



DEAF SPORTS ASSOCIATION  
SINGAPORE

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## 2016 / 2017

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



From the bottom of my heart, I would like to express my gratitude to my team who worked hard to serve Deaf Sports Association (Singapore) for the past few years.

Today, we have built a strong rapport with our supporters to make everything possible. The inaugural National Deaf Games in March 2015 was graced by the Guest-of-Honour, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, who was Deputy Prime Minister and then Minister for Finance. A record of 143 participants signed up for three events: badminton, bowling and futsal.

The second edition of National Deaf Games was a success with a record of 187 participants mostly from the local Deaf and Hard of Hearing community, participating in four events. For the first time, we had set up a trial trying the Swimsight engineered by Augmented Human Lab from Singapore University Technology Design at Singapore Sports School where 34 swimmers experienced the first hand Swimsight system. All the events were graced by Ms Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State for Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth & Ministry for Finance, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister for Communication and Information & Minister-in-charge for Muslim Affairs & Minister in charge for Cyber Security, Ms Jessica Tan, Member of Parliament for East Coast GRC and Mr Vikram Nair, Member of Parliament for Sembawang GRC.

DSA continues to organise the multi-sport events annually. The event is a platform to give opportunities for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community to compete amongst themselves through fun and games in their favourite sports and to encourage higher participation in physical activities which promotes healthy lifestyle.

Moving forward, as Singapore is one of the founders at the proposed ASEAN Deaf Sports Federation. The proposed ASEAN Deaf Games is already in place and expect to be launched in December 2018. With this goal in our mind, we hope to identify more talents and give them the opportunity to participate in this first ever Games.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank my team, athletes, supporters and donors for their contributions. Without them, everything would not be possible!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Eng Meng' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Loh Eng Meng  
President

## INTRODUCTION

Deaf Sports Association (Singapore) is registered with the Registry of Societies on 26 November 2012. The Unique Entity Number is T12SS0228C. DSA is an approved Institution of Public Character (IPC000799) from 23 October 2015 to 22 October 2016.

DSA serves as the national entity for all sports affairs relating to the Deaf Community in Singapore.

## VISION

The vision is to serve as an effective and productive organisation promoting Deaf sports in Singapore.

## OBJECTIVES

- To promote Deaf sport, culture and education in the Republic of Singapore;
- To serve as a platform to build a bridge between sports associations and Deaf athletes;
- To plan, organise and participate in local sports events and compete in regional and international sports championships; and
- To provide technical advice and sharing of knowledge on Deaf sports.

## MISSION

Inculcate values into the deaf community through sports as part of social integration, character building and healthy lifestyle.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2016/2017

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### **PRESIDENT**

Mr Loh Eng Meng (re-elected from 2017 to 2019)

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

Mr Jaffa Bin Mohamed Salleh \* (re-elected from 2017 to 2019)

### **SECRETARY**

Mr Jeremy Low Zhen Hui \* (elected from 2017 to 2019)

Ms Kelly Fan Shu Fen \* (preceded by)

### **TREASURER**

Mr Johnson Chia Rong Xi (elected from 2017 to 2019)

Ms Loh Yee Chen Lisa (preceded by)

### **ASSISTANT TREASURER**

Mr Teet Guo Cheng (elected from 2017 to 2019)

Ms Lim Jia Yi (preceded by)

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Ms Jessica Mak Wei-E (re-elected from 2017 to 2019)

Ms Lim Jia Yi (elected from 2017 to 2019)

Mr Lee Siau Hua (elected from 2017 to 2019)

Ms Tan Keng Ying (elected from 2017 to 2019)

Ms Neoh Yew Kim (elected from 2017 to 2019)

Ms Nurul Humairah (outgoing)

Mr Tan Thiam Hock \* (outgoing)

Mr Lee Boon Hiang David (outgoing)

Mr Eugene Tan Chern-Chern (outgoing)

