

# **SINGAPORE ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION**

## **ANNUAL REPORT (year ending 31 March 2015)**

### **President's Report**

I am pleased to report that 2014 proved to be another successful year, with a vibrant events calendar comprising local, regional and international competition exposure for our skaters. Competency development was also an area of focus with courses, seminars and clinics offered for all levels of skaters, coaches and officials. This would not have been possible without the tireless efforts and dogged determination of members of the SISA Management Committee and, Directors and members of the Figure Skating and the Short Track Sub-Committees.

Special mention must be accorded to 14 year old Yu Shuran. She participated in the ISU Junior Grand Prix held in Croatia between 8 - 11 October 2014 and came in a credible 9<sup>th</sup> position out of 32 competitors. Through this result, Shuran achieved the requisite minimum technical score for a place in the ISU World Junior Championship, which she subsequently participated in, from 2 - 8 March 2015 in Estonia. She is the first Singapore skater to do so and was also the only participant from South East Asia who qualified to compete in the final round of the Championship. Chadwick Wang is the other figure skater whom I wish to highlight. Chadwick is the first male skater to pass the Junior test.

Short Track Speed Skater, Matthew Mak is the first athlete to represent Singapore in the 27<sup>th</sup> Winter Universiade Granada 2015 held in Granada, Spain from 4 – 14 February 2015. Lucas Ng, qualified for the 4<sup>th</sup> time to represent Singapore in the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating World Championship, held in Moscow, Russia from 13 – 15 March 2015.

### Local Competitions and Activities

On the home front, SISA organized the Singapore Figure Skating National Championship on 12 and 13 April 2014. This event attracted a total of 62 participants. Four months later on 30 and 31 August, the Singapore Short Track Speed Skating National Championship was organized with a total of 23 participants from Singapore, 18 from Malaysia, 19 from India and 5 from Indonesia.

Separately, SISA organized the highly successful ICE LAB Figure Skating Awareness Day on 28 May 2014. This event attracted 12 schools. To further entrenched itself in Singapore schools, an Inter-School Ice Skating Competition and Team Challenge was held between 1 and 4 September 2014. This event attracted 34 participants in figure skating, 22 participants in short track speed skating and a further 10 participants signed up for the Team Challenge.

### Time Trial

As part of efforts to track the progress of our speed skaters, a time trial was specially organized on 31 December 2014. This was meant to complement performance monitoring outside of the usual training sessions, and competitions which the skaters participate in.

### Capability Development - Coaching

An NCAP Technical Level 1 course, for figure skating, was held from 26 to 28 May 2014. A total of 9 new participants and 2 existing coaches attended the course. All the 9 new participants successfully completed NCAP Technical Level 1 certification course.

### Capability Development - Officiating

Terence Chew was appointed as a Referee in the South East Asian Trophy held in Bangkok, Thailand, between 5 and 7 December and the Indonesian Short Track National Championship.

18 participants took part in an “Introduction to Figure Skating Judging Seminar,” held on 10 April 2014. This seminar covered the basic aspects of the International Judging System (IJS).

Ms. Rita Zonnekeyn, ISU Referee & Technical Controller, Ms. Lisa Jelinek, ISU Judge & Technical Controller, Ms. Sharon Gaylard, International Technical Specialists jointly conducted an “Information and Pathway to becoming a Figure Skating Judge and Technical Controller/Specialist” Course on 9 April 2015. There were a total of 9 participants.

### Regional and International Competitions

At the regional and international levels, our skaters achieved credible results in a variety of competitions. These include,

#### Figure Skating

1. ISU World Development Trophy Figure Skating held in Manila, Philippines, between 21 and 26 April 2014
  - **Chloe Ing** participated in the Junior Ladies event and achieved 1st position
  - **Sarah Arina Tan Lin Li** participated in the Novice B Girls’ event and achieved 8th position
  - **Luc Ong** participated in the Novice A Boys’ event and achieved 1st position
  - **Jewel Koh** participated in the Novice A Girls’ event and achieved 5th position
  
2. Asian Junior Figure Skating Challenge held in Shenzhen, China, between 25 and 27 April 2014
  - **Phoebe Wang** participated in the Junior Ladies’s event and achieved 4th position

