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Singapore Disability Sports Awards returns for second consecutive year with 49 nominees contesting 9 awards

More being recognised for their contribution to disability sport with an increase in nominees (31 in 2019)

Singapore, 2 July 2020 – The Singapore Disability Sports Awards (SDSA) presented by Haw Par Corporation returns for the second straight year with a total of 49 nominations received for 9 award categories. The total number of nominations received increased by 18 when compared to last year’s edition. Winners will be announced on 7 August 2020, at a virtual ceremony.

Organised by the Singapore Disability Sports Council (SDSC), the awards aim to recognise the achievements and contributions made by individuals or groups in the disability sports community.

This year’s SDSA is made possible with the support of Haw Par Corporation’s corporate social responsibility initiative and its donation of \$120,000 to the SDSC. A supporter of the SDSC since 2015, Haw Par Corporation takes on the role of presenting partner for the event for the second year in a row. Apart from the awards, the donation will also be channeled towards developing the sport of boccia and administering the Haw Par Para Sports Bursary Awards.



Ms Jasmin Hong, General Manager (Marketing), Haw Par Healthcare, presents the cheque of \$120,000 to Mr Kevin Wong, President, SDSC

“Singapore’s para athletes and the community of coaches, caregivers and volunteers have demonstrated adaptability and commitment to continue

training hard amidst the uncertain times. They have set an excellent example for all of us. We are proud to be a part of Singapore's disability sports story and look forward to celebrate the achievements of the community." said Mr Wee Ee Lim, President & CEO, Haw Par Corporation Limited.

The SDSA was brought back in 2019, after the last Sports Awards had been held more than a decade ago in 2008. The only other time that the achievements of the para sports community were recognised was in 2014, when SDSC had given out a set of Outstanding and Meritorious Achievement awards as part of its 40th anniversary. Please view the full list of nominations in the Annex attached.

In a new format introduced for this year's awards, members of the public can get involved in the voting process by casting a vote for nominees of awards in the Contributor category. Voting is to be done at SDSC's Facebook page where participants can stand a chance to be rewarded with cash vouchers. Voting will take place between 8 July to 15 July 2020.

In conjunction with the SDSA 2020, the SDSC has also launched a fundraising campaign called "Project Rebound". Project Rebound's objective is to rally the wider community to raise funds for SDSC for various areas, such as operational overheads to support manpower costs; to continue SDSC's programmes, such as training for existing beneficiaries; and to raise awareness via outreach activities.

Fundraising activities, both physical and online, such as a virtual run, are being lined up under Project Rebound. Project Rebound will end on 31 March 2021, with proceeds being matched under Tote Board's enhanced fundraising programme. More information about Project Rebound can be found [here](#).

SDSC hopes that both individuals and organisations can follow in Haw Par's footsteps to show support to Singapore's para athletes.

Ms Kelly Fan, Executive Director, SDSC said, "SDSC began without government funding or even an office more than 40 years ago. We are thankful that the challenging journey has not been in vain, as we celebrate our athletes with disabilities not only within our community but with the rest of Singapore today. This celebration is significant, as it outlines a journey not only by SDSC, but also that of our nation. Starting from separated communities, Singaporeans with and without disabilities are beginning to be valued more equally. Today, talented sporting individuals with disabilities like Yip Pin Xiu can motivate youth with and without disabilities alike when she speaks, while persons with disabilities are not turned away from stadiums and swimming pools like we had seen in the past. These are testament to our nation's progress, but it doesn't mean our work is done. There are still many areas that need attention before Singapore sports can reach a true state of equality for persons with disabilities. We continue to rely heavily on donations and sponsorships to sustain our voice and services. The loyalty of Haw Par Corporation relieves our financial worries so that we can continue our work, and, by standing shoulder to shoulder with us, amplifies the importance of providing this basic right for persons with disabilities to access and shine in sports, just like any person without disabilities."

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About Singapore Disability Sports Council

Singapore Disability Sports Council (SDSC) is the national body championing and aims to transform the lives of Persons with Disabilities through sport as a form of rehabilitative therapy, or as a means to realise their potential. Besides providing platforms for the learning of sports, SDSC trains talents to represent Singapore at regional and international competitions. Find out more at www.sdsc.org.sg.

About Haw Par

Haw Par Corporation Limited, a Singapore-grown multinational Group, is listed on the Singapore Exchange since 1969. The Group is an enterprise with a strong consumer healthcare business that promotes healthy lifestyles through its healthcare products. The largest contributor to the healthcare business comes from a brand that it owns — Tiger Balm, one of the world's leading and most versatile topical analgesic brands. Besides the consumer healthcare business, the Group also engages in the leisure business and holds significant investments in securities and properties.

