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Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA) Launches STTA Youth Development Bursary and Provides Overseas Competition & Training Financial Subsidy

The STTA launches two new initiatives to provide financial assistance to talented young athletes from needy families, as follow:

- (1) **STTA Overseas Competition & Training (OTC) Subsidy** - talented young athletes from needy families can receive up to \$5,000 per calendar year to take part in overseas table tennis training or competitions (“**OTC**”)

- (2) **STTA Youth Development Bursary** - talented young athletes from needy families can receive up to \$200 per month for up to one calendar year to defray against the respective STTA monthly training fees in the STTA Junior Development Squad, Youth Training Squad or Intermediate Squad programmes.

The above financial assistance schemes are provided to athletes whom are Singapore Citizens and are from the STTA Junior Development Squad, Youth Training Squad, School within Squad or Intermediate Squad. .

For more details on the eligibility and selection criteria, please refer to: <http://www.stta.org.sg/developing-champions/stta-overseas-competition-training-otc-subsidy-stta-youth-development-bursary>

Ms Ellen Lee Geck Hoon PBM, STTA President said. “The driving force behind the STTA OTC Subsidy and the STTA Youth Development Bursary is the desire to ensure that talented young athletes from needy families, who are committed to chasing their sporting dreams are not hampered because of financial considerations. We understand that there are talented young athletes wanting to pursue table tennis but may find it difficult paying for the STTA training fees and the overseas table tennis training or competitions.

Therefore, by providing the STTA OTC Subsidy and the STTA Youth Development Bursary, we hope to leave no stones unturned and groom these talented young athletes into Champions of tomorrow.”

Applicants can download the application form from the STTA website: www.stta.org.sg and submit the application to STTA by 5pm, 31st August 2017.

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