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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Clarence Chew becomes the first Singapore-born paddler to qualify for the Olympic men's singles event.**

Clarence Chew is the first Singapore-born paddler to qualify for the Olympic men's singles event. In the all-Singapore finals, Clarence Chew defeated his team mate Koen Pang 4-0 (11-7, 11-7, 15-13, 11-4) at the Asian Qualification event which ended today.

STTA President, Ms Ellen Lee, JP, PBM, said, "We are so proud of Clarence's achievement. We are so happy for Clarence and his family and all who have played a part in his journey. This is indeed an extraordinary feat. Clarence's achievement is an inspiration to us all. I hope this will spur many of the younger generation of players to dream big and achieve their dreams."

Clarence Chew added, "This is my lifelong dream to qualify for the Olympics as a representative of Singapore. No words can describe what I am feeling right now! This achievement tells me that I can do absolutely anything so long as I am willing to work hard for it. I am so looking forward to the Tokyo Olympics and I promise I will make Singapore proud!"

Head Coach, Gao Ning is so proud of Clarence and Koen for making this far. He said, "Both athletes have worked so hard to be here and as a coach, it was the best feeling in the world to be able to see the results of this effort. This incredible accomplishment by Clarence is a dream come true for me. Now, we need to do is to focus and continue this success into the Tokyo Olympics."

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