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Team Singapore athletes all set and ready for the 29th SEA Games and 9th ASEAN Para Games at Kuala Lumpur!

Team Singapore Camp 2017 and #OneTeamSG Ready for KL

As part of the efforts to better prepare the contingent for the upcoming 29th SEA Games (19 – 30 August 2017) and the 9th ASEAN Para Games (17 – 23 September 2017), the 3rd edition of the Team Singapore Camp was held on the 4th, 10th and 11th of June 2017. The camp was designed to help develop stronger team camaraderie and to instil a greater pride and identity amongst the Team Singapore athletes.



The camp allowed for greater interaction between athletes of various sports through specially curated team building activities, while establishing further bonds and better understanding on what it means to represent Singapore at the upcoming major Games.



The #OneTeamSG Ready for KL campaign, which was witnessed by Guest-Of-Honour, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, Ms Grace Fu, was also launched in conjunction with the camp. The official Team Singapore jersey was also launched at the event. As we drum up our rally campaign leading up to the games, we hope for all our partners to come together, and wear **RED** to show your utmost support for Team Singapore athletes at the Games.

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OneTeamSG Ready For KL and Profiling campaign featured our 10 defending medallists from the 2015 SEA Games. Their profiles can be seen at MRT stations, buses, bus-stop shelters and billboards in neighbourhoods across Singapore.

(continued from previous page) As our ardent Team Singapore athletes supporters, you can further rally your community to cheer our athletes on for the games with these simple steps:

1. Take a **picture** of you and your family, friends and colleagues **dressed in RED**;
2. Hashtag **#OneTeamSG** on your personal or corporate Instagram and Facebook pages; and
3. Include your **well-wishes for Team Singapore athletes** in your caption.

#OneTeamSG ... from some of our spexBusiness Partners



Enhanced ODP Grant for Employers with Para Athletes

spexBusiness partners who have para athletes working in the company or are keen to hire para-athletes can now tap on SG Enable's enhanced Open Door Programme (ODP) Grant* which includes:

Apprenticeship Training

which supports 70% of the monthly salary (first 6 months), capped at \$800 for each newly hired PWD.

Job Redesign

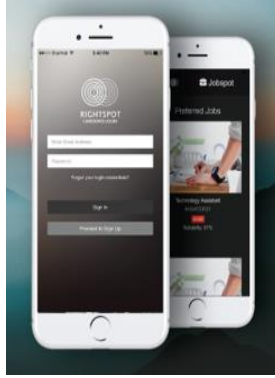
which funds up to \$20,000 to purchase assistive equipment/ environmental modification for PWD employees.



* Employer has to offer employment contract to para athletes for a minimum of 1 year.

spexBusiness is now hosted on RIGHTSPOT!

After drawing feedback from the end users and to constantly keep up with the latest technology, Jobook has been re-launched as Rightspot. spexBusiness is now hosted on Rightspot mobile app and online platform. While the key function of the platform is to streamline an effective job matching between athletes and spexBusiness partners,



the long-term purpose is to sharpen the spexBusiness team sensibilities in managing the gaps between athletes' search / expectation and partners' jobs being offered. This also means all our partners need to be on board to make it a success. Thus, we encourage all spexBusiness partners to try out the app! Contact the spexBusiness team to find out more, and start uploading your available job postings!

spexEthos with Deloitte Deloitte recently participated in our spexEthos session at Singapore Sport Institute (SSI) on 16 June 2017. spexEthos is the structured platform where spexBusiness partners can interact with Team Singapore athletes. The half-day session was attended by Deloitte's CEO, Mr. Philip Yuen and 10 other Deloitte Southeast Asian Executive Committee members from around the region.



Motivational Sharing

Hearing athletes' journeys towards sporting excellence

Corporate Team Building



Playing of team sports such as dragon boat with our Team Singapore athletes



Corporate Wellness

Learning about nutrition cooking, and proper sleep hygiene



The session kick-started with our canoe polo players' and rugby captain sharing their inspirational sporting journeys. Thereafter, it was a race of dragon boating alongside Team Singapore athletes. The Deloitte team then had their hands in whipping up nutritional dishes guided by SSI's sport nutritionists, followed by a sharing on proper sleep hygiene and power nap. It was a fruitful session powered by fun and activities!

spexEducation In Focus

Shanti Pereira graduated from the Singapore Sports School in 2012 and went on to pursue the customised RP-SSP DSLM programme with Republic Polytechnic. She is currently a first-year student at SMU pursuing the Bachelor of Accountancy programme.



