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MEDIA RELEASE

SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

The Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA) and the University of Liverpool will be signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on **1 August 2013 at 7pm at STTA Lee Kong Chian Training Hall** to formalize their commitment towards providing educational opportunities for talented STTA players. .

This MOU is made based on STTA's mission of developing world class table tennis players by identifying, nurturing and motivating aspiring sports talent, and the University's belief in providing opportunities to capable sportspersons to develop their full potential. The parties recognize and acknowledge that they have mutual shared interests in developing young sports talent, and have thus decided to collaborate together to achieve their respective objectives.

University of Liverpool Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Howard Newby, said: "We are committed to supporting and developing talented athletes at the University of Liverpool and we're delighted that STTA players will be able to benefit from our new partnership. We look forward to welcoming the first recipients of our STTA scholarships to Liverpool."

A key area of cooperation under the MOU is for the University of Liverpool to provide scholarships, of £12,000 each, to two outstanding Singapore paddlers per calendar year. The scholarship will support the paddlers through their undergraduate or graduate programme at the University.

Er. Dr. Lee Bee Wah, Member of Parliament for Nee Soon GRC & President, STTA says, "The STTA is constantly looking after the interests of our current and retired paddlers. We hope to provide many opportunities to our paddlers and one such initiative is to source for financial support for their tertiary education during or after their stint with STTA. With this scholarship in place, we hope that we have provided a long term stability plan for our paddlers. What's more, we are delighted that the prestigious University of Liverpool shares our belief that we want to mentor our athletes to achieve their highest potential in all areas of their lives."

We cordially invite you and your photographer to the Signing of the MOU between STTA & University of Liverpool. The programme will be as follow:

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| 6.30pm-6.45pm | Arrival of Guests |
| 7pm-7.30pm | Welcome Speech by Er. Dr. Lee Bee Wah, Member of Parliament for Nee Soon GRC & President, STTA |
| | Address by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Howard Newby, University of Liverpool |
| | Signing Ceremony |
| 7.30pm-8.30pm | Reception |

About STTA

Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA) is a National Sports Association affiliated to the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) and Singapore Sports Council (SSC). Our mission is to develop world class table tennis players by identifying, nurturing and motivating aspiring table-tennis talents to become the best that they could be. STTA is also committed to promoting table tennis vigorously by building a significant number of table tennis players to help make a vibrant sporting Singapore. Our vision is to make table tennis the most popular game in Singapore.

Visit www.stta.org.sg.

About University of Liverpool

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