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### **Table Tennis: Success at 2023 ITTF Regional Hopes Week & Challenge in South East Asia Bangkok, Thailand, 6 to 10 November 2023**

In a thrilling display of skill and determination, 11-year-old Zane Ong emerged as the Champion, securing the first position in the Boys' Singles U11 event at the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Regional Hopes Week & Challenge, Bangkok Thailand, which concluded today. His outstanding display of skill during the tournament highlighted the bright prospects for the future of Singapore table tennis in the region.

Format of Play:

First Stage:

- Twelve talented players from Thailand, Laos, Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, Cambodia engaged in fierce competition.
- The participants were divided into two groups, engaging in a round-robin group system.
- Matches were played in the best-of-five games format (3/5).
- Advancing to the Second Stage were the top three players from each group.

Second Stage:

- Winners from the First Stage (Positions 1, 2, 3 in Group A/B) engaged in a captivating round-robin competition, culminating in a ranking.
- Losers from the First Stage (Positions 4, 5, 6 in Group A/B) faced off in an equally competitive round-robin competition, determining their final rankings.

## Boys' Singles U11 (results)

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Zane Ong (SGP) vs Koh Wei Yeao (MAS) 3-0

Zane Ong (SGP) vs Pawarit Thonglor (THA) 3-1

Zane Ong (SGP) vs Jeremiah Raniel Claudio (PHIL) Claudio 3-0

Zane Ong (SGP) vs Ngo Phanha Sambath (CAM) 3-0

Zane Ong (SGP) vs Thaphacharakon Ayamuang (THA) 3-1

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Zane Ong (SGP) vs Phoomiphat Noita (THA) 0-3

Zane Ong (SGP) vs Muhammad Faiz Danial Bin Muhammad Hazir (MAS) 3-1

Zane Ong (SGP) vs Peemangkon Hiranyasombat (THA) 3-0

Zane Ong, the Champion of the Regional Hopes Week and Challenge is set to progress to the next level by participating in the Asia Hopes Week and Challenge. Subsequently, the Champion of the Asia Hopes Week and Challenge will advance to the pinnacle of talent identification in table tennis—the World Hopes Week and Challenge.

The ITTF's flagship event for talent identification is the World Hopes Week and Challenge, showcasing 40 top talents scouted globally through Continental Hopes Weeks. This event serves as a hub for talent identification, coach education, training camps, and tournament challenges.

With a focus on education, World Hopes Week includes sessions for players and coaches, making it a key component of the ITTF High Performance & Development department's talent identification program, a crucial element in the global High-Performance pathway.

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