



# 2010-2011 ATTU/ITTF Development Program

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### ATTU/ITTF Agreement

Fortunately after the ATTU Election in November 2009 with the initiative of the new President things started to move on and we began to negotiate the greatest ATTU/ITTF Development Program we have ever had.

The development budget consists of 3 main parts:

- 1- The fixed amount coming from the Olympic Allocation
- 2-Matching contribution provided by the ATTU
- 3-Matching contribution provided by the ITTF

The ITTF policy is to provide the matching contribution only if the ATTU provides the contribution to the program. In the recent years as the ATTU was not prepared to provide any matching fund, therefore ITTF didn't do so and we could just use the first portion of the budget. In fact it was like a 3 cylinders car that is working with one cylinder only.

On January 12<sup>th</sup> the ATTU President and Secretary General met with the ITTF President and ITTF Executive Director of Development in Beijing and discussed the development agreement as well as other issues. At that meeting the ATTU president took the initiative of offering free equipment worth of \$50,000. as matching contribution of the ATTU. Fortunately the ITTF agreed with the proposal and add its contribution to have the total budget of \$163,942. This is the largest budget we have ever had since we started the first ATTU Development Program in 2001.

### 2010 Program

Right after the ATTU/ITTF positive meeting I started to negotiate different components of the 2010 program with both parties. Having the reasonable budget we made some effective changes to the program compare to previous years. Here are some of these changes:

- 1- First of all I proposed to work on voluntary basis to save more money for different development projects. In this case the ATTU Development Officer would be an honorary post unlike in other continents that the development officer is a paid staff.
- 2- In all continental development programs there are some fixed projects such as different courses, equipment assistance and world cadet challenge support. Mr. Tony Yue's concern was to spend a at least a portion of the budget on special needs of the ATTU rather than copying the same thing as ITTF offers to all the continents. Therefore I started to work on a special project to fulfill the ATTU

priorities. The main priority was to enhance the World Ranking of the Asian players on the ITTF Ranking List. I divided the Asian Players of the ITTF Ranking List into 3 categories: 1- The players from East Asia who regularly receive support and assistance from their own associations and do very well on the list. 2- The senior players of developing countries whom their positions are among 300 to 700 on the ITTF ranking list. 3- Some talented junior players of the developing countries who have just entered the ITTF Ranking List and have capacity to go higher and higher.

I realized that there is nothing much we can do for the group 1 & 2 and we need to focus on the 3<sup>rd</sup> group. I also realized that many of these players do well during their junior years but once they pass the junior age cut they stop to progress. These players enjoy lot of ITTF supports and events provided through ITTF GJP. They are on the center of attention both nationally and internationally while they are junior. But once they pass the junior age cut they lose motivation as there is not enough attention to them and also because they have long way to reach to the high level among seniors. I proposed a special project as "Youth Support" to fill the gap between the junior and senior level of some Asian talented players. The idea is to pick 6 talented youth players from Asian developing countries each year and arrange 2 training camps prior to 2 major ITTF Pro-Tour for them. They will be provided with the air tickets and hospitality during the camps, youth and senior pro-tour. So they will have the chance to use the education provided in training camp and then perform what they have learnt in pro-tour. Fortunately the proposal was approved by both party and became a part of the program.

3- In previous years we had total \$10,000. equipment assistance per year. The budget was used to allocate 5 packages of \$2000 each/ one per region. The generous initiative of the new ATTU president increased the equipment budget to \$50,000. The organizers of Asian big events will receive up to \$10,000. equipment and also each region will receive \$8,000. equipment. Half of this amount will go to the host association of the AJC Qualification Tournament and the other half will be allocated to a developing association.

## **Courses**

1-Cambodia: Chan Foong Keong of Malaysia held the Tournament Organization Course in Cambodia on April 25-30.

2-Iraq: A basic Umpire/Referee Course was held in north Iraq on May 8-13 by Mohammed Bassyouni of Egypt.

3-Laos: An Olympic Solidarity Course was allocated to Laos. LTTA had requested for an ITTF Level 1 course. Arif Khan of Pakistan was appointed as the expert and he held the course on May 5-19.

4-Yemen: NOC of Yemen was allocated with an Olympic Solidarity Course. YTTA requested for an ITTF ITTF Level 1 coaching course. The course was allocated and Ahmed Dawlatly of Egypt held it on July 2-12.

