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SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION (STTA) NATIONAL TEAM PADDLERS REACHES OUT TO BOYS AT MUHAMMADIYAH WELFARE HOME.

The National Men & Women Teams will be visiting the Muhammadiyah Welfare Home to provide a unique opportunity for our National Team paddlers to interact and reach out directly to the local community.

The Muhammadiyah Welfare Home cares for 60 disadvantaged boys aged between 8 to 18 years old. Half of these group have a history of family neglect or abuse, and the other half are admitted for behavioral problems like delinquency. Most of the boys come from troubled families.

“We want our National paddlers to reach out to the local community and care for the less fortunate. I believe the best way for integration and to bring people together is through sports,” said Er Lee Bee Wah Member of Parliament for Ang Mo Kio GRC & President, STTA.

Er Lee added that she hopes that the national paddlers’ visit to the home will only spark an interest in table tennis among the boys in the home. She said: “. Table Tennis will develop the boys’ leadership skills and self-confidence. Sports is about giving your best shot and never giving up. Playing sports is like a practice run for the future; there are many life lessons that are taught through sports. It is important for children to find out who they really are and to develop their own character. Sports such as Table Tennis will help them to find out more about themselves and teach them to be happy with whom they are.”

National paddler Li Jiawei, added, “we understand that many of the boys at the Home have a lack of emotional support and confidence. Upon hearing this, my team members requested to visit the Home. We hope to reach out to the boys through Table Tennis and be present to inspire the boys. What’s more, we have prepared special treats for them.”

We hope that you are able to join us and together we can bring good cheer to the boys. The details of the visit are as follows:

Date:	Monday , 17 th May 2010
Time:	4pm
Venue:	Muhammadiyah Welfare Home, 58 Bedok North Street 3, Singapore 469624



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