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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Keppel-STTA Awards: Celebrating Table Tennis Achievements of 2016**

The Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA) celebrated the sporting excellence of outstanding athletes who have made contributions to table tennis at the Keppel-STTA Awards, held on 15 February 2017.

Supported by Keppel since 2013, the Keppel-STTA Awards this year recognised the achievements of the national team players and the accomplishments of the younger generation of paddlers.

This year, 11 Keppel-STTA Awards were conferred to athletes and coaches with standout performances at regional and international tournaments as well as individuals who have demonstrated commendable character traits.

#### **The Keppel-STTA Awards comprise:**

- Keppel-STTA Role Model Award 2016
- Keppel-STTA Outstanding Performance at the Rio Olympics Award 2016
- Keppel-STTA Outstanding Performance at the Southeast Asian Table Tennis Championships Award 2016
- Keppel-STTA Inspirational Award 2016
- Keppel-STTA Achiever Award 2016
- Keppel-STTA Special Award 2016
- Keppel-STTA Special Commendation Award 2016
  - (Junior Boys' Team at the Southeast Asian Table Tennis Championships 2016)
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  - (Junior Girls' Team at the Southeast Asian Table Tennis Championships 2016)
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- Keppel-STTA Special Commendation Award 2016
  - (Coaches at the Southeast Asian Table Tennis Championships 2016)

(Refer to Appendix A for details on the Keppel-STTA Awards and award recipients)

Mr Loh Chin Hua, CEO of Keppel Corporation, said, “Singapore’s good performance in table tennis is only possible due to the collective efforts of players, coaches, and STTA. We would like to congratulate STTA for its accomplishments, and we wish our paddlers every success as they strive for even greater heights. Keppel is honoured to play a part in this journey through our support of the Keppel-Clementi Zone Training Centre to nurture young talents and the Keppel-STTA Awards Night to recognise sporting excellence.”

Ms Ellen Lee Geck Hoon PBM & President, STTA, said, “This is the seventh edition of our awards ceremony, an annual celebration of our sporting achievements made by our athletes and coaches. We are grateful to Keppel Corporation for being our major sponsor of all the cash awards since 2013. The annual cash awards presented at the Keppel-STTA awards ceremony tonight amount to \$30,000.”

She added, “The Keppel-STTA awards were created specifically to recognize the contributions and achievements of our athletes and coaches. It takes a lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline and effort to become the best. I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations to all award winners.”

### **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.

For more information, visit [www.stta.org.sg](http://www.stta.org.sg).

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## **Appendix A – Keppel-STTA Awards and Award Winners**

### **Keppel-STTA Role Model Award 2016**

Gao Ning is everything you hope for in an athlete- humble and hardworking. He is a great individual, not just on the playing field, but off it as well. He always put in more time and more work than other guys. Perhaps that's why he's gained the reputation of being such a consistent and reliable player.

Gao also plays the role of the big brother mentor to many of the younger athletes in the national team and intermediate squad. He has played a key role in supporting, mentoring and offering advice to younger players like Pang Xue Jie and Clarence Chew.

The STTA is proud to honour Gao Ning with the Keppel-STTA Role Award 2016 for his contributions.

### **Keppel-STTA Outstanding Performance at the Rio Olympics Award 2016**

Zhou Yihan who emerged the star at the Rio Olympics beat Korea Republic, the no.7 seeds, at the quarter-final stage of the Women's Team event at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Playing in her first ever Olympic Games, she won the vital fourth contest of the fixture to keep Singaporean hopes alive and win against the Koreans in the quarter final stage.

### **Keppel-STTA Outstanding Performance at the Southeast Asian (SEA) Table Tennis Championships Award 2016**

Lin Ye won 3 Golds (Women's singles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles) and 1 Silver (Women's Team) at the Southeast Asian Table Tennis Championships 2016 held from 21 to 24 December 2016 in Makassar-South Sulawesi, Indonesia.

### **Keppel-STTA Inspirational Award 2016**

Clarence Chew has been ill for over a month but still chose to compete at the SEA table tennis championships and risked his illness worsening. Clarence fought through sickness and fatigue to win 2 golds and 1 bronze at the at the SEA table tennis championships.

### **Keppel-STTA Achiever Award 2016**

In 2016, Zeng Jian won the U21 singles event in the China, Japan and Qatar ITTF World Tours and was the runner up in the ITTF Poland World Tour.

### **Keppel-STTA Special Award 2016**

Pang Xue Jie was ranked world No. 334 and beat Japan's world No. 14 Koki Niwa, a former world junior champion and Youth Olympic Games gold medalist at the World Team Table

Tennis Championships 2016. Niwa was totally floored by the Singaporean. This was Pang “biggest win” of his career.

### **Keppel-STTA Special Commendation Award 2016**

Singapore youths delivered a clean sweep of the team events for the first time as part of a golden haul at this year's South East Asian Junior Table Tennis Championships 2016.

Besides teams golds in the Under-18 junior boys and girls, Under-15 cadet boys' and girls' events, Singapore also secured another six golds, five silvers and six bronzes at the South East Asian Junior Table Tennis Championships held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

The award winners are as follow:

#### *Junior Boys' Team*

Darren Loy  
Ethan Poh  
Lucas Tan  
Maxxe Tay

#### *Junior Girls' Team*

Ang Wan Qi,  
Lew Nicole  
Tan En Hui,  
Zhang Wan Ling,

#### *Cadet Boys' Team*

Beh Kun Ting,  
Pang Yew En Koen  
Gerald Yu

#### *Cadet Girls' Team*

Goi Rui Xuan,  
Pearlyn Koh  
Wong Xin Ru

### **Keppel-STTA Special Commendation Award 2016** **(Coaches at the Southeast Asian Table Tennis Championships 2016)**

We would like to honor the coaches whom have played an important role at the South East Asian Junior Table Tennis Championships 2016

These coaches play a vital role in the development of these youth athletes. Under their charge, our youth players displayed a high level performance at the South East Asian Junior Table Tennis Championships 2016.

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