

# SQUASH PULSE

## 37th ASF Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Asian Squash Federation was successfully concluded on 5 February 2017 in Hong Kong. At the AGM, David Mui, MH JP was re-elected the President of the ASF. Won-Kwan Kim and Fayez Abdullah Almutairi were also re-elected as the Vice Presidents. Besides, Debendranath Sarangi, who was newly elected, took the remaining Vice Presidency.

Before closing the meeting, David extended his heartiest thanks to Munir Shah, who stepped down as the ASF Referees Director. Munir has worked as the ASF Referees Director for thirty years. His enormous contribution to the Asian referees development of squash was undeniable.

For the new term 2017-2021, composition of the sub-committees have also been updated. Please visit the [ASF Official Website](#) for details.

### The ASF Officers for the term 2017 - 2021:

President	: Mr. David Mui, MH JP (Hong Kong, China)
Vice-President	: Mr. Kim Won-Kwan (Korea)
	: Mr. Fayez Abdullah Almutairi (Kuwait)
	: Mr. Debendranath Sarangi (India)
Secretary General	: Mr. Duncan Chiu (Hong Kong, China)
Honorary Treasurer	: Mr. Cedric Tyen (Hong Kong, China)
Coaching Director	: Mr. Tony Choi (Hong Kong, China)
Referees Director	: Mr. Tahir Jamil Khanzada (Pakistan)
Asst. Secretary General	: Ms. Emily Mak (Hong Kong, China)



Mr. Duncan Chiu,  
Secretary General

Time flies! It has already been four years since the first edition of Squash Pulse was launched in 2013. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the sub-committees and all members' federations for their invaluable inputs and support for Squash Pulse.

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



David Mui, MH, JP, President of ASF (middle in the front row) leads the newly elected and appointed Management Committee - From right to left in the first row: Cedric Tyen, Duncan Chiu, Debendranath Sarangi, N. Ramachandran, Kim Won-Kwan and Fayez Abdullah Almutairi, to take a group photo with all delegates and observers.

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Photo Highlights from the 37th ASF AGM Delegates Welcoming Dinner on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017:



## WSF 46th Annual General Meeting and Conference

The WSF 46th AGM and Conference held on 8 - 9 November 2016 in Hong Kong was concluded successfully.

At the AGM, a new WSF Executive Board was elected and Huang Ying How, President of the Squash Racquets Association of Malaysia, was elected as one of the WSF Vice-Presidents.

Our congratulation would also be extended to David Mui, MH JP and Tony Choi, who received the WSF Lifetime Achievement Award and the WSF Long-term Contribution Award respectively.

Besides, applause would also go to Hong Kong Squash, who once again showed its impeccable hospitality and organisational skills.

Top Right: Jacques Fontaine, the current WSF President (2nd from the right) and the WSF elected Vice-Presidents (from left to right): Gar Holohan, Huang Ying How and Pablo Serna.

Bottom Right: David Mui MH JP (right) and Tony Choi (left) received the WSF Awards from N. Ramachandran.





## Major Games and Championships

### 18th Asian Junior Team Championships

The **18th Asian Junior Team Championships** were held in Hong Kong from 1 to 5 February 2017. The event has attracted 12 junior men's teams and 9 junior women's teams from 12 regions to participate. We would like to congratulate India and Malaysia, who claimed the Asian Junior Men's and Asian Junior Women's title respectively.

We would also like to thank Hong Kong Squash for hosting such a wonderful event. Thanks would also go to all officials and players.

#### Final Position

##### Junior Men's Team

- 1st - India
- 2nd - Malaysia
- 3rd - Hong Kong, China
- Pakistan
- 5th - Iran
- 6th - Korea
- 7th - Singapore
- 8th - Jordan
- 9th - Sri Lanka
- 10th - Japan
- 11th - Chinese Taipei
- 12th - Macau, China

##### Junior Women's Team

- 1st - Malaysia
- 2nd - Hong Kong, China
- 3rd - Japan
- Singapore
- 5th - Korea
- 6th - India
- 7th - Sri Lanka
- 8th - Chinese Taipei
- 9th - Macau, China



David Mui, MH JP, President of the ASF (5th from the left in the front standing row) leads other officials and guests to take a group photo with the winning teams.

### 3rd Asian Masters Championships

The **3rd Asian Masters Championships**, which were held in Dalian, China from 13 to 16 October 2016 attracted 72 players of age over 35 to participate in 7 different age groups.

We would like to thank the host, Chinese Squash Association and the organiser, Dalian Squash Association for their warm hospitality. We would also like to congratulate all the winners.

