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MEDIA RELEASE

SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION (STTA) WELCOMES FIRST MAJOR SPONSOR FROM INDONESIA

Singapore Table Tennis Association proudly announces a new sponsorship deal sealed with an Indonesian businessman and philanthropist, Dato' Sri Prof. Dr Tahir. Dr Tahir sponsors the Singapore National Table Tennis Team for a year in the name of his Singapore-based company, Grace Shine Pte Ltd. The sponsorship of one hundred thousand dollars (S\$100,000) will commence from 21 November 2012 to 20 November 2013.

"We are very happy to welcome Grace Shine Private Limited to the STTA family. It has been tough looking for sponsors and I really appreciate Dr Tahir's generosity. I hope his support will inspire more local companies, be it local or foreign, to come forward to render their support to table tennis" says Er. Dr. Lee Bee Wah, Member of Parliament for Nee Soon GRC and President of STTA.

The sponsorship from Grace Shine Private Limited will complement the efforts of STTA's partners in forming the cornerstone of our sports excellence plans and to support a seamless and integrated pathway for young talents from STTA's early introduction of table tennis programme at PCF Kindergartens, Zone training centres to Youth Development Squads, National Youth Teams and eventually, the National Teams.

Dr Tahir, Founder and Executive Chairman of Mayapada Group who is also a table tennis lover, says "We are delighted to be a major sponsor of STTA. It is our organisation's belief to always contribute back to the society and we strongly support efforts that help to shape our next generation. STTA's initiatives to groom younger players tie in well with our corporate philosophy and we appreciate the opportunity to be a part of this meaningful cause."

"The main goal of a good sportsman is not only a trophy, but in the process, the commitment and spirit to win is more important."

About Dato' Sri Prof. Dr Tahir

Dr Tahir is the Founder and Executive Chairman of the Indonesia-based conglomerate, Mayapada Group. He earned his business degree from Golden Gate University's satellite location in Indonesia in 1988. While taking classes, he launched a textile manufacturing business called the Mayapada Group, which has since expanded into finance, retail, health care, real estate, and media. One of its main enterprises, Bank Mayapada founded in 1990, has grown steadily and went public on the Jakarta Stock Exchange in 1997. With foreign investment partners from the U.S., United Arab Emirates, and Singapore, the bank now operates more than 170 branches throughout Indonesia. Dr Tahir's Singapore owned company, Grace Shine Private Limited will be the official sponsor of Singapore National Table Tennis Team.