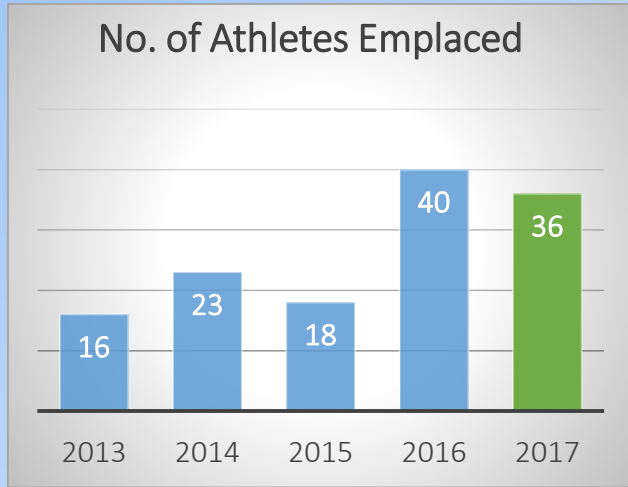
"If it weren't for the flexible academic pathway offered, my coaches and the staff who guided me, I wouldn't have been able to get to where I am today, including winning the 200m gold at the 2015 Southeast Asian Games. That was the ultimate breakthrough in my running career and I could not have done it without the well-balanced support that the Sports School and Republic Polytechnic had provided me with." - **Shanti Veronica Pereira, Team Singapore Track & Field Athlete**

Republic Polytechnic has supported Shanti in allowing her to train and compete through providing:

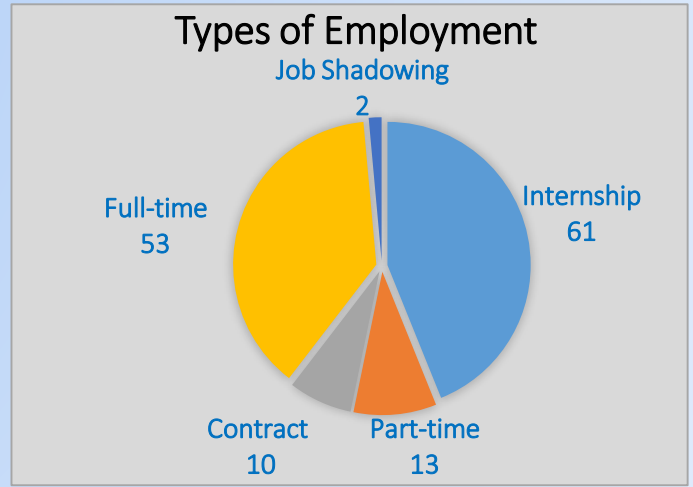
- A customised class schedule
- A flexible academic load allowing her to take deferment of modules
- A mentor to provide education and career guidance

Update on Job Placements

Till date, there are a total of 138 Team Singapore athletes employed by the *spexBusiness* team! The *spexBusiness* team will continue to support our Team Singapore athletes on their career transitions into the workforce.



■ Total number of jobs placed from Jan-July 2017



A Warm Welcome to Our 11 NEW *spexBusiness* Partners...

As of July 2017, a total of 52 companies and agencies (from both public and private sectors) 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.



Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura
(Islamic Religious Council of Singapore)



Good Food, Good Life



People's Association



POLYGON
ASIA CONSULTING ENTERPRISE



Singapore's participation in APEC Sports Policy Network (ASPEN)

The Singapore Sport Institute (SSI) is currently a member of the APEC Sports Policy Network (ASPEN) and our contribution of the

article *'Nurturing The Entrepreneurial Spirit: The Singapore Model'* has been featured in the APEC Sports Newsletter Issue 2 (July 2017).



On this global APEC platform, Singapore has also been represented by Ms Peggy Tng who spoke at the 2016 APEC High Policy Dialogue on 'Education & Career Planning for Young Athletes' held in Taipei (2-3 September 2016) and the 2017 APEC Forum on 'Linking Education and Start-Ups: Youth, Women and Athletes' held in Hanoi (13-14 May 2017).

Athletes-In-Action...



Tay Wei Ming Team Singapore Shuttle

Our Team Singapore Shuttle, Tay Wei Ming, has done us proud by clinching a gold for Singapore in the Men Singles SUS Event at the FZ Fonza Irish Para-Badminton International 2017. Well done Wei Ming!

