



2018-19 ATTU Development Activities

Report to the ATTU Council Meeting

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2018-19 Asia Hopes Program

As previous years the Asia Hopes Program was programed in three stages: 1- National Hopes Programs 2- Regional Hopes Weeks & Challenges 3- Asia Hopes Week & Challenge.

At first stage different national associations of Asia held their own Hopes program and qualified their tops hopes boys and girls players.

At the second stage Regional Hopes Week and Challenge was organized in four different regions of Asia namely West Asia, Middle Asia, South Asia and South East Asia. Two girls and two boys from each region were qualified to attend the Asia Hopes Week & Challenge.

At the third stage qualified players are invited to attend the Asia Hopes Week & Challenge which will be held in Bangkok on May 6-13, 2019.

The event consists of 6 days training camp and two days challenge tournament. Top 3 girls and boys of the challenge tournament will then form the Asia Hopes Team to participate World Hopes Week providing that each association can have maximum one girl and one boy at the team.

West Asia Hopes Week & Challenge

It was held in Beirut of Lebanon on Jan 3-8, 2019 and Hisham Ismail of Egypt was the coach assigned for the event. Players from Lebanon, Iraq, Qatar, Oman and Syria attended the camp and the challenge tournament. Finally below players were qualified to participate the Asia Hopes Week & challenge:

Girls: 1- Maria TANNOUS (LEB) 2- Fawziya Saif ALMAKI (QAT)

Boys: 1- Mohamed Salem ZAZA (SYR) 2- Mohamed Thamer IBADI (IRQ)



Middle Asia Hopes Week & Challenge

It was held in Bishkek of Kyrgyzstan on Jan 5-10, 2019 and Parinya NONSAGATE of Thailand was the coach assigned to the event. Players from Kyrgyzstan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan attended the camp and the challenge tournament. Finally the following players were qualified to participate the Asia Hopes Week and challenge:

Girls: 1- Tara Souri (IRN) 2- Viktoriya MOCHALKINA (KAZ)

Boys: 1- Reza SHARIATY (IRN) 2- Alan KURM A NGA LI Y E V (KAZ)



South Asia Hopes Week & Challenge

It was held in Delhi Public School Sonipat of India on Jan 22-27, 2019 and Parinya NONSAGATE of Thailand was the coach assigned to the event. Players from India, Nepal, Maldives, Bhutan and Sri Lanka attended the camp and the challenge

tournament. Finally below players were qualified to participate the Asia Hopes Week & Challenge:

Girls: 1- Fathimath DHEEMA (MDV) 2- Sayani PANDA (IND)

Boys: 1- Oushik GHOSH (IND) 2- Lankitha DEWMETH SARANATH (SRI)



South East Asia Hopes Week & Challenge

It was held in Vientiane of Laos on March 10-15,2019 and BEH Lee Foing of Malaysia was the coach assigned to the event. Players from Laos, Philippines, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia attended the camp and the challenge tournament. Finally below players were qualified to participate the Asia Hopes Week & Challenge:

Girls: 1- Pacharaphorn CHA NV A NI T BO RI KA N (THA) 2- Ai Lis GAN (MAS)

Boys: 1- Nicholas TAN (SIN) 2- Joshua Lawrence MANLAPAZ Ray (PHL)



2019-2020 ITTF & ATTU Memorandum of Understanding

To follow the Olympic cycles, normally Continental Development Agreements are in four years term. Therefore the last ITTF-ATTU agreement was signed during the Rio Olympic Games for the period of 2017 to 2020. However in 2018 the new ITTF administration decided to make some general changes in development program for the remaining two years of the agreement to be implemented in 2019 and 2020.

In this case we have been negotiating with the ITTF during the past several months to ensure the best interests of the Asia within the new agreement. Besides the budget and ways of spending it, the autonomy of the ATTU, mutual respect between the two organs and the proper implementation of the program were fully observed by us as representatives of the ATTU.

In the agreement the yearly budget is increased from \$166,598 to \$203,505. Also ATTU has contributed US\$10,000 equipment assistance through DHS to the program. Therefore we could save the equipment budget to be spent on Asia cadet training camps linked with Asia Hopes Week. Some regional cadet training camps are also planned to be linked with the Asia Regional Hopes Weeks.

In general we can say the ‘High Performance’ has be strengthened in the new program.

During the past several years I have been implementing the ITTF-ATTU Development Program for free and on honorary bases. However with more budget and accordingly more work and time needed, we have agreed with the ITTF to hire paid staffs to do the work on the ITTF side. I would of course continue to do the work in ATTU side as the ATTU Honorary Development Director.

We are at the latest stage of the negotiation of the new agreement and if everything goes well, it would be signed during the 2019 World Championships in Budapest.

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