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STTA TO AWARD TOP PLAYERS FOR 2010

Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA) will be hosting its Annual Awards Ceremony to honour our table tennis paddlers for doing Singapore proud in the year 2010. The details of the event are as follows:

Date:	Monday, 7 February 2011
Time:	7pm
Venue:	Pin Si Restaurant @Yishun Safra, 60 Yishun Avenue 4 #02-V1, Yishun Safra Country Club, Singapore 769027
Guest of Honour:	Er Lee Bee Wah, Member of Parliament for Ang Mo Kio GRC & President, STTA

The seven prestigious awards are as follows: QT Most Improved Player of the Year, QT Best Youth Player of the Year, QT Best Team of the Year, QT Special Awards of the Year, QT Best Coach of the year and QT Best Player of the Year.

The factors that were considered by the Selection Committee were the recipient's versatility, impact on the sport association, personal contribution, overall merit and other qualities.

QT Most Improved Player of the Year 2010: CLARENCE CHEW ZHEYU

The QT Most Improved Player of the Year award acknowledges the efforts and the recent high performances of the athlete. Clarence Chew world's ranking has improved from his previous ranking of 1034 (Jan 2010) to his recent ranking of 497 (Dec 2010). This is attributed to his impressive performance, as follow:

- Nikon Hong Kong Junior Cadet - U15 Boy's Singles, Champion
- SEA Junior Championships- U18 Boy's Doubles – Champion, U18 Team Event- 3rd, U15 Boy's Singles and Boy's Doubles- First
- 7th South East Asian Table Tennis Championships, Men's Team Event – Champion
- Egypt Junior Open- U15 Boy's Doubles- Champion, U15 Boy's Singles & Boy's Team Event- Second
- Malta Junior Open-YU15 Boy's Team Event – First, U15 Boy's Singles – 2nd
- Youth Olympics Games- Mixed Team, Top 8 & Boy's Singles, Top 15

QT Young Player of the Year 2010: ISABELLE LI

Isabelle Li's relentless pursuit for excellence in her sports makes her the recipient of the QT Best Youth Player of the Year 2010.

Isabelle Li put in calm and measured performance against Thailand's Suthasini Sawettabut in the semi-finals at the recent Youth Olympic Games. Isabelle was in superb form as she blitzed past Suthasini 4-0 and emerged as the silver medalist in the girl's singles event.

Her other achievements includes winning the crown at the ITTF Junior Circuit, Malta & ITTF Junior Circuit, Egypt Open in the girl's singles event.

QT Team of the Year: WOMEN'S TEAM

The Singapore Table Tennis National Women's Team consisted of Feng Tianwei, Wang Yuegu, Sun Beibei, Li Jiawei & Yu Mengyu created history by upsetting the defending champion, China in the World Team Championships in May 2010 at Moscow.

Overall, the team showed tremendous determination and composure during the tournament. This is the first time that Singapore scored the world crown. The women's team led by Coach Zhou Shusen and assisted by Jing Jun Hong has made Singapore proud!

QT Special Award of the Year 2010: YANG ZI & WANG YUEGU

The QT Special Award of the year represents exceptional performances achieved by the athletes for the year 2010. And this is the first time that STTA is presenting two special awards.

Yang Zi is awarded because of his outstanding performance at the recent XIX Commonwealth Games, Delhi, bagging a total of 3 Golds (Team, Singles & Mixed Doubles).

Wang Yuegu's excellent play at the World Team Championships against Liu Shiwen in the second singles helped to seal the win at the Liebheer World Team Table Tennis Championships. It was sweet revenge our Singapore women's team after our lost at the Beijing Olympic Games, 2008.

QT Coach of the Year 2010: ZHOU SHUSEN

This new award was created to honor our national women's coach- Zhou Shusen. Zhou Shusen has displayed outstanding achievement and great leadership since coaching the women's team. He is committed to the overall development of our players and he is a fatherly figure who commands a lot of respect from the players. His motto is unity is strength and his message to all the players is that everyone must go out and get a point!

It is through his guidance that the Singaporean women's team stunned China in the World Team Table Tennis championships, won gold at XIX Commonwealth Games and scored silver at the Asian Games, Guangzhou.

QT Player of the Year 2010: FENG TIANWEI

At the Liebheer World Team Table Tennis Championships, Feng Tianwei anchored the women's team and outclassed world No. 4 Ding Ning in the first singles, and then came back to clinch the winning point 3-2 against world No. 1 Liu Shiwen. Her play at the World Team Table Tennis Championships helped sealed the world crown for Singapore.

Tianwei is ranked World no. 2 in the World, the highest ranking ever achieved by a Singaporean in April 2010. She scored impressive wins (women's singles and women's team event) at the recent Commonwealth Games and led the women's team to silver at the recent Asian Games.

She also became the first Singaporean to win the women's singles title at the International Table Tennis Federation Pro Tour Grand Finals. And she did so in style - dropping just three games throughout the event, and recording straight-game victories in the semi-finals and finals against Japan's Ai Fukuhara and South Korean Seok Ha Jung respectively.

Prize Money

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsor QT Technology Pte Ltd for sponsoring the prize money. Each of our awardees (QT Most Improved Player of the Year, , QT Best Youth Player of the Year, QT Special Awards of the Year, QT Best Coach of the year and QT Best Player of the Year) will be awarded with a cash reward of \$1000 and trophy.

Winners of the QT Best Team of the Year will be awarded \$500 and a trophy each.

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