

# **SINGAPORE ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION**

## **ANNUAL REPORT (year ending 31 March 2016)**

### **President's Report**

Another year has passed and I am pleased with the incremental progress and achievements of the sport.

SISA continued to organise the annual Singapore Figure Skating and Short Track Speed Skating National Championship, in April and September 2015 respectively, as a platform for Singapore's best to showcase their abilities and from where they can prepare for higher level competitions. In the area of competency and capability development, coaches as well as technical officials continued to be given opportunities to enhance their knowledge.

SISA was made aware that four-time Olympic champion and three time overall World Champion Chun Lee Kyung from South Korea had moved to Singapore for personal reasons. In November 2015, SISA managed to secure her as national coach for Singapore. During her illustrious sporting career, she won four Gold and one Bronze medal at the 1994 Lillehammer and 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics. Coach Chun is widely regarded as one of the 25 greatest Winter Olympians and we will be looking to her to help our highly motivated short track speed skaters realise their fullest potential in the high performance arena, as well as to spearhead a mass participation program to introduce short track to more Singaporeans.

The stand-out short track event for the year must be the ISU Tri-Series South East Asia (SEA) Cup held in Singapore on 20 and 21 February 2016. This event saw our best short track speed skaters pit their abilities against those from five neighbouring countries (total of 65 skaters) – Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines and Australia. In all, 18 Gold Medals were presented over two days of intense competition.

In the regional and international arena, our figure and short track speed skaters continued to keep the national flag flying high while, at the same time, acquiring much needed competition experience and confidence.

## Local Competitions and Activities

SISA organised the Singapore Figure Skating National Championship on 11 and 12 April 2016. This event attracted a total of 70 participants. As for the Singapore Short Track Speed Skating National Championship, this was organised on 5 and 6 September 2015 with a total of 22 participants.

While there was a hiatus for the Inter School Competition in 2015, SISA organised a Figure Skating Trophy on 1 and 2 September 2015 with 54 participants.

## Capability Development - Coaching

In the area of coach development, a Level 1 and 2 Technical Coaching Course (Figure Skating) was conducted by visiting Australian Coach, Michael Pasfield on 23 and 24 February 2016. A total of nine participants took part in the Level 1 Course, with a further eight (three new participants and five who attended as a refresher) who attended the Level 2 Course.

Jae-Su Chun (visiting coach from South Korea) and Lee-Kyung Chun (Singapore's national coach), jointly conducted a Level 1 Technical Coaching Course (Short Track) between 29 and 31 March 2016. A total of 11 individuals took part, of which nine were new and two who attended as a refresher.

## Capability Development - Officiating

Sharon Mellema, an ISU International Technical Specialist presented a technical requirements update, comprising both theory and practical elements, between 26 and 28 April 2016. This was organised in conjunction with the Singapore Figure Skating National Championship, and it attracted 30 participants, daily, comprising a mix of parents, skaters and coaches.

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

## **International Competitions held in Singapore**

**TRI-SERIES SOUTH EAST ASIA CUP HELD IN SINGAPORE**  
20 to 21 February 2016

A total of 64 medals were presented, including 18 gold medals.

In conjunction with the Tri Series, an ASU Short Track Speed Skating Competitor Steward Workshop was organised from 19 to 21 February 2016. This workshop was conducted by Mr Hermann Filippic, an ISU Competitor Steward from Austria and it was well received with delegates from Indonesia, Philippines, New Zealand and Singapore.

## Regional and International Competitions

### **Figure Skating**

COUPE DU PRINTEMPS 2016 HELD IN LUXEMBOURG

11 to 13 March 2016

*Ceciliane Hartmann* represented Singapore in the Junior Ladies event and achieved 7<sup>th</sup> position.

FBMA TROPHY 2016 HELD IN ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

21 to 23 January 2016

*Jewel Koh* represented Singapore in the Junior Ladies event and achieved 11<sup>th</sup> position.

SKATE HELENA 2016 HELD IN BELGRADE, SERBIA

19 to 21 January 2016

*Ceciliane Hartmann* represented Singapore in the Junior Ladies event and achieved 8<sup>th</sup> position.

SANTA CLAUS CUP 2015 HELD IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

28 November to 4 December 2015

*Ceciliane Hartmann* represented Singapore in the Junior Ladies event and achieved 8<sup>th</sup> position.

MERANO CUP 2015 HELD IN MERANO, ITALY

12 to 15 November 2015

*Ceciliane Hartmann* represented Singapore in the Junior Ladies event and achieved 16<sup>th</sup> position.

TIRNAVIA EDEA ICE CUP 2015 HELD IN TIRNAVA, SLOVAKIA

22 to 25 October 2015

*Ceciliane Hartmann* represented Singapore in the Junior Ladies event and achieved 6<sup>th</sup> position.

SKATE CANADA AUTUMN CLASSIC INTERNATIONAL HELD IN BARRIE, CANADA

13 to 15 October 2015

*Chloe Ing* represented Singapore in the Junior Ladies event and achieved 5<sup>th</sup> position.