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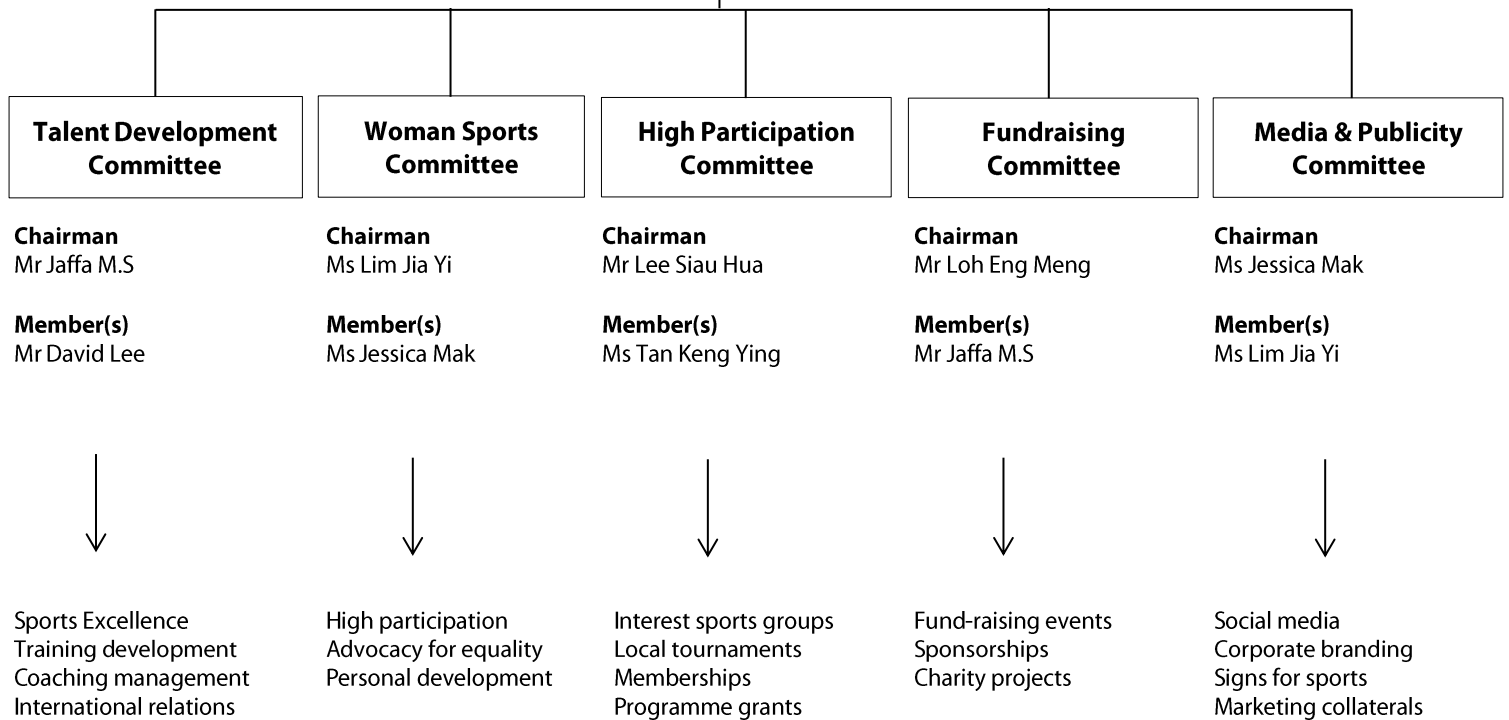
\* *non-deaf*

# ORGANISATION CHART

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

### PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT  
SECRETARY  
TREASURER  
ASSISTANT TREASURER  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS



## MEMBERSHIP

As at 31 March 2017, our membership strength stood at 22. The breakdown is as follows:

Category	Ordinary	Life	Total
Deaf	19	0	19
Non-Deaf	3	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>

As at 31 March 2016, our affiliate membership stood at 3. The breakdown is as follows:

Category	Corporate	Affiliate	Total
Companies	0	0	0
Organisations	0	3	3
Schools	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

List of Affiliate Members:

### 1) SINGAPORE ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF

Singapore Association for the Deaf aka SDeaf is the national body that serves the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities by providing educational and industrial training support through Singapore School for the Deaf and Mountbatten Vocational School. They have several groups such as Singapore Deaf Youth Section and Social Group for the Deaf where they organized many enrichment programmes for their members. They offer services like sign language interpretation services, Singapore Sign Language courses and workshops.

SDeaf works closely with DSA to reach out to the entire community through high participation for example: annual National Deaf Games and talent development system.

Number of SDeaf members: 5,000

### 2) DEAF & HARD OF HEARING FEDERATION (SINGAPORE)

Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Federation (Singapore) aka DHHFS is a non-profit organization that provides advocacy for the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities, mostly of them are working adults and seniors. They work together with SDeaf to advocate and improve on several areas; inaccessibility, barriers, discrimination and inequality.

DHHFS works closely with DSA to promote awareness on the deaf sports development and encourages the deaf senior community to pick up recreational and sports.

Number of DHHFS members: 65



### 3) TOUCH SILENT CLUB

TOUCH Silent Club aka TSC is a service of TOUCH Community Services, a not-for-profit charitable organisation officially registered in 1992 and a member of the National Council of Social Service. TOUCH Silent Club was launched in March 1993 to meet the needs of the deaf community.