#### Results

##### **Men's Age 60+**

- Winner - Chan Kai Ki (HKG)
- Runner-up - Fan Ying Wai (HKG)

##### **Men's Age 55-59**

- Winner - Hugh Dyus (HKG)
- Runner-up - Apte Vaman Madhya (IND)

##### **Men's Age 50-54**

- Winner - Rohit Thawani (IND)
- Runner-up - Cheng Tak Kwong (HKG)

##### **Men's Age 45-49**

- Winner - Lim Kim Jim (MAS)
- Runner-up - Yuen Chi Ho (HKG)

##### **Men's Age 40-44**

- Winner - Foo Kean Ghee (MAS)
- Runner-up - Ryunhoe Koo (KOR)

##### **Men's Age 35-39**

- Winner - Wong Wai Chung (CHN)
- Runner-up - Saurab Nayar (IND)

##### **Women's Age 35+**

- Winner - Hong Shen (CHN)
- Runner-up - Miyuki Adachi (JPN)

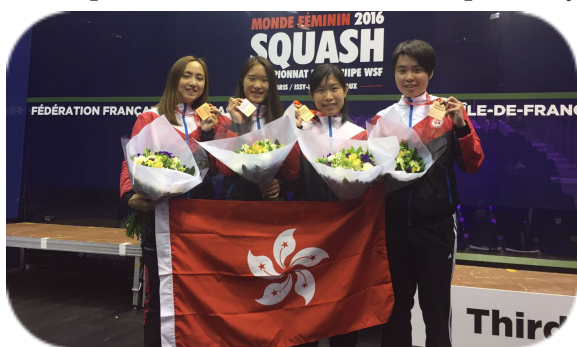


David Mui, MH JP, President of the ASF (middle in the front row) leads other officials to take a group photo with the winners.

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### WSF Women's World Team Championship 2016

The **WSF Women's World Team Championship 2016** was held from 28 November to 3 December in Paris, France. Hong Kong China, India, Japan and Malaysia were the four regions from Asia sent teams to participate in the event. Congratulations to Hong Kong China, who claimed its first-ever bronze medal of the Championship. Malaysia finished sixth while India and Japan finished 9th and 11th respectively.

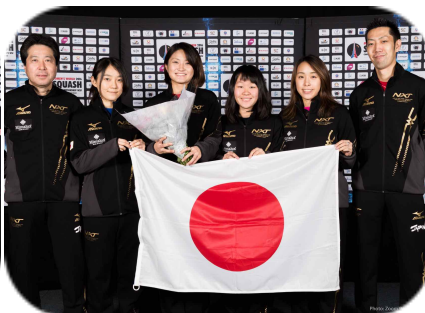
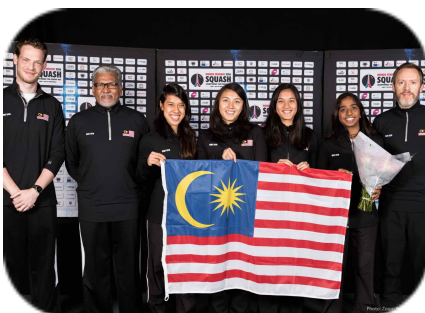


*Left: Hong Kong, China Team, the Bronze Medallists of the WSF Women's World Team Championship.*

*Bottom Left: Malaysia Team, finished 6th of the WSF Women's World Team Championship.*

*Bottom Middle: Japan Team, finished 9th of the WSF Women's World Team Championship.*

*Bottom Right: India Team, finished 11th of the WSF Women's World Team Championship.*



### Coming events

#### 2017 PSA Women's World Championship

Date: 7 - 14 Apr 2017

Venue: El Gouna, Egypt

#### World Masters Games

Date: 21 - 30 Apr 2017

Venue: Auckland, New Zealand

#### 19th Asian Individual Championships

Date: 26 - 30 Apr 2017

Venue: Chennai, India

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

Date: 19 - 24 Jul 2017

Venue: Tauranga, New Zealand

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

Date: 25 - 29 Jul 2017

Venue: Tauranga, New Zealand

#### World Games - Squash

Date: 25 - 28 Jul 2017

Venue: Wroclaw, Poland

#### WSF World Doubles

Date: 1 - 5 Aug 2017

Venue: Manchester, England

#### 24th Asian Junior Individual Championships

Date: 15 - 19 Aug 2017

Venue: Amman, Jordan

#### 29th South East Asian Games 2017 - Squash

Date: 22 - 30 Aug 2017

Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



## Coaching



Mr. Tony Choi,  
Coaching Director

I am delighted to report that Malaysia has organised one ASF sanctioned and supported Level 1 Coaching Courses in Johor (Nov). There were two WSF Level 1 Refresher Coaching Courses: one in Hong Kong, China (Oct) and one in Singapore (Nov). Besides, there were also three WSF Level 1 Coaching Courses: one in Melaka, Malaysia (Oct), one in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Nov) and one in India (Mar), as well as one WSF Level 2 Coaching Course in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Dec). I would like to thank the respective associations for their support as well as all the course tutors for their time and dedication.



