

# SQUASH PULSE

## 38th ASF Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Asian Squash Federation was successfully concluded on 25 March 2018 in Cheongju, Korea. There were delegates and observers from seventeen Member Federations attended the meeting. During the meeting, Mongolian Squash Federation became the ASF new member.

We would like to thank the support of all participating member federations. Special thanks would also go to Korea Squash Federation for their warm hospitality and making the AGM a memorable event for the delegates.



David Mui, MH, JP, President of ASF (middle in the front row) leads the ASF Officers - From left to right in the first row: Tony Choi, Cedric Tyen, Duncan Chiu, Kim Won-Kwan, Debendranath Sarangi and Tahir Khanzada to take a group photo with all delegates and observers.



Mr. Duncan Chiu,  
Secretary General

Here comes the 10th edition of Squash Pulse since its first launch in 2013! To help us to do better in the coming editions, we sincerely welcome you to provide ideas, comments and suggestions.

Preparation works for the 2018 Asian Games are in full swing and new squash courts are also under construction. For this year, there will be Men's and Women's Individual and Team Events. The squash events are scheduled to be held from 23 August to 1 September. We greatly appreciate the continuous hard work of Squash Indonesia. On behalf of the Management Committee, I wish the Asian Games all the success. We also hope that all members federations will support the Games.



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Photo Highlights from the 38th ASF AGM Delegates Welcoming Dinner on 25th March 2018:



## ASF Annual Awards 2017

To honour the effort and achievement of the squash elites in the region, ASF presents the Coaches Awards and the Performance Awards annually to well-recognised coaches and players respectively. This year, the ASF Annual Awards have attracted 9 nominees from 6 countries for the four categories of the Coaches Awards, while there are 12 nominations from 4 countries for the four categories of the Performance Awards.

The Awards Presentation were held during the Farewell Dinner of the 19th Asian Team Championships in Cheongju, Korea.

### 2017 ASF Annual Awards Recipients

#### Performance Awards

##### *Dato Alex Lee Award - Outstanding Performance of the Year (Senior)*

Men: Max Lee (Hong Kong, China)

Women: Joshna Chinappa (India)

##### *Hassan Musa Award - Outstanding Performance of the Year (Junior)*

Boy: Velavan Senthilkumar (India)

Girl: Satomi Watanabe (Japan)

##### *ASF Award - Outstanding Team of the Year*

Men's Team: Hong Kong World Men's Team 2017

Women's Team: Malaysia Junior Women's Team 2017

#### Coaches Awards

##### *Coach of the Year*

Faheem Khan (Hong Kong, China)

##### *Junior Coach of the Year*

Andrew Sam Cross (Malaysia)

##### *Development Coach of the Year*

Masoud Ghareh Ziaeddini (Iran)

##### *Coaches Certificate of Recognition*

Wong Wai Chung (China)

Deepak Mishra (India)

Seyed Mohammadhossein Sanaee (Iran)



*Above: David Mui, MH JP (far right), the ASF's President, together with Duncan Chiu (far left), the ASF's Secretary General, present the Outstanding Performance of the Year Awards to Max Lee (top photo) and Satomi Watanabe (bottom photo).*



*Top Right: The ASF's Vice Presidents: Kim Won Kwan (3rd from the left) and Debendranath Sarangi (2nd from the right) present the Outstanding Team of the Year Award to Hong Kong Men's Team.*



*Bottom Right: Cedric Tyen (right), the ASF's Honorary Treasurer presents the Coach of the Year Award to Faheem Khan.*



## Major Games and Championships

### 19th Asian Team Championships

The 19th Asian Team Championships were held in Cheongju, Korea from 21 to 25 March 2018. The event has attracted 15 men's teams and 11 women's teams from 15 regions to participate. We would like to congratulate Hong Kong, who claimed both Asian Men's and Women's Team Championship titles. On their home ground, Korean women's team also won their first-ever silver medal in the Asian Team Championships.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Korea Squash Federation, who hosted such a wonderful event in a well-equipped squash complex in Cheongju. Thanks would also go to all officials, players and member federations.

#### Final Position

##### Men's Team

1st - Hong Kong, China	9th - Philippines
2nd - Pakistan	10th - Iraq
3rd - Iran	11th - Jordan
- Malaysia	12th - China
5th - Korea	13th - Sri Lanka
6th - Singapore	14th - Thailand
7th - Qatar	15th - Chinese Taipei
8th - Japan	

##### Women's Team

1st - Hong Kong, China	7th - Sri Lanka
2nd - Korea	8th - Pakistan
3rd - Japan	9th - Singapore
- Malaysia	10th - Chinese Taipei
5th - China	11th - Thailand
6th - Iran	



David Mui, MH JP, President of the ASF (4th from the left in the front standing row) leads other officials and guests to take a group photo with the winning teams: (left to right in the front) Japan, Korea, Hong Kong China and Malaysia; (left to right at the back) Pakistan, Hong Kong China, Iran and Malaysia.



## Major Games and Championships

### WSF Men's World Team Championship 2017

The **WSF Men's World Team Championship 2017** was held from 27 November to 3 December in Marseille, France. Hong Kong China, India, Iraq, Malaysia and Pakistan were the five regions from Asia sent teams to participate in the event. Congratulations to Egypt, who claimed their fourth World Men's Team Championship title.

