

IDEAL Asia

Asian Table Tennis Union

Development Plan

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1- Are we developed?

Apparently Asia looks to be a very strong and developed Continent in table tennis, as we have won all the gold medals of the recent Olympic Games and World Championships. But being realistic, this success is not the result of a unique development. In fact there is a very wide gap between the level of table tennis in Far East and other parts of the Asia and if we separate China and few other eastern countries from the continent, the rest is quite undeveloped and weak in world table tennis stage. Let's have a quick comparison on results of Asian and European associations in Men's Team events of the 46th WTTC in Osaka:

Continent	1st Division	2nd Division	3rd Division
Asia (42 Associations)	6 Teams	4 Teams	17 Teams
Europe (54 Associations)	18 Teams	12 Teams	11 Teams

As shown above, although the Championships was held in Asia but only %64 of the ATTU member associations participated, while %76 of ETTU member associations were played (Weaker presence). Also %73 of the European teams are in 1st and 2nd division while this percentage for Asia is only %37 (Weaker results and wider gap)

On the other hand, nearly half of the delegates of the ATTU associations neither attended in ITTF AGM nor in ATTU Extraordinary General Meeting. This is from one hand because of the poor organization of the national associations and from the other hand result of our poor

communication. Obviously if this situation continues, we will lose our presence in ITTF will be weaker and weaker, year by year.

I personally attended in development workshops of the Europe, Oceania and Latin America in Osaka and figured out that they have done a huge amount of work during the past two years for the development of table tennis in their continents. But unfortunately we haven't paid enough attention to this issue yet.

I also found out that there are lot of supports (financial, technical and others) allocated by the ITTF, IOC, NOCs and other organs that we could use for our development plan, if there is any!

Finally, ATTU had been the first formed Continental Union and Asia has lot of potentials and advantages such as reach background, high level techniques, very strong teams, very knowledgeable administrators and coaches etc.

All we need to do is to use what we have and to step forward for a unique development in all over the continent, therefore: Development is necessary

2-Main Objectives

The ATTU Development Plan is named "IDEAL Asia" and the objectives of this plan consist of five main directions. The summary of the plan and it's objectives are as follow:

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Improvement (for national teams)

To improve the results of Asian associations in world events and to decrease the gap between the level of table tennis in Far East and other regions of the continent.

Development (for public)

To increase the popularity of our sport and to promote table tennis within the continent in general.

Economy (finance for the plan)

To find different solutions for financing the plan.

Administration (for smaller associations)

To help the smaller association to organize their own table tennis association, train their stuffs and to hold tournaments.

Link (among all members)

To make a proper link among all member associations, to keep them updated about the news and activities in different regions and to help them for better presence in ATTU and ITTF meetings.