- **Chadwick Wang** participated in the Novice Advanced Men's event and achieved 1st position
  - **Su Ching Ting** participate in the Advanced Novice Ladies' event and achieved 7th position
  - **Alexandra Skillen**, participated in the Novice A Ladies' event and achieved 3rd position
3. Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy held in Chinese Taipei, Taiwan, between 7 and 10 August 2014
- **Loke Xin Yi** participated in the Novice A Ladies' event and achieved 8th position
  - **Jewel Koh** participated in the Novice B Ladies' event and achieved 6th position
  - **Chadwick Wang** participated in the Advanced Novice Men's event and achieved 4th position
  - **Sarah Arina Tan and Su Ching Ting** participated in the Advanced Novice Ladies' event and achieved 13th and 9th position respectively
  - **Phoebe Wang and Yu Shuran** participated in the Junior Ladies' event and achieved 15th and 8th position respectively
4. ISU Junior Grand Prix Of Figure Skating held in Aichi, Japan, between 10 and 14 September 2014
- **Chloe Ing** participated in the Junior Ladies' event and achieved 17th position
5. U.S International Figure Skating Classic held in Salt Lake City, Utah, between 10 and 14 September 2014
- **Brittany Lau** participated in the Senior Ladies' event and achieved 13th position
6. Lombardia Trophy held in Milano, Italy, between 18 and 21 September 2014
- **Ceciliane Hartmann** participated in the Junior Ladies' event and achieved 8th position

7. ISU Junior Grand Prix Of Figure Skating held In Zagreb, Croatia, between 8 and 11 October 2014

➤ **Yu Shuran** participated in the Junior Ladies' event and achieved 9th position

8. Autumn Classic International held in Barrie, Ontario, between 15 and 17 October 2014

➤ Chloe Ing participated in the Senior Ladies' event and achieved 8th position

9. 7th Tirnavia Edea Ice Cup held in Trnava, Slovakia, between 24 and 26 October 2014

➤ **Ceciliane Hartmann** participated in the Junior Ladies event and achieved 11th position

10. NRW Trophy held in Dortmund, Germany, between 26 and 30 November 2014

➤ **Ceciliane Hartmann** participated in the Junior Ladies' event and achieved 25th position

11. 8th Santa Claus Cup held in Budapest, Hungary, between 1 and 7 December 2014

➤ **Ceciliane Hartmann** participated in the Junior Ladies event and achieved 6th position

12. South East Asia Trophy held in Bangkok, Thailand, between 5 and 7 December 2014

➤ **Chadwick Wang** participated in the Advanced Novice Boys' event and achieved 1st position

➤ **Su Ching Ting, Loke Xin Yi and Sarah Tan** participated in the Advanced Novice Girls' event and achieved 3rd, 4th and 6th position respectively

➤ **Charlotte Lim** participated in the Basic Novice B Girls' event and achieved 3rd position

- **Maegan Ng** participated in the Basic Novice A Girls' Group 1 event and achieved 3rd position
- **Alexandra Crombie** participated in the Basic Novice A Girls' Group 2 event and achieved 3rd position
- **Su Yan Ting** participated in the Basic Novice A Girls' Group 3 event and achieved 4th position
- **Kelly Anne Kok** participated in the Advance Pre-Novice Girls' Group 1 event and achieved 2nd position
- **Ou Yang Yan** participated in the Basic Pre-Novice Girls' Group 1 event and achieved 5th position
- **Su Nga Ting** participated in the Basic Pre-Novice Girls' Group 2 event and achieved 5th position
- **Ou Yang Lin** participated in the Basic Pre-Novice Girls' Group 3 event and achieved 5th position
- **Denise Ong** participated in the Basic Pre-Novice Girls' Group 4 event and achieved 1st position
- **McKayla Ong** participated in the Basic Juvenile Girls' event and achieved 5th position

13. Hellmut Seibt Memorial held in Vienna, Austria between 25 and 28 February 2015

- **Ceciliane Hartmann** participated in the Junior Ladies' event and achieved 10th position

14. ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championship held in Tallinn, Estonia, between 2 and 8 March 2015

- **Yu Shuran** participated in the Junior Ladies' event and achieved 24th position

15. Coupe De Printemps held in Luxembourg between 13 and 15 March 2015

- ***Ceciliane Hartmann*** participated in the Junior Ladies event and achieved 15th position

## Short Track Speed Skating

### 1. Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy held in Manila, Philippines between 21 and 23 October 2014

- Lucas Ng, Miki Chong, Trevor Tan and Nadja Chong represented Singapore
- **Lucas Ng** participated in the Men's Senior Category (500m) and achieved 1st position
- **Nadja Chong** participated in the Ladies' Junior C Category and achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> position in three events viz. 333m, 500m and the 1000m Super Final.

