

ITTF/ATTU Development Program

Finally after a long period of negotiations, modifications and adjustments, the ITTF / ATTU affiliation agreement was signed during the 2015 World Championships in Suzhou. Accordingly I negotiated

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with the both organs to activate our mutual development program for 2015 and 2016. For the new agreement we kept the current activities that used to be held under the ITTF Development Program and added the ATTU special activities to it to form the 2015-16 agreement. This agreement that was later on signed by the presidents of both parties contains the following activities for each year:



- 1- Supporting the Asian Cadet Team to participate the World Cadet challenge.
- 2- Providing the budget and technical support for organizing one Women's Course in Asia.
- 3- Providing budget and technical support for organizing one Para TT Course in Asia.
- 4- Providing budget and technical support to 9 Development Project in Asia. These projects can be coach education, training camp, administrators course or combination of different educations based on the needs of the host associations.
- 5- Planning, and organizing 4 Regional Hopes Program in 2015 and 4 Regional plus one continental Hopes Program in 2016.
- 6- Equipment assistance under special circumstances.

For 2015 almost all our 9 projects stated in clause 3 (above) are allocated. But the Women's Course and Para TT Course (Clause 1 & 2) are still available to apply for those associations who haven't received any development budget in 2015.

In addition to above courses we can have self funded courses (budgeted by the host), Olympic Solidarity courses and some other special courses. In below table you can see the summery of all courses already allocated for the year 2015:

2015 Development Courses

Country	Date from	Date to	Course
Bahrain	Jan 28	Feb 2	Arab Hopes Week
Bangladesh	Apr 10 20	Apr 17	ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education + Training Camp
China	May 1	May 1	ITTF Development + Education & Training Workshop
India	Feb 28	Mar 4	India ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education
India	Mar 23	Mar 27	India ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education
India	Mar 7	Mar 12	India ITTF Level 2 Coach Education
India	Mar 15	Mar 20	India ITTF Level 2 Coach Education
India	Mar 29	Apr 2	India ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education
Iran	May 30	Jun 3	Iran Women's ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education
Iran	Feb 5	Feb 12	ITTF National Hopes Week
Iran	Jul 24	Jul 30	Iran ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education & ITTF-PTT Level 1 Course Conductor Training
Japan	Mar 2	Mar 15	ITTF Goodwill Fund - "UNOSDP Youth Leadership Camp" Project
Jordan	Jul 24	Jul 31	National Hopes Week
Jordan			Jordan ITTF Level 2 Coach Education
Korea DPR	Jul 23	Jul 28	Olympic Solidarity Technical Course
Korea Republic	Feb 3	Feb 13	ITTF Goodwill Fund "UNOSDP" Youth Leadership Camp" Project
Kyrgyzstan	Jul 19	Jul 24	ITTF Level 2 Coach Education
Lebanon	Jun 8	Jun 14	ITTF Level 2 Coach Education
Malaysia	May 25	May 29	Malaysia ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education
Malaysia	Sep 16	Sep 20	Malaysia ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education
Malaysia	Nov 23	Nov 28	ITTF Level 2 Coach Education
Maldives	Mar 21	Mar 28	ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education + Training Camp
Nepal	Mar 12	Mar 18	ITTF Goodwill Fund - Table Tennis for NepALL (PTT Level 1 Coach Education + TC)
Saudi Arabia	May 24	May 28	Saudi Arabia ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education
Singapore	Oct 3	Oct 11	ITTF Level 2 Coach Education
Singapore	Mar 13	Mar 21	Singapore ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education
Sri Lanka	May 15	May 22	ITTF Level 3 Coach Education
Thailand	Oct 13	Oct 20	Olympic Solidarity ITTF Level 2 Coach Education
Turkmenistan	Nov 3	Nov 10	ITTF Level 2 Coach Education + Training Camp
United Arab Emirates	May 31	Jun 4	UAE ITTF-PTT Level 1 Coach Education

ATTU Hopes Program

One of the special events added to the ITTF / ATTU Development agreement in 2015 was the ATTU Regional Hopes Program. I particularly insisted to add this item as the root of the real development starts from early ages and that's where we can real changes in future. In this case I proposed the ATTU Hopes Program to the ATTU Council during the 2015 World Championships in Suzhou and that consists of the following:

- 1- Camp: Five days training camp for under 12 years old boys and girls
- 2- Tournament: Tow days tournament to be organized separately after the camp
- 3- Education: Educating the accompanying coaches with the special coaching skills needed for this age category
- 4- Fun & Recreation: To have recreational activities for the kids during the program

Later on once I got the program approved by both ATTU and the ITTF, I started to negotiate with the ATTU Regional Vice Presidents regarding the Regional Hopes Program. By the end of 2015 we must hold 4 regional programs in Asia, one in each region namely South East Asia, South Asia, West Asia and Middle Asia. The winners of these regional programs shall be invited to play the general zone program that will be held in first quarter of 2016 and from there the ATTU Hopes Team will be selected to attend the World Hopes Program.

ATTU Advanced Excellence Project

By the initiative of the ATTU Secretary General Mr. Tony Yue I started negotiating with the Edgball Consulting Company managed by Mr. Mikael Anderson of Sweden regarding a professional program for the Asian promising players. I have always believed in scholarship programs and focusing on particular players of the developing associations and it was now a good opportunity to develop this idea. Together with the said company we planed our ATTU Advanced Program with slogan of “ The Pathway to Success”. The general idea of this program is about providing support to some individual players outside of the top 5 Asian associations. So our goal is to enhance the ITTF ranking of the promising players in developing countries of Asia. As the first step we picked 3 promising players from India, Thailand and Iran and provided them with financial and technical supports to attend a training camp in Sweden followed by playing in two ITTF World Tour.

So far the results has been amazing, especially after the successes of Sutashini Sawettabut from Thailand in Bulgarian Open as well as Nima Alamian of Iran in Belgium Open. Winning the Japanese Mime ITO (top 10 world player) by the Sawettebut who is currently ranked 107 and also winning the Men’s Single event in Belgium World Tour by Nima Alamian could certainly result a huge improvement in their ITTF ranking once the next list is published.

I would like to hereby take the opportunity to thank for the strong support of Mr. Cai Zhenhua the ATTU President as well as Mr. Tony Yue the ATTU Secretary General to the Development Program.

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