ISU JUNIOR GRAND PRIX OF FIGURE SKATING HELD IN ZAGREB, CROATIA

7 to 10 October 2015

*Phoebe Wang* represented Singapore in the Junior Ladies event and achieved 24<sup>th</sup> position.

ISU JUNIOR GRAND PRIX OF FIGURE SKATING HELD IN LOGRONO, SPAIN

30 September to 4 October 2015

*Yu Shuran* represented Singapore in the Junior Ladies event and achieved 15<sup>th</sup> position.

ISU JUNIOR GRAND PRIX OF FIGURE SKATING HELD IN LINZ, AUSTRIA

9 to 12 September 2015

*Ceciliane Hartmann* represented Singapore in the Junior Ladies event and achieved 20<sup>th</sup> position.

ISU JUNIOR GRAND PRIX OF FIGURE SKATING HELD IN COLORADO SPRINGS,  
U.S.A

2 to 5 September 2015

*Chloe Ing* represented Singapore in the Junior Ladies event and achieved 16<sup>th</sup> position.

ISU JUNIOR GRAND PRIX OF FIGURE SKATING HELD IN BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA  
19 to 22 August 2015

*Yu Shuran*, represented Singapore in the Junior Ladies event and achieved 15<sup>th</sup> position.

ASIAN OPEN FIGURE SKATING TROPHY 2015 IN BANGKOK, THAILAND

5 to 8 August 2015

*Loke Xin Yi* and *Kelly Anne Kok*, represented Singapore in the Novice A Ladies event and achieved 11<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> position respectively.

*Paigel Sng*, represented Singapore in the Novice A Men event and achieved 4<sup>th</sup> position.

*Charlotte Lim*, *Maegan Ng* and *Alexandra Crombie*, represented Singapore in the Novice B Ladies event and achieved 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> position respectively.

*Jewel Koh*, represented Singapore in the Junior Ladies event and achieved 16<sup>th</sup> position.

2015 PHILADELPHIA SUMMER INTERNATIONAL IN PHILADELPHIA, U.S.A

16 to 19 July 2015

*Chloe Ing*, represented Singapore in the Junior Ladies event and achieved 6<sup>th</sup> position.

ISU WORLD DEVELOPMENT TROPHY HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

6 to 11 April 2015

*Chloe Ing*, represented Singapore in the Junior Ladies event and achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

*Sarah Arina Tan Lin Li*, represented Singapore in the Novice B Girls event and achieved 6<sup>th</sup> position.

*Luc Ong*, represented Singapore in the Novice B Boys event and achieved 1<sup>st</sup> position.

## **Short Track Speed Skating**

### **ISU WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN SEOUL, KOREA**

11 to 13 March 2016

*Lucas Ng* represented Singapore in the Men's Category and achieved a personal best timing of 43.972s, ranked 24<sup>th</sup> in the 500m event.

### **ASIAN OPEN SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TROPHY HELD IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES**

16 to 17 December 2015

*Alyssa Pok, Brandon Pok, Xu Jing Feng and Zen Koh* represented Singapore in the Junior D Category.

*Lucas Ng* represented Singapore in the Senior Category and achieved a ranking of 3<sup>rd</sup> in all events.

### **ISU WORLD CUP HELD IN SHANGHAI, CHINA**

11 to 13 December 2015

*Lucas Ng* represented Singapore in the Men's Category and achieved a ranking of 32<sup>nd</sup> in the 500m event.

### **ISU WORLD CUP HELD IN NAGOYA, JAPAN**

4 to 6 December 2015

*Lucas Ng* represented Singapore in the Men's Category and achieved a ranking of 35<sup>th</sup> in the 500m event.

### **ISU WORLD DEVELOPMENT TROPHY 2015 HELD IN AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND**

11 to 16 April 2015

*Suvian Chua* and *Chua Qi En* represented Singapore in the Junior A Category and achieved a ranking of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively in the 500m events.

*Nadja Chong* represented Singapore in the Junior C Category and achieved a ranking of 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 500m events.

## Looking Ahead

I see 2016 as being a defining year for our sport – While the basic infrastructure is in place, we need to continue to challenge and reinvent the organisation.

At the organisational level, we need to strengthen our Secretariat, review and develop relevant policies, continue to leverage on technical experts and also develop an overarching plan to drive the sport forward. This will be a key priority for me and my fellow EXCO members.

SISA will also place equal emphasis to gain greater mindshare and participation among the uninitiated or those who are still new to the sport. For these skaters, we will continue to build on the Inter School Competition and initiate work to enhance the Learn to Skate Programme and, concurrently introduce a bridging programme thereby developing a skating pathway towards higher level competitive skating.

Just beyond the 2016 time horizon, we will be sparing no efforts to best prepare our skaters for the Asian Winter Games and the SEA Games to be held in February 2017 in Japan and in August 2017 in Malaysia, respectively. As in all Major Games and high level competitions, preparations will have to commence months and years ahead, in order that we maintain our skaters' competitive edge. 2016 will indeed be an exciting year and I call on all our individual and club members as well as supporters of the sport to collectively contribute towards SISA's success.

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