5-Thailand: According to the ITTF/ATTU Development Agreement at least one course per quadrennial shall be marketing course. For 2010 we allocated the course to Thailand and the course was held by Steve Dainton of Australia, myself and Philip Kan of Germany in Bangkok on July 22-24. We manage to have the course at the same time with Asian Junior Championships so that the officials from different association can also attend. In the meantime we had some balls and rackets donated by Butterfly that we packed them in equal portions and presented each portion to the team managers of all participating countries during the closing ceremony.

6-Nepal: Nepal was on waiting list for an ITTF Level 2 Coaching Course. A training camp was also allocated to Bhutan in South Asia due in July. Unfortunately Bhutan TTA couldn't get the administrative approval from their NOC and therefore the course was cancelled. Therefore we gave the chance to Nepal and Polona Susin of Slovenia on Sep 4-11 held the course.

7-Syria: An Olympic Solidarity course was allocated to the Syrian NOC. ITTF appointed Aleksey Yefremov of Belorussia to hold the course on Sep 19-23. Later on the host requested for date change and as the same expert was not available therefore Ahmed Dawlatly was appointed to hold the course on October 4-8.

8-East Timor: Leandro Olvech of Argentina held an ITTF Level 1 course in East Timor on Oct 14-18. East Timor used the ITTF Goodwill Fund to hold another program with the same expert from Oct 19 to 26.

9-Brunei: BTTA was also on waiting list for an ITTF-PTT Level 1 course. As we had vacancy the course was allocated and held by Richard McAfee of USA on Oct 24-30.

10- India: As usual India held the ITTF Cadet Challenge and according to the agreement an international training camp was held prior to that. The camp was led by Peter Karlss with the assistance of Glenn Tepper, Mikael Andersson and participating coaches from Oct 30 to Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.

11-Bangladesh: One more vacancy was given to Bangladesh to hold a training camp in December. Arif Khan of Pakistan was appointed as the expert and held the course on Dec 1-8.

12-Qatar: QTTA had requested for a Women's Course to be held during the GCC Women's Championships in April. The course was allocated and Krima Tellaa of Algeria was appointed to hold it. On March 14<sup>th</sup> QTTA postponed the course to May. It was again postponed to after September due to school exams and Ramadan and therefore Polona Susin of Slovenia was appointed as a new expert to hold the course. On Aug 30<sup>th</sup> QTTA informed that unfortunately no other Arab country showed interest to participate the course. After more discussion we agreed that the course is held nationally in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2010. Karima Tellaa of Algeria was appointed as the expert and finally the Women's course was held in Doha from Dec 20-25

## **ATTU Youth Camp**

ATTU Youth Camp was included in ITTF/ATTU Development Program for the first this year. The aim is to assist the talented youth players who just came out of their junior age cut to enhance their ITTF ranking and reach the senior level faster and easier. The players are selected from developing countries and according to their ITTF ranking. The first ATTU Youth Camp was held in Tokyo on June 24-30 and then the players got the chance to participate the Japan Open. The second camp was held in China on Aug 11-17 and then the players got the chance to participate China Open.

All the participating players and coaches had very positive feeling about the camps. Just as an example of how effective the camps were, we take a look at the ITTF ranking of Noshad Alamyani of Iran who participated both camps: His ITTF Me's ranking in June (before camps) was 240 while he reached to 173 in September (after camps). Also his U21 ranking in June was 40 that reached to 28 in September.

Below is the table of 2010 Development courses and camps held in Asia:

Country	Date from	Date to	Course	Expert
<a href="#">Bangladesh</a>	Dec 1	Dec 8	ITTF Training Camp	Arif Khan[PAK]
<a href="#">Brunei</a>	Oct 24	Oct 30	ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education	Richard McAfee[USA]
<a href="#">Cambodia</a>	Apr 25	Apr 30	Tournament Organisation	Chan Foong Keong[MAS]
<a href="#">China</a>	Aug 11	Aug 17	Youth Training Camp	China Coaches
<a href="#">East Timor</a>	Oct 14	Oct 18	ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education	Leandro Olvech[ARG]
<a href="#">East Timor</a>	Oct 19	Oct 26	ITTF Goodwill Fund - "Ping Pong Ba Dame" Project	Leandro Olvech[ARG]
<a href="#">India</a>	Oct 30	Nov 1	ITTF Cadet Challenge Training Camp	Peter Karlsson[SWE]- Mikael Andersson[SWE]- Glenn Tepper[AUS]
<a href="#">Iraq</a>	May 8	May 13	ITTF Umpire's Course[BCU] and Referees Course[NR]	Mohammed Bassioni[EGY]
<a href="#">Japan</a>	Jun 24	Jun 30	Youth Training Camp	Japan Coaches
<a href="#">Laos</a>	May 5	May 19	Olympic Solidarity-ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education	Arif Khan[PAK]
<a href="#">Nepal</a>	Sep 4	Sep 11	ITTF Level 2 Coach Education	Polona Cehovin Susin[SVN]
<a href="#">Qatar</a>	Dec 20	Dec 25	ITTF Women's ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education	Karima Tellaa[ALG]
<a href="#">Syria</a>	Oct 4	Oct 10	Olympic Solidarity-ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education	Ahmed Dawlaty[EGY]
<a href="#">Thailand</a>	Jul 22	Jul 24	ITTF Marketing Course	Steve Dainton[AUS]
<a href="#">Yemen</a>	Jul 2	Jul 12	Olympic Solidarity-ITTF-PTT Level 1	Ahmed Dawlaty[EGY]

