

SINGAPORE ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT (year ending 31 March 2020)

President's Report

The Singapore Ice Skating Association (SISA) strongly believes in the galvanising effect sports in general can have to bond communities, to bring joy and happiness and to build resilience among its people.

Towards this end, we strongly believe that it is essential that we continue to strive to establish friendships and partnerships both locally and regionally while at the same time, living up to the values we have laid out for ourselves - "Sportsmanship, Integrity, Discipline, Respect, Commitment to Excellence."

In 2019, we delivered a calendar of events comprising local, regional and international competition exposure for our skaters. At the same time, we organised competency development activities for coaches and officials. I would like to personally acknowledge my thanks and appreciation to members of the SISA Executive Committee, staff and volunteers for their dedication and hard work.

I am especially pleased with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that SISA inked with the Chinese Skating Association. In essence, the MOU cements the partnership between Singapore and China to build and promote our sport. It also supports our aim to qualify for the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, China, through enhanced accessibility to training opportunities, coach development and participation in ISU sanctioned competitions organised in China.

At the 2019 SEA Games held in the Philippines, our skaters performed exceptionally well and returned with an improved medal haul as compared to 2017 – 4 Gold and 1 Bronze. Our team retained the ladies title in figure skating and made history by scoring Singapore's first ever SEA Games gold for short track. Chloe Ing won the Gold medal in figure skating, emulating the success of Yu Shuran in 2017. Another two individual Gold medals were won by Cheyenne Goh in short track speed skating while the men's and ladies' short track teams accomplished a Gold and Bronze medal respectively.

Beyond the SEA Games, our skaters were also involved in major regional and international competitions. Special mention must be made of Trevor Tan who became the first Singaporean to win a Gold medal in the Asian Open Short Track Trophy held in Kunming, China, from 26 to 28 August 2019. He did so in the Men's Junior B 1,000m category and where his timing of 1.29.899 minutes was also a National Under-18 record.

The Winter Youth Olympic Games was held in Lausanne, Switzerland from 9 to 22 January 2020. Singapore made its debut at the Games with the participation of Alyssa Pok and Trevor Tan who took part in the 500m and 1000m events. Both skaters did not progress beyond their respective heats but it marks a major milestone for Singapore ice skating and its high-performance aspirations.

Singapore was also represented at the inaugural ISU Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships held from 11 to 12 January 2020 in Montreal, Canada. Cheyenne Goh and Xu Jing Feng took part in the 500m, 1000m and 1500m events.

I am pleased to share that our young athletes' efforts to compete for and represent our country continue to be supported and recognised under the Singapore Olympic Foundation-Peter Lim Scholarship. With a S\$10-million donation from philanthropist and sports enthusiast Mr Peter Lim, the Scholarship aims to provide financial support for promising young athletes committed to chasing their sporting dreams. SISA has been a beneficiary for several years since 2011. In 2019, we have Xu Jing Feng and Pagiel Sng receiving the Scholarship in the Secondary Category and HPU18 Category respectively.

Local Competitions

On the home front, on 6 July 2019, the Singapore Short Track Speed Skating National Championships was organised with a total of 21 participants.

As for the Inter School Figure and Short Track Competitions, this was held on 9 and 10 July 2019 and the event saw a total of 99 participants.

It was unfortunate that the Singapore Figure Skating National Championships 2020 could not materialise due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

International Competitions held in Singapore

The South East Asian (SEA) Open Short Track Trophy was held on 4 and 5 January 2020. This event saw a record number of 150 participants from 14 competing nations, including Singapore. In conjunction with the main event, a Short Track Speed Skating Skaters Development Camp was organised on 30 December 2019 – 2 January 2020 and attracted 46 skaters from 7 countries.

Capability Development

An officiating Course was also organised as part of the SEA Open Short Track Trophy. The course provided opportunities for the participants to shadow the competition officials and put their learning to use for the younger age categories. The course saw 5 participants from 4 nations.

Regional and International Competitions

Results can be found here: <https://sisa.org.sg/index.php/meet-the-team/international-results-fs>

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

Figure Skating

JÉGVIRÁG CUP HELD IN MISKOLC, HUNGARY

Chloe Ing - Senior Ladies category, achieved 4th position
The competition was held from 14 - 16 February 2020.

SANTA CLAUS CUP HELD IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Cheryl Wee - Intermediate Novice Girls category, achieved 23rd position
The competition was held from 2 - 8 December 2019.