Yeo Jia Min Team Singapore Shuttle



For the first time ever, a

Singaporean emerged top of the female singles' junior list in the Badminton World Federation world ranking! This person is none other than 18-year old Yeo Jia Min, currently Badminton's brightest prospect. "My goal this year is to win the Asia Junior and World Junior Championships, and do well for this SEA Games" declared Jia Min. We wish you all the best Jia Min!

Suhairi Suhani Team Singapore Long Jumper



Cheers for our Team Singapore Long Jumper and ASEAN Para Games 2015 Silver medallist Suhairi Suhani, who finished with a Gold at the Berlin Para-Athletics Grand Prix! Keep soaring Suhairi, we can't wait to see your performance at the upcoming APG this September!

Athletes-In-Focus...



"I'm honoured to be co-opted into IPC AC. I feel affirmed that the issues I am campaigning for resonate with my fellow athletes after all. During my 2-year term in the IPC AC, I aim to be a worthy representative of Asian athletes and athletes with high support needs."

- Mohd Nurulasyiqah Taha, Team Singapore Boccia Player

Unheard of by many, Boccia is a ball sport that is played by people with cerebral palsy and other disabilities which affect their motor skills. Boccia player Mohd Nurulasyiqah Taha is the first Singaporean to have qualified for Boccia at the Paralympic level. Nurulasyiqah, more affectionately known as Nurul, is a class BC3 Boccia Paralympian who has competed in 2 Paralympics, London 2012 and Rio 2016. Undaunted by her disabilities, Nurul has also excelled outside of sport, working as a

Tax Specialist in IRAS. Most recently, Nurul has been co-opted to sit in the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Athlete Council (AC). This is the first time a Singaporean and a Boccia player is being represented in IPC AC and she is campaigning to ensure that athletes with high support needs get the support they need to train and perform their best. Congratulations Nurul for making Singapore proud in the international arena!

In My Shoes is a movement founded by Team Singapore Track and Field Athlete, Dipna Lim-Prasad and Head of Deloitte Southeast Asia's Sports Business Group, James Walton. The movement sets out to collect and redistribute sports shoes to those in need. The movement in fact is not about just simply providing youths with shoes, but rather it is based on the larger purpose and belief that sport can change lives.

Dipna explained, "In My Shoes is meant to empower youths to push past their limits and

take part in sports as a first step to help them find their path."

So far the duo has collected 1,000 pairs of shoes, well exceeding their target set for the year but they welcome more contributions.

What are you waiting for? Lend your support to the movement by donating your used pair of shoes to "In My Shoes". More about the movement can be found on Facebook and Instagram @InMyShoesSG.



From left to right: James Walton with Dipna Lim-Prasad

Come join us at the Launch and Finale of GetActive! Singapore

Launch Event

Date: 30 July 2017 (Sunday)
Time: 8:00am – 12:00pm
Venue: The Padang
 (During Car Free Sunday)

- 8:00am
- Arrival of Guest of Honour
 - Formation of Singapore Flag
 - Singing of National Anthem and Pledge-taking
 - 5.2min GetActive! Singapore 2017 Workout
 - NS50 Celebrate 52nd National Day
 - Launch of GetActive! Singapore
 - Flag Off Team Nila Run/Walk (5.2km)
 - Sports activities at The Padang
- 12:00pm • End of Launch Programme

Finale Event

Date: 8 August 2017 (Tuesday)
Time: 9:30am
Venue: Singapore Sports Hub

Themed “*#OneNationTogether*”, GetActive! Singapore 2017 will be officially launched by Ms Grace Fu, Minister of Culture, Community & Youth on Sunday, 30 July 2017 at The Padang during the Car Free Sunday event.

The Finale will be held on Tuesday, 8 August 2017 at the Singapore Sports Hub.

We would like to invite all our partners to participate in both the Launch and Finale events for GetActive! Singapore 2017.

Upcoming events

1. GetActive! Singapore
 29 July – 9 August 2017

Come celebrate National Day through sports with us!

Click [HERE](#) to find out more.



2. spexBusiness Networking Session
 28 Sept 2017, Thursday
 3pm – 5:30pm

Join us at this networking session to meet Team Singapore athletes who are looking for various job opportunities. To register your interest, please RSVP to [Apple Tan](#).

3. Team Singapore Post-Games Celebratory Event – 3 Oct 2017, 7:30pm – 9pm

Your spexBusiness account Manager will update you on the details nearer the date!

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

