



SQUASH PULSE

Moving Forward

To get squash into the Olympic, ASF grabs all chances to move our beloved sport a step forward.

As the International Olympic Committee ("IOC") will review the entire competition programme for the Olympic Games by the end of 2014 to see if new sports would be given opportunity to join in, Mr. David Mui, MH, JP, President of ASF, grasped chances at different occasions to lobby the key officials of the IOC for support for squash

to be included in the Olympic Games.

Recently at the Incheon Asian Games 2014, Mr. Mui met both Mr. Thomas Bach, President of the IOC and Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad AL-SABAH, President of the Olympic Council of Asia and member of the IOC and lobbied them for support.



Top: Mr. David Mui (left) with Mr. Thomas Bach (right).



Left: Mr. David Mui (left) with Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad AL-SABAH (right).



*Mr. Duncan Chiu,
Secretary General*

I believe all squash fans, like me, are thrilled to hear that our beloved sport still gets the chance to be included in the Olympic. There is a Hongkong saying, "If you try, you may not win. But if you don't, you'll definitely lose." So we never give up, neither do you!

In this 3rd issue of **Squash Pulse**, you will see that a lot have been happening in the region. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the sub-committees and all members' federations for their hard work and commitment.

I hope you will enjoy this newsletter. And as always, we welcome any ideas, comments or suggestions that help us do better.

Moving Forward (cont'd)

Before the lobbying at the Asian Games, earlier in August, with the kind arrangement of Mr. Pang Chung, SBS, Hon. Secretary General of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, Mr. Mui, joined by Mr. Tony Choi, Coaching Director of ASF, also met with other key officials of the IOC in Nanjing, China, included Mr. Yu Zaiqing, Vice President of the IOC Executive Board from China and HRH Prince Tunku Imran, IOC Member from Malaysia.

In the meetings, they expressed their full support for squash and both of them feel positive for squash to becoming a competition sport in the 2020 Olympic Games if opportunity exists.



Left: Mr. David Mui (right) with Mr. Yu Zaiqing (middle) and Mr. Pang Chung (left).



Left: Mr. David Mui (left) with HRH Prince Tunku Imran (middle) and Mr. Tony Choi (right).

Major Games and Championships



The **2014 Commonwealth Games** was held 24 July to 3 August at Glasgow, Scotland. During the event, there was some remarkable achievement of the Asian players. Nicol David from Malaysia retained her singles title in her fifth appearance in the Games since 1998. Besides, the Indian pair Joshana Chinappa and Dipika Pallikal, who triumphed in the Women's Doubles, also won their country the ever first gold medal in the squash events in the Games.

Congratulations to the three notable women's players as well as all other participating Asian players and countries. Full results please refer to www.glasgow.com



From left to right: Laura Massaro (ENG), Nicol David (MAS) and Joelle King (NZL) are the medallists of the Women's Single Event.



From left to right: Pallikal & Chinappa (IND), the gold medallists of the Women's Double Event.

Major Games and Championships



Asian Games, being one of the major games of ASF, its squash event was successfully concluded from 20 to 27 September at Incheon, South Korea. There were ten regions participated in the team events, while there were eleven regions included 22 men and 15 women for the individual events. Congratulations should go to all the Asian Games medallists, especially Abdullah Almezayen, who won Kuwait the first gold medal in the individual event. We are also delighted to see India won their ever first team gold medal. Applause should also go to Korea Squash Federation for the wonderful arrangement. We would also like to thank all the officials, referees and helpers involved.

Individual Results

Men's Individual Event

- Gold Medallist - Abdullah Almezayen (KUW)
- Silver Medallist - Saurav Ghosal (IND)
- Bronze Medallists - Lee Ho Yin, Max (HKG)
- Ong Beng Hee (MAS)

Women's Individual Event

- Gold Medallist - Nicol David (MAS)
- Silver Medallist - Low Wee Wern (MAS)
- Bronze Medallists - Au Wing Chi, Annie (HKG)
- Dipika Pallikal (IND)

Team Results

Men's Team Event

- Gold - India
- Silver - Malaysia
- Bronze - Hong Kong, China
- Kuwait

Women's Team Event

- Gold - Malaysia
- Silver - India
- Bronze - Hong Kong, China
- South Korea



Left Top:

Left 2nd:

Left 3rd:

Left Bottom:

The men's individual winners on the stage.

The women's individual winners on the stage.

The men's team winners on the stage.

The women's team winners on the stage.

Major Games and Championships

17th Asian Team Championships

The 17th Asian Team Championships has attracted 16 regions to send 16 men's and 10 women's teams to participate in the tournament which was held from 11 to 15 June 2014 in Hong Kong. Congratulations go to Hong Kong Squash, the organiser and all participating regions. Applause should also go to all players and the winning teams.

Final Positions

Men's Team Position

1. Pakistan
2. Malaysia
- Co-3. India & Kuwait
5. Hong Kong, China
6. Japan
7. Singapore
8. Iran
9. South Korea
10. Iraq
11. Sri Lanka
12. Qatar
13. Chinese Taipei
14. Macau, China
15. Philippines
16. China

Women's Team Position

1. Malaysia
2. Hong Kong, China
- Co-3. India & Japan
5. South Korea
6. Pakistan
7. Singapore
8. China
9. Sri Lanka
10. Iran



Mr. David Mui, MH, JP, President of ASF (middle in the front row) leads other officials of the ASF and the winning teams to take a group photo.

Right: Pakistan Men's Team, the Champion.



Top: The top four women's teams.

