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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

## SINGAPORE SCORED ITS HIGHEST EVER FINISH, FINISHING SECOND IN THE GIRLS' SINGLES EVENT AT THE 2016 ITTF WORLD HOPES WEEK & CHALLENGE, DOHA QATAR

We are pleased to announce that our Singapore youth player- Zhou Jingyi (周靖 祎), 11 years old, finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the singles event at the 2016 ITTF World Hopes Week & Challenge.

The ITTF World Hopes Week & Challenge 2016 was held from 29 May to 4 June 2016 at Doha, Qatar and it offers quality training and competitive opportunities for the best talents around the world. A total of 32 young talents (16 boys and 16 girls) from Asia, Europe, Africa, Latin America, North America, Oceania and Middle East participated in the singles events at this prestigious tournament.

The other Singapore youth, Daniel Ng (黄荣主), 12 years old, finished in the 13<sup>th</sup> position in the Boys' singles event at the tournament.

Jing Junhong, Head Coach of the STTA youth development was also invited by the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) to be the Head Coach of the 2016 ITTF World Hopes Week & Challenge programme. Jing conducted a workshop for all the coaches and together with another Head Coach, Dirk Wagner (GER) led the training for all the young talents.

### Zhou Jingyi's Results

<u>Group stage</u> Zhou Jingyi (SIN) won Wabomba, Ivy (Kenya) (3-0) Zhou Jingyi (SIN) lost Arapovic, Hana (Croatia) 0-3 Zhou Jingyi (SIN) won Quah, Chermaine (AUS) 3-1

Top 8 Zhou Jingyi (SIN) won Piyapath Pilaisaengsuree (THA) 3-2

<u>Top 4</u> Zhou Jingyi (SIN) won Rachel Sung (USA) 3-2

<u>Finals</u> Zhou Jingyi (SIN) lost Elena Adriana Zaharia (ROM) 0-3

### **Daniel Ng's Results**

<u>Group stage</u> Daniel Ng (SIN) lost to Erik Huzsvar (HUN) 1-3 Daniel Ng won Umam Khawaja (PAK) 3-1 Daniel Ng (SIN) lost to Sitisak Nuchchart (THA) 1-3

For 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Positions Daniel Ng (SIN) lost to Simon Belk (CZE) 2-3

For 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Positions Daniel Ng (SIN) won Will Wanja (KEN) 3-0

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