TSC works closely with DSA to promote sports awareness and encourage active participation through competitions.

Number of TSC members: 500

## SPORTS AND PROGRAMMES

### SPORT DEVELOPMENT

Four (4) sports groups have been established to recruit athletes for DSA sports training programmes. Until the end of March 2016, the details of four (4) sports groups are as follow:

Sports	No of Athletes
Badminton	7
Bowling	8
Futsal	8
Swimming	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

#### 1) **Badminton development programme**

April 2016 – present

The badminton group has been training at Singapore Badminton Hall (SBH) every Sunday evening. The use of SBH badminton court was supported by the courtesy of Arina International Holding Pte Ltd.

They participated in several local tournaments such as Singapore National Games to enhance their performance and opportunity to qualify for the future ASEAN Deaf Games.

#### 2) **Bowling development programme**

April 2016 – present

The bowling team participated in Singapore National Games and Singapore National Bowling Championships. The official selection trial was conducted in December 2016 and early March 2017 to select for Deaflympics 2017. The final squad was confirmed as:

- 1) Mr Vincent Chong Kar Keong
- 2) Mr Lim Teck Kee
- 3) Mr Toh Guanghui
- 4) Mr Kimberly Quek Hwee
- 5) Mr Adelia Naomi Yokoyama



The officials were nominated as:

- 1) Mr Loh Eng Meng (chef de mission)
- 2) Mr Lee Siau Hua (team manager, bowling)
- 3) Mr Francis Liew Foo Wai (bowling coach)
- 4) Ms Tan Keng Ying (chaperone)



### 3) **Football development programme**

April 2016 – present

Football team was restructured to smaller set-up such as futsal team where young boys were selected under our junior elite programme



The Regional Director & Head of Sports Southeast Asia for Discovery Channel that owns Eurosports, Mr Elliot Renton, donated 50 futsal balls to our Association for our futsal development. We have now eight young players selected for our elite programme.

## **PROGRAMMES**

### **1) 2<sup>nd</sup> National Deaf Games 2016** 16 - 31 July 2016

The responses from the inaugural National Deaf Games 2015 were overwhelming which prompted our Association to organise the second edition in July 2016.

For the first time, the Games introduced a new event, swimming where 34 Deaf swimmers got the opportunity to experience the special device called SwimSight, supported and engineered by Augmented Human Lab from Singapore University Technology Design. This device enabled the swimmers to know when to stop and ready to start.

The Games featured four events: Badminton, Bowling, Futsal and Swimming. It registered a record of high participation to 187. A total 143 medals and mascots were handed out to the winners.

This Games extended its invitation to the below-mentioned Guest-of-Honour who graced the four events.

<b>Guest of Honour(s)</b>	<b>Event/Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Mr. Vikram Nair MP for Sembawang GRC	Swimming 16 July 2016	Singapore Sports School
Ms. Sim Ann Senior Minister of State for MCCY & Finance	Bowling 23 July 2016	SingaporeBowling@Rifle Range Rd
Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim Minister for Communications and Information	Badminton 24 July 2016	Singapore Badminton Hall
Ms. Jessica Tan MP for East Coast GRC	Futsal 31 July 2016	ITE College East



Mr Vikram Nair graced the swimming event



Ms Sim Ann launched the first game at Bowling event



Dr Yaacob Ibrahim joined the friendly game against the deaf shuttler



Ms Jessica Tan played futsal together with the deaf female team

## 2) Deaf Sports Awareness Programme

Our board member, Ms Lim Jia Yi, gave a presentation talk on Deaf Sports Awareness conducted by Singapore Disability Sports Council at Sports Hub. It gave the audience to have a better understanding about the deaf sports development, community and international events. (see photo below on left)

Ms Lim Jia Yi and Mr Tan Jian Hao (see photo on the right), shared their experiences participating in 8<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Deaf Games at the Singapore Association for the Deaf where the deaf youths attended.



## 3) Mascot Fundraising at Selatar Mall September 2016

The fundraising campaign was set up with the support of Beauty Mums and Babies at Selatar Mall in September 2016 to raise funds within the entire month for the Association.





## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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Deaf Sports Association (Singapore) acknowledged the sponsorship, donation and sponsorship-in-kinds which contributed towards development programme, National Deaf Games and major games in the last two years.

### **Cash Donation (above \$1,000)**

Happi Pte Ltd  
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Lim Teck Heng  
Mayfair Park Neighbourhood Committee  
People's Association  
Trazilblazer Foundation  
Victor Keng

### **Cash Donation (between \$100 - \$999)**

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Singapore Bowling Federation  
Sunlight Sports Pte Ltd  
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