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Celebrate What's Right 2018 was held on 20 March 2018 at the OCBC Lounge at the Singapore Sports Hub. The event was attended by more than 200 guests, comprising athletes, parents, coaches, officials, sport specialists, NSAs, corporates and institutions coming together to celebrate as One.

"It's heartening to see the stakeholders of our High Performance system come together to celebrate our continued partnership. It takes a community, including the national sports associations (NSAs), corporations and schools, working together to support our national athletes as One Team Singapore."

– Ms Grace Fu, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth



Minister Grace Fu presented the award of the fifth cohort of scholars from the Sports Excellence (*spexScholarship*) programme. Introduced in 2013, this year's *spexScholarship* programme boosted the biggest cohort of 78 scholars across 24 sports, with 17 new scholars receiving the awards. Wushu

and squash were represented for the very first time in the *spexScholarship* programme. The event also saw the announcement of 19 new partners joining the network in 2017, which means that thus far, a total of 57 *spexBusiness* partners and 11 *spexEducation* partners, have collectively backed more than 200 Team Singapore athletes and 400 student-athletes through the *spexBusiness* and *spexEducation* schemes respectively.

With the help from all our partners, it has become easier for many Team Singapore athletes to juggle multiple commitments. Dr Elton Ong, Managing Director of Fullerton Health also shared about how he thinks corporations can step up to provide Team Singapore



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with more support, *"Our continued success in the global arena for both business and high performance sports will depend on how well we leverage our finite resources and human capital to punch above our weight. Corporations need to leverage athlete talent and build a culture of excellence and sustainable high performance."*

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spexBusiness Champion Partners



Photo courtesy of Philip Au / Sport Singapore

The announcement of the *spexBusiness* Champion partners was made at the “Celebrate What’s Right” event on 20 March 2018. As the *spexBusiness* network continues to grow, it is important to recognise and acknowledge partners who have gone beyond job placements to support our national athletes. These additional support include profiling athletes at events, donating to the One Team Singapore fund (OTSF) for the high performance development of athletes, sponsoring products or services, and

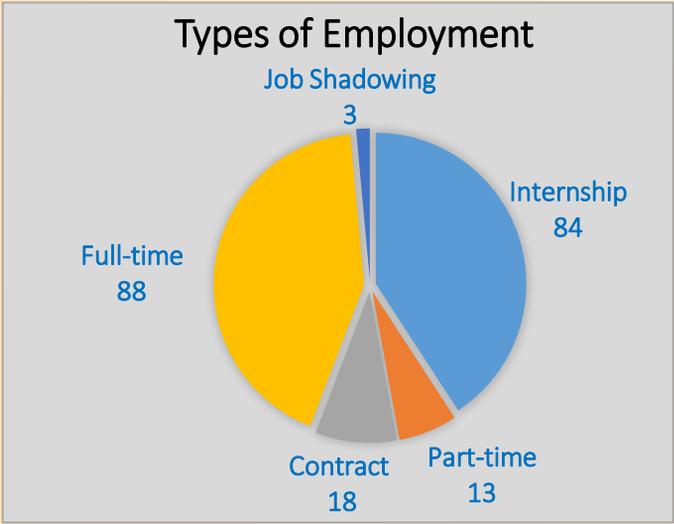
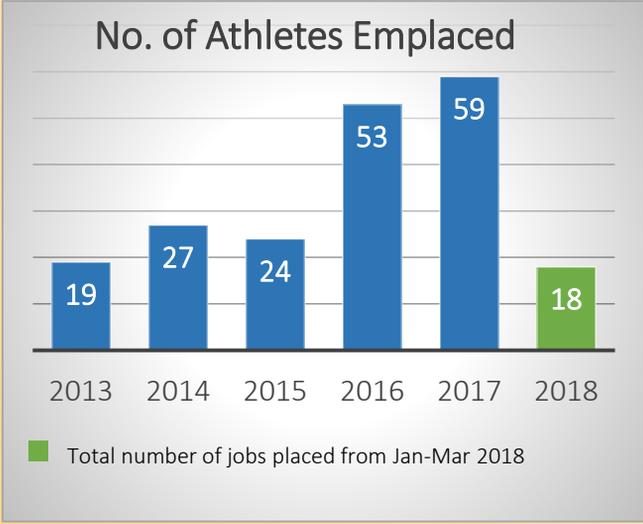
supporting Sport Singapore’s national initiatives to promote active living and sporting health at a corporate level.

Our *spexBusiness* Champions will be our partners to push forth strategic plans to advocate the ethos of *spexBusiness* and Team Singapore. The *spexBusiness* team looks forward to deeper and further collaborations with our champion partners, and are happy to discuss and elevate more partners into Champions!

