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The 21st National Canoe Polo Championships commemorates Singapore's Bicentennial at GetActive! Singapore Pesta Sukan 2019 with over 40 teams competing

Singapore, 4 August 2019 – As part of celebrating Singapore's Bicentennial, Sport Singapore (SportSG) brought back Pesta Sukan into GetActive! Singapore 2019. Pesta Sukan was the first festival of sports that was held in Singapore and Singapore Canoe Federation (SCF) was given the opportunity to be part of the celebration this year.

The GetActive! Singapore Pesta Sukan 2019 Canoe Polo Championships was held over a span of two weekends on 27th and 28th July, and 3rd and 4th August 2019, at the Toa Payoh Swimming Complex. Over 40 teams competed for the crown at the 21st edition of the National Canoe Polo Championships.

Canoe polo is an exciting and high energy hybrid sport that combines canoeing, water polo and basketball. This fast-paced sport is played by 2 teams of 5 players with the aim to score into a goal frame suspended 2m above the water surface. In Singapore, with the support of SportSG and SCF, the popularity of the discipline and number of teams have grown.

With the championships held at Toa Payoh Swimming Complex, a prime venue with high public traffic, it attracted above 120 spectators, which created more awareness for the National Canoe Polo Championships, and helped to further promote the Canoe Polo sport in Singapore. As part of Pesta Sukan this year, a carnival was catered to both spectators and athletes to further enhance their experience.

Mr Yip Kwan Guan, the President of SCF, graced the Championships' medal ceremony as the Guest of Honour.

The winners are NUS for both ITC Men and ITC Women categories, and Mogui A and SGCP A for Open Men and Open Women categories respectively.

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About Singapore Canoe Federation

SCF, which was established in 1971, is the National Sports Association (NSA) responsible for the management, coordination, development and promotion of canoeing in Singapore.

It is now helmed by a dedicated team of volunteers sitting on its Council and Executive Committee, working in tandem with a team of staff who are passionate about the sport of Canoeing and its various disciplines.

It represents the interests of its athletes and members to Sport Singapore (Previously known as the Singapore Sports Council), the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC), the public and other international canoeing bodies.

The SCF aims to promote opportunities for public participation in a full range of canoeing activities in Singapore with high standards of safety. Among other things, the SCF aspires to:

- Promote a high standard of safety and opportunity for participation in full range of canoeing activities in Singapore.
- Nurture and prepare its elite and potential elite athletes to medal at the SEA Games and other international and regional competitions.
- Uphold high standards of sportsmanship.
- Be a champion in the introduction and development of all disciplines of canoeing in Singapore.
- Promote and make Singapore a venue for regional/international canoeing championships/events.

The SCF is affiliated to the International Canoe Federation (ICF), the Asian Canoe Confederation (ACC), SNOC and the People's Association (PA).



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