## **Equipment Assistance**

Thanks to the CTTA generosity, \$50,000. worth equipment was distributed among the Asian associations. Each of the 5 regions of the continent received \$10,000. equipment. This amount was divided into two associations. \$5,000. of that was allocated to a host association of an Asian junior event and \$5,000. Was allocated to a developing association in need based on the history of previous allocations and the recommendation of the regional VPs.

Below is the list of the equipment and associations in 2010:

Country	Type	Amount	Delivery Status
Mongolia	Tables	20 (DHS)	In Process
	Rackets	100 (Milkway)	Arrived
Hong Kong	Rubber	100 (DHS)	Arrived
Thailand	Rackets (professional)	25 (DHS)	Arrived
	Rackets (basic)	100 (729)	Arrived
Cambodia	Tables	6 (DHS)	Arrived
	Rackets	50 (SanWei)	Arrived
India	Tables	15 (AST)	Arrived
	Rackets	50 (AST)	Arrived
Maldives	Tables	11 (XinDong)	Arrived
	Rackets	200 (SanWei)	Arrived
Iraq	Tables	11 (DHS)	Arrived
	Rackets	100 (DHS)	Arrived
Jordan	Tables	10 (XinDong)	Arrived
	Rackets	50 (729)	Arrived
Iran	Tables	7 (Double Fish)	In Custom
Tajikistan	Tables	7 (Double Fish)	In Custom

## **My Visits**

1-ITTF Hello Future Conference: I visited Spain to attend the ITTF Hello Future Conference that was held on April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>. During the conference I took the chance of meeting and discussing with many ITTF officials and other TT friends. I also had several positive meetings with Werner Schlager and Mario Amizic about the Werner Schlager Academy (WSA) that later on ended up with the first official WSA contract that was signed by Iran TTA for the period of 2 years.

2-World Championships: I visited Moscow on May 22-31 on the occasion of the 2010 WTTC. During my visit I attended several meetings such as the ATTU Council Meeting, ITTF Media Committee Meeting, ITTF Development Workshops and DO Meeting, ITTF AGM etc.

3-Asian Junior Championships: I visited Bangkok on July 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> to participate both AJC and the ITTF Marketing Course. I was one of the course speakers and also arranged to distribute the Butterfly donations among all the participating associations.

4-Asian Games: According to the ATTU decision the 5 regional VPs. Were appointed as the Asian Games Jury Member. Therefore I visited Guangzhou from November 12 to 21 and observed the table tennis events of the Games as a Jury member.

5-ATTU EB Meeting: After the Games all ATTU EB members traveled to Hong Kong by train and we held the ATTU EM meeting on Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>. The president of Lebanon TTA also joined us there to report about the preparation on 2011 Asian Championships in Beirut.

## 2011 Program

After the successful implementation of the 2010 ATTU/ITTF Development Program, both ATTU and ITTF agreed to repeat the same program for the 2011. Therefore I started to negotiate the program with all involved parties from early 2011. First step was to discuss with the ATTU RVPs. to nominate the host associations in their region. Of course rotation and needs were the elements that needed to be considered. After having the confirmation of both ATTU and the ITTF on the host countries I sent out the invitations to the nominated associations and started to negotiate with them regarding the type of the course, date, expert etc. On this route so many letters were exchanged that finally ended up with the followings:

## Courses

Country	Date from	Date to	Course	Expert
<a href="#">Bhutan</a>	Dec 14	Dec 21	ITTF Umpires[BCU] & ITTF Referees[BCR] Course	Ronald Mugwanya[UGA]
<a href="#">India</a>	Sep 22	Sep 27	ITTF Global Junior Circuit Training Camp	Erik Lindh[SWE]
<a href="#">Indonesia</a>	Sep 26	Oct 1	ITTF Tournament Organization Course	Chan Foong Keong[MAS]
<a href="#">Iraq</a>	Oct 25	Nov 3	Olympic Solidarity-ITTF Level 2 Coach Education	Ahmed Dawlaty[EGY]
<a href="#">Iraq</a>	Jan 18 Jan 23	Jan 22 Jan 25	Iraq Junior Training Camp ITTF Global Junior Circuit Training Camp	Aleksey Yefremov[BLR]
<a href="#">Iran</a>	Postponed	To Jan 2012	ITTF Women's Training Camp	Eva Jeler[SLO]
<a href="#">Jordan</a>	Jul 16	Jul 21	Jordan ITTF Level 2 Coach Education	Mohamed Atoum[JOR]
<a href="#">Korea Republic</a>	Aug 1	Aug 5	Korea Republic PTT Level 1 Coach Education	Johan Lieftink[NED]- Johann Knoll[AUT]
<a href="#">Kyrgyzstan</a>	Aug 25	Aug 29	ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education	Aleksey Yefremov[BLR]
<a href="#">Mongolia</a>	Oct 3	Oct 12	ITTF Women's Training Camp	Branka Batinic[CRO]
<a href="#">Nepal</a>	Dec 5	Dec 12	Olympic Solidarity-ITTF-PTT L1 Coach Education	Mohammad Atoum[JOR]
<a href="#">Philippines</a>	Jun 4	Jun 10	Olympic Solidarity-ITTF-PTT L1+ ITTF-PTT L1 Course Conductor Training	Richard McAfee[USA]
<a href="#">Sri Lanka</a>	May 24	May 27	Sri Lanka ITTF Level 1 Coach Education	Dilmini Direckze[SRI]
<a href="#">Sri Lanka</a>	Jan 24	Feb 3	Olympic Solidarity-ITTF-PTT L1 + ITTF L2 Coach Education	Sylvain Chermette[FRA]- Dilmini Direckze[SRI]
<a href="#">Tajikistan</a>	Nov 21	Nov 30	Olympic Solidarity-ITTF-PTT Level 1	Ahmed Dawlaty[EGY]
<a href="#">Thailand</a>	Sep 20	Sep 27	Thailand ITTF Level 2 Coach Education	Ahmed Dawlaty[EGY]
<a href="#">United Arab Emirates</a>	Sep 11	Sep 16	Olympic Solidarity-ITTF Level 2 Coach Education	Ahmed Dawlaty[EGY]

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2011 ATTU Youth Camp was set to hold prior to the China Open 2 so that the participants can attend the Pro-Tour right after the camp. China Open 2 was held in Aug 24-28 in Suzhou and the players were invited to come to the camp from Aug 5<sup>th</sup>. The camp was held in Nantong where is close to Suzhou.

## Equipment Assistance

Same as last year CTTA provided \$50,000. worth equipment to 10 Asian associations. Each of the 5 regions of the continent received equipments worth of \$10,000. This amount was divided into two associations. \$5,000. of that was allocated to a host association of an Asian junior event and \$5,000. Was allocated to a developing association in need based on the history of previous allocations and the recommendation of the regional VPs.

Below is the list of the equipment and associations in 2011:

Association	TABLE	QUANTITY (SETS)	RACKET	QUANTITY (PCS)
Macau	DHS T2023	13	DHS O-Series	90
Vietnam	DHS T2023	13	DHS O-Series	115
Indonesia	DHS T2023	13	DHS O-Series	120
Sri Lanka	DHS T2023	13	DHS O-Series	105
Bhutan	DHS T2023	13	DHS O-Series	85
Yemen	DHS T2023	13	DHS O-Series	25
Syria	DHS T2023	13	DHS O-Series	70
Afghanistan	DHS T2023	13	DHS O-Series	105
Iran	DHS T2023	13	DHS O-Series	85
DPR Korea	BLADE	QUANTITY (PCS)	RUBBER	QUANTITY (PCS)
	DHS HURRICANE	12	DHS HURRICANE & SKYLINE SERIES	200

## **My Visits**

1-I visited Qatar Open from Feb 9th to 13th where I could meet and discuss the development program with officials from several Asian associations especially from Arab countries.

2-I also visited Rotterdam from May 8th to 15th on the occasion of the 2010 WTTC. During my visit I attended several meetings such as the ATTU Council Meeting, ITTF Media Committee Meeting, ITTF Development Workshops and DO Meeting, ITTF AGM etc.

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