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### Coming events

#### ASF Level 2 Coaching Course

Date: 15, 16 Apr & 6, 7, 13 & 14 May 2017

Venue: Macau, China

#### WSF Level 1 Coaching Course

Date: 25 - 30 Apr 2017

Venue: Singapore

#### WSF Level 2 Coaching Course

Date: 4 - 9 May 2017

Venue: India

#### ASF Level 2 Coaching Course

Date: 20 - 24 June 2017

Venue: Kanagawa, Japan



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

2: WSF Level 1 Refresher Coaching Course in Singapore.

3: WSF Level 1 Coaching Course in Melaka, Malaysia.

4: ASF Level 1 Coaching Course in Johor, Malaysia.

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



## Referees



Mr. Munir Shah  
Referees Director

A total of 11 referees clinics were conducted in the last 6 months from end-September 2016 to mid-March 2017:- Singapore(6), Shiraz, Kuala Lumpur, Colombo, Seremban and Kuching, conducted by Munir Shah(Singapore), Mohd Abdullah Arrffan @ Robert(Singapore), Peter Chee(Malaysia), Leslie Ponnampalam(Malaysia), involving a total of 329 participants.

The major highlight was the first time a referees clinic and an assessment exercise were being held in Shiraz, Iran, in conjunction with the Shiraz Open PSA M5 Championship. It was also a rare opportunity for a similar event to be organised in Kuching, Malaysia, in conjunction with the 3<sup>rd</sup> South East Asia Cup.

Assessment exercises were conducted on 14 occasions in India(3), Iran(2), Hong Kong China(2), Malaysia(2), Pakistan(2), Bahrain, Singapore and Sri Lanka over the last 6 months, in conjunction with the Asian Junior Team Championships in Hong Kong China, a regional championship in South East Asia, a junior sub-regional championship in West Asia, minor professional tournaments on the PSA circuit and a national championship. This bodes well for the fact that countries are beginning to understand that the best way to climb up the referees' progression ladder is to expose their referees to being tested in challenging matches examined by WSF Assessors and Regional Assessors.

During the first quarter of 2017 a Regional Referee re-nomination and nomination exercise was conducted resulting in 4 Regional Referees being re-nominated for a further 3 years, namely Amos Yuen(Hong Kong, China), Andrew Zhang Wen(China), Dhiraj Singh(India) and Naved Kashif Khan(Malaysia) and 2 National Referees being promoted to become Regional Referees, namely, Mehdi Mokhtari(Iran) and Kelvintra Breshant Selvaraj(Malaysia) for a similar period.



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1: 3<sup>rd</sup> SEA Cup in Kuching, Malaysia.

2: Singapore Junior Technical Officials Programme.

3: Referees Clinic in Colombo.

4: SAFRA NSL Referees Clinic.

5: The Referees Team in 18<sup>th</sup> Asian Junior Team Championships in Hong Kong.

6: SSRA NSL Referees Clinic.



## Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS)

There were total 4 junior competitions between October 2016 and March 2017. They are the 2nd CMS Borneo Junior Open, 3rd Bengal Junior Open, Old Chang Kee - Marigold Singapore Junior Open and REDtone KL Junior Open. We'd like to congratulate all participants and winners as well as to thank the organisers for making the events all the success!



*Top: Winners of the 3rd Bengal Junior Open in India.*

*Bottom: Old Chang Kee - Marigold Singapore Junior Open winners.*

### Coming events

#### PBA 15th Penang Junior Open 2017 (AJSS Platinum Event)

Date: 30 Jun - 5 Jul 2017  
Venue: Penang, Malaysia

#### 3rd CMS Borneo Junior Open 2017 (AJSS Gold Event)

Date: 7 - 11 Jul 2017  
Venue: Sarawak, Malaysia

#### Japan Junior Open 2017 (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 25 - 28 Jul 2017  
Venue: Yokohama, Japan

#### HEAD Hong Kong Junior Open 2017 (AJSS Platinum Event)

Date: 1 - 5 Aug 2017  
Venue: Hong Kong, China



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