A big thank you to our **spexBusiness Champion partners!**

Update on NEW Job Placements

A total of 206 athletes have been employed at *spexBusiness* partners on various employment terms. Together with our *spexBusiness* partners, we will continue to support our Team Singapore athletes along their career transition into the workforce.



Job Advertisements at the Athletes’ Centre



An average of more than 100 Team Singapore athletes pass through our Athletes’ Centre on a daily basis.

Besides email blasts, our athletes are also kept abreast of the latest athlete-friendly job opportunities available through the *spexBusiness* network from the print-outs posted on the message board at the Athletes’ Centre. We welcome our partners to keep sending us these available positions to be shared with athletes.

We are pleased to share the fifth issue of LIVE, Sport Singapore’s magazine featuring Singaporeans



living better through sport.

You can access the magazine through the QR code here.



Athletes-In-Action...

Team Singapore Shuttle, Tay Wei Ming



2018 is off to a great start for Team Singapore shuttle Tay Wei Ming. He emerged triumphant at the Spanish Para-Badminton International, clinching his first world singles title for the year. Congratulations, Wei Ming!

Team Singapore Fencers



Photo: Fencing Singapore

Team Singapore Taekwondo Exponents



Photo: Singapore Taekwondo Federation

Our Team Singapore Taekwondo athletes competed at the 22nd Asian Cities Gold Cup in Hong Kong, bringing back a fantastic haul of 6 Golds, 6 Silvers and 6 Bronzes.



Photo: Singapore Disability Sports Council

Team Singapore Long Jumper, Suhairi Suhani

Singapore was represented at the 10th Fazza International Athletics Championships 2018 by Team Singapore Long Jumper Suhairi Suhani. He competed in the Men's Long Jump T20/36/37, clinching a silver medal in a spectacular showing. Keep up the good performance, Suhairi!

Team Singapore Bowlers

The Dubai International Bowling Centre Open saw Team Singapore clinch a 1-2 finish, with Jonovan Yeo taking top honours (and his first international title) and Muhd Jaris Goh coming in a close second.

Well done, Team Singapore bowlers!



Photo: Singapore Bowling Federation

(L-R): Muhd Jaris Goh and Jonovan Yeo

The future of Singapore Fencing seems bright with our fencers bringing back a record-breaking haul of 12 medals from the Asian Junior and Cadet Fencing Championships 2018. These include historic silvers in the junior women's and men's foil team events, and Singapore's first-ever medals in the junior women's sabre event.

Congratulations, Team Singapore Fencers!

(L-R): Coach Bobok Viacheslav, Maxine Wong, Amita Berthier, Tatiana Wong, Nicole Mae Wong and Coach Andrey Klyushin

Team Singapore Bowlers



Our Team Singapore bowlers saw a very successful run at the Micron Singapore World Para Bowling Tour Series 2018, finishing with 4 Golds, 3 Silvers and 4 Bronzes.

Athletes-In-Focus...

Team Singapore Sailor, Amanda Ng

has been awarded a Deloitte Singapore Scholarship specifically to help support her Asian Games 2018 goal while she pursues her undergraduate degree in accountancy at the Singapore Management University (SMU).

This is the first time the Deloitte Scholarship has been awarded for this purpose.



National sailor Amanda Ng is the first recipient of the Deloitte Singapore Scholarship, which is valued at \$20,000. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AMANDA NG

Amanda made her Major Games debut for sailing in the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. She will now be able to use the S\$20,000 scholarship to fund all aspects of her training, preparation and equipment needed for her to qualify for the Asian Games in Jakarta later this year.

When she graduates from SMU, Amanda will join Deloitte as an Audit & Assurance Associate under Deloitte Ignite - a special programme for elite athletes that offers flexible employment in order for these athletes to pursue both their careers and sports with equal dedication and commitment.

“Our support for athletes like Amanda is guided by Deloitte’s shared purpose of making an impact that matters, and our commitment to help athletes develop their careers by providing them an environment where they can balance their work and sport without compromise, and for them to look ahead and plan a future after sports. We hope that with this scholarship, Amanda and future athletes who become Deloitte scholars, will be financially worry-free and be able to dedicate their time to excel in their sports and studies, and subsequently in their careers, in equal measure,” said Seah Gek Choo, Talent Partner, Deloitte Singapore.

Team Singapore Swimmer, Amanda Lim

is currently an employee of Fullerton Health Group. Reporting directly to the Group’s Medical Director Dr Elton Ong, Amanda was Fullerton Health Group’s first athlete-employee, an experience that she said was very collaborative, enriching and motivating.