Applause would also go to Hong Kong China, who claimed its first-ever bronze medal in history in the Championship; and Iraq who made their first appearance in the tournament.



*Top Left: Hong Kong, China Team, the Bronze Medallists.*

*Top Right: Malaysian Team, finished 12th.*

*Bottom Left: Indian Team, finished 7th.*

*Bottom Right: Pakistani Team, finished 19th.*

### Coming events

#### WSF Men's Women's World Junior Individual Championships

Date: 18 - 23 Jul 2018

Venue: Chennai, India

#### WSF Men's World Junior Team Championship

Date: 24 - 29 Jul 2018

Venue: Chennai, India

#### WSF World Masters Championships

Date: 29 Jul - 2 Aug 2018

Venue: Charlottesville, USA

#### Asian Games 2018

Date: 18 Aug - 2 Sept 2018

Venue: Jakarta, Indonesia

#### World University Squash Championships

Date: 6 - 13 Sept 2018

Venue: Birmingham, England

#### Asia Pacific Masters Games

Date: 8 - 16 Sept 2018

Venue: Penang, Malaysia

#### 25th Asian Junior Individual Championships

Date: 26 - 29 Sept 2018

Venue: India

## Coaching



Mr. Tony Choi,  
Coaching Director

I am delighted to report that there were one WSF Level 1 Coaching Course in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Nov & Dec) and one WSF Level 1 Coaching Refresher Course in Hong Kong, China (March). There were also three WSF Level 2 Coaching Courses: one in Singapore (Oct), one in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Nov) and one in Tehran, Iran (Dec). I would like to thank the respective associations for their support as well as all the course tutors for their time and dedication.



1: WSF Level 1 Coaching Course in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

2: WSF Level 1 Refresher Coaching Course in Hong Kong, China.

3: WSF Level 2 Coaching Course in Singapore.

4: WSF Level 2 Coaching Course in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

5: WSF Level 2 Coaching Course in Tehran, Iran.



## Coming events

### WSF Level 1 Coaching Course

Date: 26, 27 May & 2, 3 Jun 2018

Venue: Singapore

### WSF Level 3 Coaching Course

Date: 26 Nov - 1 Dec 2018

Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



## Referees



Mr. Tahir Khanzada  
Referees Director

We in Asia organized referees clinics in all four regions. A total number of 20 clinics were conducted with around 992 participants.

A total number of 120 assessments been carried out in 17 tournaments in the last six months.

A Regional Referees Nomination and Re-nomination evaluation exercise was carried out in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2018. Muhammad Arrffan (Singapore) & Asif Khan (Pakistan) re-nominated for another 3 years term and Samuel Chan a national referee of Malaysia was upgraded to Regional Referee standard for one year term.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Focal points meeting was held on 24<sup>th</sup> March, during the Asian Team Championship. During the focal point meeting it was discussed and agreed that Muhammad Arrffan will work on the completion of the referees training manual and upon completion a training instructor course will be conducted. It was also discussed and agreed that for regional assessors and training workshop also be arranged and it is suggested that it may be planned during the world junior in Chennai.

During the ASF AGM the ASF Referees Director briefed the house about World Squash Officiating (WSO), the Director proposed during the ASF AGM about the Asian Refereeing Conference (ARC) and the house agreed to have the ARC during the Asian Individual 2019.



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- 1: ASF Basic Referees Course in Manila, Philippines.
- 2: ASF Macau Referees Course.
- 3: Pakistan Referees Clinic.
- 4: Singapore Referees & Rules Clinic.
- 5: Qatar Referees Clinic conducted by Roy Ginger.

## Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS)

There were total 6 junior competitions between October 2017 and March 2018. They are Qatar Junior Open 2017, REDtone 11th KL Junior Open Squash Championships, 2nd HCL Junior Squash Open, ONCOCARE Singapore Junior Open, Doha Junior Open and Qatar Junior Open 2018. We'd like to congratulate all participants and winners as well as to thank the organisers for making the events all the success!



- 1: Qatar Junior Open 2017.  
 2: REDtone 11th KL Junior Open Squash Championships.  
 3: ONCOCARE Singapore Junior Open.  
 4: Qatar Junior Open 2018.

### Coming events

#### Technoform Lion City Junior Open (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 13 - 16 Jun 2018

Venue: Singapore

#### CMS Borneo Junior Open 2018 (AJSS Gold Event)

Date: 20 - 24 Jun 2018

Venue: Sarawak, Malaysia

#### PBA Penang (Malaysian) Junior Open 2018

(AJSS Platinum Event)

Date: 26 Jun - 1 Jul 2018

Venue: Penang, Malaysia

#### Macau Junior Open 2018 (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 5 - 8 Jul 2018

Venue: Macau, China

#### Korea Junior Open 2018 (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 20 - 23 Jul 2018

Venue: Seoul, Korea

#### Japan Junior Open 2018 (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 25 - 28 Jul 2018

Venue: Tokyo, Japan

#### Hong Kong Junior Open 2018 (AJSS Platinum Event)

Date: 31 Jul - 4 Aug 2018

Venue: Hong Kong, China

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