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SingaporeSailing aims to maintain top-performing national sport legacy in Indonesia

SINGAPORE, 27 June, 2018 - Sailing has been Singapore's top performing sport at the Asian Games since the 1994 edition in Hiroshima, Japan. The Singapore Sailing Federation (SingaporeSailing) aims to continue its sporting legacy for the upcoming Asian Games in Indonesia this August.

Since the 1994 Asian Games, Sailing has brought home a total of 37 medals – 13 Golds, 9 Silvers and 15 Bronzes. In the last edition of the Games in 2014 in Incheon, South Korea, the Singapore Sailing Team was responsible for more than a quarter of the Republic's total medal haul, contributing 7 medals out of the 24 that Team Singapore returned with.

The last edition of the Games also saw Singapore finish joint-second with China in the Sailing medal tally, while South Korea topped the table with four Golds.

“We are extremely proud of how the sport has grown from strength to strength over the years to become Singapore's most successful sport at the Asian Games. It is a reflection of the dedication, perseverance, grit, and hard work of not only the sailors, but also the coaches and the sailing fraternity in building the sailing ecosystem here,” said Dr. Ben Tan, President at SingaporeSailing.

This year's campaign theme for the Singapore Sailing Team is 'Raising Champions' which reflects the passion, determination and the true spirit of sportsmanship among the national sailors, as well as the important role of parents, coaches, and the sailing community in developing successful athletes.

Lim Han Ee, CEO at SingaporeSailing said, “We believe that successful athletes are not born; they are raised. It is not nature; it is nurture. While we are very proud of the successes that each and every one of our sailor has achieved, it is also important to realise that there is an entire village supporting that athlete to reach his or her sporting goals.”



15 Asian Games athletes have been put forward by SingaporeSailing for the Singapore National Olympic Council's (SNOC) approval. The names of the athletes were announced on Wednesday, 27 June at Monti at the Fullerton Pavilion, who is also the Official Media Day F&B Supporter of the Federation.

In the 470 Women class, Cheryl Teo, 19, and Elisa Yukie Yokoyama, 21, will be representing the Republic after having won Gold at last year's SEA Games. Yukie is a three-time SEA Games Gold medalist while Cheryl won her first Gold medal last year.

"I am feeling stronger and a lot more prepared than last year. We have been training hard and we have been putting in the hours on land and on water. We are excited for our first Asian Games together as a team," said Yukie.

Daniel Ian Toh, 16, and Xavier Ng, 17, are the men's pair in the 470 class. This will be their second major game, having competed in the SEA Games last year. Daniel, who was recently awarded the SOF-Peter Lim Scholarship, hopes to challenge himself in the upcoming Asian Games as they look forward to competing with more experienced sailors in the 470 class.

"It is definitely an honour to be able to represent Singapore at this year's Asian Games. The men's 470 will be very hotly contested and we will be competing against some very strong Asian teams. Nevertheless, we will go into it with a strong desire to win and show the rest what we got," he said.

Asian and SEA Games medalists and crew partners in the 49erFX class, Kimberly Lim and Cecilia Low, will be competing in their third Asian Games this year. Cecilia, 27, and Kimberly, 22, have been training full-time, both in Singapore and overseas. Their male counterparts in the 49er class are 17-year-olds, Wong Riji and Koh Yinian, both of whom recently graduated from the 420 class late last year. The upcoming Asian Games will be their first major game in the double-handed Olympic class boat.

"It will be the first time for us competing in the Asian Games in the 49er class. We will be up against tough competition from older and more experienced opponents. Nonetheless we are excited to take on the challenge," said Riji.



Ryan Lo, 21, will be competing in the Asian Games for the second time, after winning Bronze eight years ago in the Optimist class. Despite having to juggle between his National Service commitment and training, he maintains a positive outlook on the upcoming Games where he will compete in the Laser Standard class.

“It’s been quite a challenge balancing my NS duties and sporting commitments, but I believe I have done the best I could to improve in the past two years. I hope to be able to perform at the best of my ability at the Asian Games,” he said.

Joining him in the Laser 4.7 class are 17-year-old Jodie Lai and Daniel Hung, while Jillian Lee, 22, will be competing in the Laser Radial Women. Jodie is the youngest Singaporean to win a Gold medal at the Asian Games, while it will be the first major Game for Daniel and the first Asian Games for Jillian.

The Singapore Sailing Team will also be contesting in the RS:One and RS:X windsurfing classes at the 18th Asian Games. Reynold Chan, 18, will be representing Singapore in the RS:One Men class while Ynez Lim, 20, will be competing in the RS:One Women class. Olympian and SEA Games Bronze medalist, Amanda Ng, 24, will be competing in the RS:X class.

“I’m excited to compete in my first Asian Games with the team! Having recently completed a training camp in China and competed at the ASC in Jakarta, I have a clearer idea of the areas that I have to work on in order to achieve my best result at the Games. I’m looking forward to the experience and will give my best effort training over the next 2 months leading up to the games,” said Amanda.

The mix of new and experienced sailors in the Singapore Sailing Team for the 18th Asian Games in Indonesia presents a lot of excitement for both the Republic and the sailing community. Han Ee said, “We definitely look forward to a great performance by the team and we wish them the very best for the upcoming Games. Excellence, Mastery, and Unity are the Federation’s core values and we will demonstrate these values on the international stage. Regardless of the results, we have raised champions and we are proud of them,”





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