With her focus being primarily on delivering a good performance at the Asian Games, Amanda was worried about how this would impact her job search and work performance. However, this was swiftly put paid to with Fullerton Health being more than supportive. Amanda was given a blank slate in terms of work hours with the flexibility of creating a schedule that would support her training, and not compromise her rest and recovery.

Although Amanda was tasked with looking mainly into sports injuries and promoting corporate sports health, she was also provided with exposure to other facets of the healthcare industry – an opportunity that she greatly appreciated.



Team Singapore Swimmer, Amanda Lim, giving a health & wellness talk to clients of Fullerton Health.

This policy of exposure also extended to the level and quality of interaction that Amanda had with the other company directors. Instituting and practising an open-door policy company-wide, Amanda maintains that this approachability enabled her to ask questions and to learn without fear of reproach.

Amanda expressed great appreciation for the support shown by Fullerton Health Group saying that it gave her the confidence that someone was backing her up and supporting her, even though there is no need to.

Her parting words to corporates and fellow athletes alike:

“Go after what you like. Don’t be afraid to ask for help. A lot of corporates want to help, but don’t know how.”

Team Singapore Istana Dinner Reception

The Team Singapore Istana Reception was staged on 28 February 2018 to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our athletes at the 29th SEA Games, 9th ASEAN Para Games and 11th Special Olympics World Winter Games. Hosted by Mdm. Halimah Yacob, President of the Republic of Singapore, the event was also graced by Ms. Grace Fu, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Mr. Tan Chuan-Jin, Speaker of Parliament and President of the Singapore National Olympic Council.



Photos courtesy of Fiona Hakim, Andy Pascoa and Dyan Tjha, Sport Singapore

We celebrated with our SEA Games contingent for their spectacular medal haul of 58 Golds, 58 Silvers and 72 Bronze medals, the largest medal haul from an away SEA Games. Just as momentous was our ASEAN Para Games (APG) journey, with the contingent also bringing home the largest medal haul from an away APG. Showing their mettle, our athletes took home 9 Golds, 17 Silvers and 24 Bronzes.

Last but certainly not least, our 14 Special Olympics athletes also did us proud at the 2017 Special Olympic World Winter Games, bringing home a historic total of 3 Golds, 5 Silvers and 2 Bronzes.

Commonwealth Games 2018 Flag Presentation Ceremony

The contingent – made up of able-bodied and para athletes – received a rousing send-off at the Commonwealth Games 2018 Flag Presentation ceremony held at Dunman High School on 23 March 2018. Speaker of Parliament, Tan Chuan-Jin, and Parliamentary Secretary of Culture, Community and Youth, Baey Yam Keng, were there to witness the event as guests-of-honour.



Team Singapore Shooter Teo Shun Xie was revealed as

the contingent's flag bearer and Chef-de-Mission Mark Chay and Assistant Chef-de-Mission Lim Heem Wei will lead the 60 athletes, spread across 11 sports. Team Singapore Swimmer Toh Wei Soong led the contingent in the Athletes' Pledge.

We wish our Team Singapore athletes all the very best at the Commonwealth Games and we know that they'll fly our Singapore flag high.





**SHOW YOUR
SUPPORT AS
#OneTeamSG**

GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA | 4 -15 APRIL



60 athletes, 11 sports, One Team Singapore. From 4 to 15 April, get behind our Team Singapore athletes as they do us proud at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games! Your support means a lot to them, leave your words of encouragement on our Team Singapore Facebook (FB) page. Remember to “Like” our Team Singapore FB page for more exclusive updates and features!

GetActive! Singapore 2018

GetActive! Singapore, a week-long sporting bash designed to have us all celebrating National Day together as One Team Singapore – through sport, is coming back for the third time (from 28 July to 9 August 2018)!

Active Enabler Programme A component of GetActive! Singapore, the Active Enabler Programme (AEP) supports ground up/community oriented proposals for creative, sport focused and lifestyle driven activities. We strongly encourage all our *spexBusiness* partners to 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.

AEP provides 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).

Applications for the 2018 Active Enabler Programme for GetActive! Singapore 2018 is now on. For more details, please click [HERE](#) now, or talk to us. Hurry and apply by 13 May 2018.

Upcoming Major Games

Commonwealth Games 2018

Gold Coast, Australia

4 – 15 April 2018

Asian Games 2018

Jakarta Palembang, Indonesia

18 Aug – 2 Sept 2018

Youth Olympic Games 2018

Buenos Aires, Argentina

6 – 18 October 2018

Asian Para Games 2018

Jakarta, Indonesia

8 – 16 October 2018

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