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MA LIANG WILL BE APPOINTED AS THE NEW ASSISTANT COACH FOR THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES (YOG) TRAINING TEAM.

Ma Liang, 23 will hang up his bat to be the new assistant coach for the YOG Training Table Tennis Team.

Ma Liang had a notable career as a player. Ma Liang came to Singapore at the age of 14 and had represented Singapore at major tournaments such as the Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and South East Asia (SEA) Games.

His achievements include scoring a gold in the men's team event at the 2013 Commonwealth Championships. At the 2011 SEA Games, Ma Liang and Pang Xuejie created history by scoring the gold medal in the men's doubles event. It was the first time that Singapore scored the gold and silver medals in the men's doubles event at the SEA Games. Ma Liang also earned a men's team gold at the XIX Commonwealth Games, Delhi 2010.

With a back injury, Ma Liang has requested for an early retirement from competition and he subsequently applied for the position of an Assistant Coach.

Ma Liang was chosen over two other candidates for the position because of his insights as a former national player and because of his character and his dedication to the sport.

Shi Meisheng, the head coach of the YOG Training Table Tennis Team says, "I am delighted that Ma Liang is joining the coaching team. The journey to the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games will not be an easy one, but our youth paddlers are ready to tackle this challenge. And I believe Ma Liang's experience and knowledge of the game will be a vital component to our success,"

"Ma Liang is a man of integrity and character and I believe that he will be a great mentor to the youth players. As a former player, Ma Liang will be able to share his experience and inspire the next generation of young paddlers," says Er. Dr. Lee Bee Wah, Member of Parliament for Nee Soon GRC & President, STTA.

Dr Lee added, "We are looking forward to the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games and we hope that our youth paddlers will continue to do their best and bring great success for Singapore,

Ma Liang will start his new appointment on 3 February 2014.

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