for [#OneTeamSG](#) over at the IWWF Asia ISki Slalom Combat in Abu Dhabi in early April. Our Team Singapore water-skiers Sasha Christian and Mark Leong have topped their respective open categories! Get ready for more from our defending SEA Games Gold medallists in KL this August.

From left to right: Mark Leong, Team Singapore Waterskier with Team Singapore Wakeboarder, Sascha Christian

### Amita Berthier, Team Singapore Fencer



Our Team Singapore fencer Amita Berthier has clinched a bronze medal at the World Junior & Cadet Fencing Championships 2017, in the Cadet Women's Foil Individual event. Our newly inducted *spexScholar* overcame fierce competition to win Singapore's second-ever medal at this championship. Congratulations, Amita!

From left to right: Coach Ralf Bissdorf with Team Singapore Fencer Amita Berthier



### Kimberly Lim and Cecilia Low, Team Singapore Sailors

Sailing duo and *spexScholars* Kimberly Lim and Cecilia Low are certainly buoyed by their bronze finish at the prestigious Princess Sofia Trophy competition in Mallorca, Spain! The duo will now head to Hyeres, France for the Sailing World Cup, and we wish them all the best!

From left to right: Team Singapore Sailors Cecilia Low and Kimberly Lim.

## GetActive! Singapore

Returning for a second edition this year from 29 July to 9 August, GetActive! Singapore (GAIS) promises more activities island-wide to get people to come together to celebrate National Day as One Team Singapore through sport.

**Active Enabler Programme** Come forward and play a part in the nation's celebration by organising innovative activities to encourage a sporting and healthy culture in your company. We strongly encourage all our *spexBusiness* partners to sign up for the Active Enabler Programme which supports ground up/community oriented proposals for creative, sport focused and lifestyle driven activities.

For successful applications, you can expect various forms of support, from Endorsement (facilitation to secure venues or spaces), Sports Expertise (provision of instructors/coaches to conduct sport clinics), to Project/Mass Event Grant (funding for organising innovative participation).

To find out more, click [HERE](#) now, or talk to us. Hurry and apply by 5 May 2017.

**Corporate Games** Build camaraderie and teamwork away from the keyboards to the playing field! Get ready and form teams to sign up for the Corporate Games. Look out for more details with registration to open in mid May 2017.

**Sports Festival** Expect lots of sports festivals to be held in the heartlands, as well as ActiveSG sports centres and schools. Stay tuned for more exciting information.



## Athlete-In-Focus... Ang Xuan Yi

*"I have benefitted a lot from the spexBusiness programme. It is a great initiative for athletes to transit from their sporting career into the corporate world. The team has always been supportive of me, be it in my judo pursuits or my career path. I am also very blessed to have an extremely understanding manager who not only allows me to take time off for training but also making sure that I progress in my role."* Ang Xuan Yi, Team Singapore Judoka

Xuan Yi (middle) holding her Brilliant Star Award with Peggy (Deputy Director, Athlete Services & Development) on her right and Melvin Ooi Baisheng (DBS, Branch Business Manager) on her left.



After graduating with a Bachelor of Business Management from the Singapore Institute of Management, Team Singapore Judo athlete, Xuan Yi was apprehensive about her future. This is not surprising since she had devoted a good 15 years of her life training hard for Judo and naturally would be worried that she might have to give up on her judo training in order to secure a job. After consultation with Mr Ndi Ng, her Athlete Advisor, she was introduced to one of our spexBusiness partners, DBS, who offered her a position as a Relationship Manager in April 2016. DBS provided Xuan Yi with the flexibility to take time-off to train and cope with the dual demands of her sporting

endeavours and work. Despite her hectic work and sporting demands, Xuan Yi excelled in her work. Within the short span of a month into her job, she won the Elite 100 certificate which recognizes the top 10% performing Relationship Managers. More recently, Xuan Yi clinched the Crown Prize for Relationship Managers by bagging 4 awards as Top Achiever, H2 2016, Q3 & Q4 and Brilliant Star Gold as well as the prestigious 'Top of the Top Award' which recognizes the 1<sup>st</sup> placing Relationship Manager amongst the winners. And she achieved this amazing feat in her first 6 months, with no prior experience. So proud of you, Xuan Yi!

## A Big Thank You to All Our spexBusiness and TS Card Partners



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