SEA GAMES 2019 HELD IN MANILA, PHILIPPINE

Chloe Ing achieved the 1st place and Gold Medal
Pagiel Sng came in 5th.
The competition was held from 29 November- 1 December 2019.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN AUSTRALIA

Lauren Tan - Basic Novice Girls category
Ava Soh & Lim Kiern - Intermediate Novice Girls category
The competition was held from 29 November - 6 December 2019.

ASIAN OPEN FIGURE SKATING TROPHY HELD IN DONGGUAN, CHINA

Lin Jia Yuxin - Basic Novice Girls category and achieved 16th position
The competition was held from 30 October - 1 November 2019.

ISU JUNIOR GRAND PRIX HELD IN EGNA, ITALY

Su Ching Ting - Ladies category and achieved 28th position
The competition was held from 2 -5 October 2019.

AUTUMN CLASSIC INTERNATIONAL HELD IN OAKVILLE, CANADA

Chloe Ing - Ladies category and achieved 11th position
The competition was held from 12 - 14 September 2019.

ISU JUNIOR GRAND PRIX HELD IN LAKE PLACID, USA

Charlotte Lim - Ladies category and achieved 31st position
Pagiel Sng - Men category and achieved 18th position
The competition was held from 28 - 31 August 2019.

Short Track Speed Skating

Results can be found here: <https://sisa.org.sg/index.php/meet-the-team/international-results-st>

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BORMIO, ITALY

Alyssa Pok represented Singapore in the Ladies event. *Trevor Tan* and *Xu Jing Feng* represented Singapore in the Men event.

The competition was held on 31 January - 2 February 2020

YOUTH WINTER OLYMPICS IN LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND

Alyssa Pok represented Singapore in the Ladies event. *Trevor Tan* represented Singapore in the Men event.

The competition was held on 9 - 22 January 2020

FOUR CONTINENTS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MONTREAL, CANADA

Cheyenne Goh represented Singapore in the Ladies event. *Xu Jing Feng* represented Singapore in the Men event.

The competition was held on 10 - 12 January 2020

WORLD CUP IN SHANGHAI, CHINA

Zen Koh represented Singapore in the Men event. The competition was held on 6 - 8 December 2019

SEA GAMES 2019 IN MANILA, PHILIPPINE

Cheyenne Goh participated in the 500m & 1000m events and achieved 1st place and Gold Medal

The 3000m ladies relay team comprising *Cheyenne Goh*, *Soo Kar Weng*, *Chin Victoria* and *Suvian Chua* achieved the 3rd place and Bronze Medal

The 3000m men relay team comprising *Trevor Tan*, *Lucas Ng*, *Xu Jing Feng* and *Zen Koh* achieved the 1st place and Gold Medal

The competition was held on 1 - 4 December 2019

WORLD CUP IN MONTREAL, CANADA

Cheyenne Goh represented Singapore in the Ladies event.

The competition was held on 8 - 10 November 2019

WORLD CUP IN SALT LAKE CITY, USA

Cheyenne Goh represented Singapore in the Ladies event.

The competition was held on 1 - 3 November 2019

AUSTRALIA OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPS IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Lucas Ng, *Chin Victoria*, *Amelia Chua* and *Loh Yuqin* represented Singapore at the competition.

The competition was held on 4 - 6 October 2019

AMCUP 1 IN SALT LAKE CITY, USA

Cheyenne Goh represented Singapore in the Ladies event.

The competition was held on 4 - 6 October 2019

ASIAN OPEN TROPHY HELD IN YUNNAN, CHINA

Amelia Chua and *Ryo Ong* - Junior D Ladies and Men event respectively. *Alyssa Pok* and *Brandon Pok* - Junior C Ladies and Men event respectively. *Soo Kar Weng* - Junior B Ladies. *Trevor Tan* and *Xu Jing Feng* - Junior B Men

Ryo achieved two bronze medals from the 777m and 1000m events. *Trevor* achieved the gold medal in his 1000m event. The competition was held on 26 - 28 August 2019

DESERT CLASSIC IN SALT LAKE CITY, USA

Cheyenne Goh represented Singapore in the Open A Ladies event.

The competition was held on 23 - 25 August 2019

Looking Ahead

The global Covid-19 pandemic has affected many of the activities and programmes planned for 2020 and will possibly stretch to the first two quarters of 2021. Notwithstanding this, we continue to plan ahead. Key initiatives include a greater focus to engage the ice-skating community and co-create broad strategies to help realise our high-performance ambitions as well as make our sport more accessible. We are also looking at a Constitutional review to ensure alignment with best practices promulgated by Sport Singapore and the Singapore National Olympic Council.

As was the case in 2017 and 2019, we would also lobby for the inclusion of both figure skating and short track speed skating in the 2021 SEA Games.

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