### 2. South East Asia Trophy held in Bangkok, Thailand, between 5 and 7 December 2014

- **Lucas Ng** participated in the Senior Men's Division and achieved 1<sup>st</sup> position in three events - 500m, 1000m and 1500m events
- **Miki Chong** participated in the Senior Men's Division and achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> position in 2 events - 1000m and 1500m. He also achieved a 3<sup>rd</sup> placing in the 500m event
- **Matthew Mak** participated in the Junior A Men's Division and achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> position in 3 events - 500m, 1000m and 1500m race events
- **Nadja Chong** participated in the Junior C Ladies' Division and achieved 1<sup>st</sup> position in the 500m event, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 333m and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1000m race event
- **Trevor Tan** participated in the Junior D Men's Division and achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the 500m event and 4<sup>th</sup> position in the 333m event
- **Zen Koh** achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the 1000m event and 5<sup>th</sup> position in 333m and 500m events



- **Alyssa Pok** participated in the Novice Ladies' Division and achieved 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions in the 500m, 222m, 333m events respectively
  - **Anika Chandra** achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the 222m event and 500m and 5th position in the 333m event
  - **Amelia Soo** achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the 333m event and 4th position in the 222m and 500m events
  - **Amelia Chua** achieved 4th position in the 333m event and 5th position in the 222m and 500m events
  - **Brandon Pok** participated in the Novice Men's Division and achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the 222m event and 4<sup>th</sup> position in the 333m and 500m events
  - **Christopher Chandra** achieved 5th position in 500m, 6th position in 333m and 7th position in the 222m event
3. ISU World Cup held in Shanghai, China, between 12 and 14 December 2014
    - **Matthew Mak** represented Singapore in the Men's Category placing
  4. ISU World Cup held in Seoul, Korea, between 19 and 21 December 2014
    - **Lucas Ng** represented Singapore in the Men's Category placing
  5. 27th Winter Universiade held in Granada, Spain between 4 and 14 February 2015
    - **Matthew Mak** represented Singapore in the Men's Category
  6. ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championship held in Moscow, Russia, between 13 and 15 March 2015
    - **Lucas Ng** represented Singapore in the Men's Category
  7. ISU World Development Trophy 2015 held in Auckland, New Zealand, between 11 and 16 April 2015

- **Suvian Chua & Chua Qi En** represented Singapore in the Junior A Category placing 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively.
- **Nadja Chong** represented Singapore in the Junior C Category placing 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Looking Ahead

In 2015, SISA will have to step-up our efforts in the development and promotion of ice skating in Singapore schools. To successfully achieve this, we have to be able to capture the hearts and mindshare of educators, education partners, parents and students themselves, to ensure the next phase of growth and development of our sport. Towards this end, SISA will organize the next edition of the Inter School Championship with the twin objectives of seeing greater participation numbers and an enhancement on the quality of competitors.

Looking further ahead in 2016 and 2017, our sights must firmly be fixed on the likelihood that ice skating comprising the two disciplines of Figure and Short Track Speed Skating will be featured in the 29th SEA Games, to be held in Malaysia in 2017. The South East Asian Games Federation (SEAGF) announced this on 4 June 2015 and also revealed that ice skating has been inducted into Category 2, together with 35 other sports that feature in the Olympic and Asian Games. According to Mohamad Fadzil Johan, President of the Ice Skating Association of Malaysia, in a media interview, ice skating “will be a medal sport.”. Sieh Kok Chi, secretary-general of the Malaysian NOC has also shared a similar comment with The Straits Times. Based on preliminary responses, we can expect a highly competitive environment during the Games as ISU members Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and Philippines have expressed their interest in participating. We have about two years to prepare our skaters and with this in mind, I call on all of us to prioritize the development of a “2017 SEA Games Campaign Plan” to ensure that are our skaters are adequately ready and in time to meet the minimum qualifying marks to be set by SNOG.

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