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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Table Tennis: Sports Exchange leading up to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics

The Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA) and Shimada City Shizuoka Prefecture Government signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) today at Shimada City to formalize the sports collaboration leading up to 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

The MOU is made based on STTA working with the Shimada City Shizuoka Prefecture Government as an international training camp site leading up to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. The STTA will be holding its pre-Olympics training sessions at the Shimada City in 2019 and 2020. The pre-Olympics training sessions is designed for our athletes to prepare themselves to acclimatize to the weather and environment before the 2020 Tokyo Olympics Games.

A key cooperation under the MOU is that Shimada City will be providing complimentary hospitality and the use of the new training hall at the Rose Arena furnished with Olympics equipment during the pre-Olympics training sessions.

Ellen Lee Geck Hoon JP, PBM, say: "We would like to thank Shimada City Shizuoka Prefecture Government for their support, commitment and enthusiasm towards this partnership. We hope that upon the signing of this MOU, there will be many more years of fruitful partnership between Shimada City and STTA. "

Kinuyo Someya, Mayor of Shimada City, Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan added, "We are delighted to welcome the Singapore national team and it is such an honour to host the world's top players in Shimada City. We will do our best to support the Singapore national team during the training stints and we sincerely wish the Singapore team success at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics."

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