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Annex A: Singapore Disability Sports Awards 2020 Nominations

S/N	SPORTSPERSON CATEGORY	SPORT
A Sportsman of the Year		
1	Eric Foo Ming De	Para Bowling
2	Kalai Vanen	Para Powerlifting
3	Muhammad Diroy Bin Noordin	Para Athletics
4	Thomas Nathan Chan	Para Bowling
5	Tay Wei Ming	Para Badminton
6	- Steve Tee Wee Leong - ACP: Ang Kee Meng	Para Cycling
B Sportswoman of the Year		
7	Diane Neo	Para Bowling
8	Nur Aini Binte Mohamad Yasli	Para Powerlifting
9	- Nurulasyiqah Mohammad Taha - ACP: Esther Chok	Boccia
10	Nur Syahidah Alim	Para Archery
11	Claire Toh	Para Table Tennis
12	Yip Pin Xiu	Para Swimming
13	Laurentia Tan	Para Equestrian
C Sportsboy of the Year		
14	Darren Chan	Para Swimming
15	Wong Zhi Wei	Para Swimming
16	- Ho Jing Rui Gareth - ACP: Loh Siew Kay	Boccia
17	Lim Kah Yi	Para Swimming
18	Toh Wei Soong	Para Swimming
D Sportsgirl of the Year		
19	Sophie Soon	Para Swimming
E Team of the Year		
20	Goalball Women's Team: - Christina Aw - Joan Hung - Inez Hung - Norliana Norliana Bte Mohamed Ajam	Goalball
21	- Muhammad Farhan Bin Ismail - Eric Foo Ming De	Para Bowling
22	Boccia BC1 BC2 Team: - Juni Syafiqah Binte Jumat - Tan Yee Ting Jeralyn - Neo Kah Whye	Boccia
23	Boccia BC3 Team - Nurulasyiqah Mohammad Taha - Toh Sze Ning - ACP: Nur Azizah Binti Ahmad Rumzi - ACP: Chew Zi Qun	Boccia
24	CP Football Team: - Abdul Mahdi Bin Abdul Rahman - Balasubramaniam - Khairul Anwar Bin Kasmani - Muhamad Haikal Aiman B Samri - Muhammad Alif Anwar Bin Ibrahim - Muhammad Firdaus bin Mohammed Noor - Muhammad Mubarak Bin Mohd Rastam - Muhammad Shafiq Bin Ariff - Muhammad Shahidil Bin Saidi	CP Football

	- Peter Kam - Pranav S/O C Balu - Suhaimi Bin Sudar	
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S/N	CONTRIBUTOR CATEGORY	SPORT
F	Coach (High Performance)	
25	Pang Qing Liang	Para Archery
26	Muhamad Hosni Bin Muhamad	Para Athletics
27	Jörg Alexander Volker Roger Eubel	Para Equestrian
28	Koh Gee Boo	Para Badminton
29	Athena Han I-Chia	Para Cycling
30	Mark Chay	Para Swimming
31	Ang Peng Siong	Para Swimming
G	Coach (Developmental)	
32	Hansen Bay	Goalball
33	Muhammad Abdul Razak Bin Mansor	Para Powerlifting
34	Jovin Tan	Para Sailing
35	Tan Joo Seng Roland	Para Swimming
36	Leong Wei Chiang Lionel	Para Swimming
37	Nurulsyahira Taha	Boccia
H	Community Impact Award (Volunteering)	
38	Lim Kim Seng	Para Sailing
39	Ni Ni Swee	Boccia
40	- Dr Lim Mui Hong - Mohammed Faisal Suptu	Para Athletics
41	Dr Ong Joo Haw	Para Powerlifting
42	SerendipET	Volunteer Group
43	Monique Heah Cheng Siew	Para Equestrian
44	Loh Siew Kay	Boccia
45	Singapore University of Social Sciences: - Jovie Lim Zu Yi - Baek Jin Woo - Chew Yu Sheng - Chong Chee Seng - Chua Li Ling - Chua Li Ting Joyce - Ho Yuan Yi - Hsu Yueh - Janan Lim - Micah Tan Yong Yue - Taufik Hakim Bin Abdul Wahid	Boccia
46	Michael Tan	Volunteer
47	Lee Yan Hong Arthur	Para Swimming
I	Community Impact Award (Events & Initiatives)	
48	Wheelchair Rugby Programme	WC Rugby
49	Cerebral Palsy Alliance of Singapore	Boccia

Please Note

ACP: Athlete Competition Partner