21st Asian Junior Individual Championships

The 21st Asian Junior Championships, which was held from 22 to 26 June, 2014 on Kish Island in Iran, has attracted 149 juniors from 9 regions to participate. We would like to thank Iran Squash Federation for hosting the event, as well as the officials, referees and helpers who made the event a successful one.

Champions of all Categories

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| BU19 | - Tayyab Aslam (PAK) |
| BU17 | - Ng Eain Yow (MAS) |
| BU15 | - Ibrahim Khaleel Abulaban (JOR) |
| BU13 | - Veer Chotrani (IND) |
| GU19 | - Vanessa Raj Gnanasigamani (MAS) |
| GU17 | - Lee Jia Qi, Andrea (MAS) |
| GU15 | - Lui Hiu Lam (HKG) |
| GU13 | - Aifa Azman (MAS) |



The 9 participating regions for the Asian Junior Individual Championships:

- from the left on the top row: Hong Kong, China, India, Iran;
- from the left on the middle row: Iraq, Jordan, Malaysia;
- from the left bottom row: Pakistan, Qatar and Sri Lanka.

Major Games and Championships

East Asian Championships

Six regions from the East Asia participated in the 9th East Asian Championships, which was held from 29 May to 1 June 2014 at Tokyo, Japan. Congratulations should go to Japan Squash Federation, who hosted such an astonishing tournament, as well as to Hong Kong, China, who won both the Men's and Women's team events.

Final Positions

Men's Team Position

1. Hong Kong, China
2. Japan
3. South Korea
4. Chinese Taipei
5. Macau, China

Women's Team Position

1. Hong Kong, China
2. Japan
3. China
4. South Korea
5. Chinese Taipei



The officials and players of the East Asian Championships. (photo by Aflo)

World Masters Squash Championships

The World Masters Championships was successfully concluded from 4 to 11 July in Hong Kong. The tournament attracted 764 participants from 47 countries to participate. We would like to congratulate the organiser, staff and all players who delivered a truly memorable event.



Top: Players from around the world for the World Masters Championships.

Bottom: Winners of the World Masters Championships

COMING EVENTS

Asian Beach Games

Date: 11 – 16 November 2014

Venue: Phuket, Thailand

17th Asian Junior Team Championships

Date: Jan/Feb 2015

Venue: Malaysia

18th Asian Individual Championships

Date: Apr/May 2015

Venue: Kuwait

22nd Asian Junior Individual Championships

Date: Jun/July 2015

Venue: Iran

Coaching



Mr. Tony Choi,
Coaching Director

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the coaches who won the ASF Coaches Awards 2013. They have distinguished contribution to the sport not just on the elite level, but also to the community. Their passion and dedication have set a good role model to the athletes as well as to other coaches.

ASF Coaches Awards 2013 Recipients

ASF Coach of the Year

Faheem Khan (HKG)

ASF Junior Coach of the Year

Andrew Sam Cross (MAS)

ASF Development Coach of the Year

Cheong Pak Kau (MAS)

ASF Coaches Certificate of Recognition

- Wong Wai Chung (CHN)
- Chiu Wing Yin, Rebecca (HKG)
- Wong Wai Hang (HKG)
- Mekhala Srivastava (IND)
- Munir Khan (MAS)

COMING EVENTS

Level 2 Coaching Course

Date: 27 Oct – 1 Nov 2014

Venue: Lahore, Pakistan

Level 1 Coaching Course

Date: 2 - 10 Nov 2014

Venue: Kuwait

Level 1 Coaching Course

Date: 21 - 23, 28 - 30 Nov 2014

Venue: Hong Kong, China

ASF Level 1 Instructor Course

Date: 17 - 21 December 2014

Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Referees



Mr. Munir Shah
Referees Director

A total of nine referees clinics were conducted in Tehran, Singapore (6), Kuala Lumpur and Shanghai by Rod Symington (Canada) and Munir Shah (Singapore) from the beginning of this year to September.

Assessment exercises were conducted on 7 occasions in Tehran during the National Super League (February), Kuwait during a PSA Championship (May), Hong Kong during the Asian Team Championship (June) and the World Masters (July), Kuala Lumpur during the Malaysian Open (August), Shanghai

during the China Open (September) and Incheon during the Asian Games (September). The pool of assessors in these exercises comprised resources from 5 countries, namely, Munir Shah (Singapore), Fahim Gul (Pakistan), Tahir Khanzada (Pakistan), Anthony So (Hong Kong), Mohammad Fayyaz (Hong Kong), Ebrahim Kamal (Bahrain) and Rajiv Reddy (India).

The diversity of resources speaks well about the refereeing programme in Asia, most of whom were inducted as Regional Assessors as recent as last December.

Top: The Referees Group at the 17th Asian Games.

Middle: Tehran Referees Clinic.

Bottom: The Referees Group at CIMB Malaysian Open 2014.



Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS)

During the summer months, the juniors were very busy. There were five junior competitions. They are PBA 12th Penang (Malaysian) Junior Open, HEAD Hong Kong Junior Squash Open 2014, Japan Junior Open Squash Championships, 6th Indian Junior Open and Iran Junior Open 2014.

We'd like to thank the organisers for making the events all the success!



Top: 6th Indian Junior Open
Left Top: Japan Junior Open
Left Bottom: HEAD Hong Kong Junior Open



COMING EVENTS

REDtone 8th KL Junior Open (AJSS Gold Event)

Date: 2 – 7 December 2014

Old Chang Kee Singapore Junior Open 2014 (AJSS Gold Event)

Date: 17 – 21 December 2014

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