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**TEAM SINGAPORE KICKS OFF FIRST DAY OF CITI PARA SWIMMING WORLD SERIES SINGAPORE 2024 WITH MEDAL WINS BY TOH AND YIP**



*Photo of Toh Wei Soong. Photo Credit: Singapore Disability Sports Council*

Team Singapore swimmers are off to a great start at the Citi Para Swimming World Series Singapore 2024, with a gold medal from Toh Wei Soong in the Men's 50m Butterfly Multi-Class event, up from second place in the same event last year. He also won a Bronze medal in the Men's 100m Freestyle Multi-Class event. Yip Pin Xiu won the Bronze medal in the Women's 100m Freestyle Multi-Class event.

Yip said: "I'm happy with the timing. I did a faster time in the finals than I did in the heats, even though it's not as fast as what I did in Madeira. It's a good start for the cycle and we are looking forward to improving in the next 15 weeks before the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games."

After the 100m Freestyle, Toh swam the 50m Butterfly, and finished with a time of 31.18s, earning 919 World Para Swimming points, beating Japan's Kaede Hinata and Kazakhstan's Siyazbek Daliyev who scored 884 and 843 points respectively.

Loud cheers echoed through the OCBC Aquatic Centre as Toh raced towards the finish line for his 50m Butterfly event and secured Singapore's first gold medal in this home edition.

"Before this meet, I went to Japan for two and a half weeks, and trained at one of the national training centres at Nagano. It's a high altitude facility, with a top notch pool. It was a great way to

prepare myself for this meet to gain that confidence going into the final months for Paris,” said Toh.

He added: “I feel really good about the swims today, with two back-to-back events. I’m excited for tomorrow.”

The World Para Swimming Series uses the Multi-Class Point System (MCPS) where each swimmer’s result is compared to the world record for their specific sport class and awarded points. The closer the performance is to the relevant record, the higher the points.

The 2024 World Series takes place in 9 countries and Singapore is the only Asian stop, and it’s organised by the Singapore Disability Sports Council (SDSC). This is the third time Singapore has hosted the event.

The action in the pool will continue on 18 to 19 May, Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are on sale on SISTIC: <https://www.sistic.com.sg/events/citipara0524>.

### Day 1 Notable Results at Citi Para Swimming World Series Singapore 2024 (17 May 2024)

S N	Name	Event	Timing	Remarks
1	YIP PIN XIU (SGP)	WOMEN’S 100M FREESTYLE MULTI-CLASS A FINALS (S1 -S14)	2:20.22	853 pts, Third place, Bronze
2	TOH WEI SOONG (SGP)	MEN’S 50M BUTTERFLY MULTI-CLASS A FINALS (S2 - S7)	0:31.18	919 pts, 1st out of 7, Gold
		MEN’S 100M FREESTYLE MULTI-CLASS A FINALS (S1 - S14)	1:04.28	906 pts, 3rd out of 8, Bronze
3	TERESA PERALES (ESP)	WOMEN’S 200M FREESTYLE MULTI-CLASS HEATS (S1- S5 AND S14)	4:43.76	She broke the 200m Freestyle S2 European Record set in 2011 by Ukraine’s Iryna Sotska with a time of 4:50.03.

#### Link to

images: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1P0mr\\_m7geBG\\_gJkViXwKYAMZUCahqtut?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1P0mr_m7geBG_gJkViXwKYAMZUCahqtut?usp=sharing)

#### Link to results:

[https://www.titanium-sportservice.de/en/sport-events/calendar/resultlists-v2?va\\_id=329&date=2024-05-17](https://www.titanium-sportservice.de/en/sport-events/calendar/resultlists-v2?va_id=329&date=2024-05-17)

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### **About Singapore Disability Sports Council (SDSC)**

Established in 1973 by the then Ministry of Social Affairs, the Singapore Disability Sports Council (SDSC) is Singapore's national sports body for persons with disabilities. Committed to transforming the lives of individuals with disabilities through sports, the SDSC engages, develops, and promotes excellence among persons with disabilities.

In partnership with its members - an alliance of social service agencies, parasport and mainstream sport organizations - the SDSC drives Singapore's movement towards greater inclusivity. SDSC's efforts have produced inspiring success stories such as Aloysius Gan, Asian Youth Para Games medalist, and Yip Pin Xiu, Singapore's most decorated Paralympian.

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