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OLYMPIANS CELEBRATE NATIONAL DAY WITH CATHOLIC HIGH (PRIMARY & SECONDARY)

Olympians Yu Mengyu, Lin Ye, Clarence Chew together with our STTA President, Ms Ellen Lee, JP, PBM joined Catholic High students in their National Day Celebrations this morning (6 August 2021) while serving their Stay Home Notice (SHN).

In the spirit of the national day celebrations and giving back to the community, the Olympians hope to inspire the students to pursue their dreams with perseverance and shared their challenges in their Olympics journey.

Yu Mengyu said, "It is important for me to give back as I have received outpouring of support during the Tokyo Olympics. Through today's outreach, I hope to inspire our younger generation never to give up and never to give in – everyone has that willpower and it is persistence that can change any obstacles into an achievement."

Clarence Chew added, "It was such an incredible way to celebrate National Day with over 3000 students from Catholic High. May our nation continue to grow in grace and harmony!"

Lin Ye said, "My team mates and I do outreach programmes to schools annually and this year our outreach programme was delivered over Zoom. I hope the pupils have enjoyed the session as much as we did. The support that we received today will spur us on and push us further to bring more sporting glory for Singapore."

Catholic High agreed that this outreach is a most unique experience – and their gentlemen were extremely excited when they saw the Olympians on screen. In fact, there was a thunderous applause throughout the school when the Olympians appeared on screen.

"We are most honoured to have been able to celebrate Singapore's birthday together with our national paddlers. Mengyu, Clarence and Lin Ye have inspired the country with their outstanding performance at the Olympics, and their virtual visit to Catholic High School today has ignited the flames of passion and pride in our gentlemen. In coming together as one to celebrate National Day, our Singapore Spirit can indeed be strengthened," said, Mr Poh Chun Leck (傅俊力) Principal, Catholic High School.

His student (Rio Lai Yu Jit, 黎宇捷) 11 years old from Catholic High School also agreed “from this sharing, I have learnt that a professional athlete has to stay focused on his / her goals and work hard with resilience and perseverance. Success can only be achieved through immense efforts. I am very glad to have the opportunity to listen to the insightful sharing by our Singapore Table Tennis Stars and learn from their experience. ”

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