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### **“Together we fought hard, we learned for the future, and we became stronger” Team Singapore Canoeing at the 2019 SEA Games**

Singapore, 7 December 2019 – The Canoe and Kayak events for the 2019 Southeast Asian (SEA) Games were held in Subic Bay, Philippines, from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

The 8 SEA countries that participated in the Canoe and Kayak events are Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The five athletes who represented Singapore and who raced in their very first SEA Games are as follows:

1. Tey Kai Ze Sherwin – Men Canoe Single 1000m (MC1 1000m)
2. Teo Zhan Rong, Men Kayak Single 1000m (MK1 1000m)
3. Lim Yuan Yin – Women Canoe Single 200m (WC1 200m), Women Canoe Single 500m (WC1 500m)
4. Lucas Huan Zhi Kai – Men Canoe Doubles 200m (MC2 200m)
5. Tan Chun Leng – Men Canoe Single 200m (MC1 200m), MC2 200m

At this 30<sup>th</sup> edition of the SEA Games, there were a total of seven events - Canoe (six) and Kayak (one). Singapore was represented in the above six events with the exception of the Men Canoe Doubles 1000m (MC2 1000m). The organiser excluded a number of Olympic events from the SEA Games, including women’s kayak events. It was also a four-year break for the Canoe and Kayak events since it was last offered at the 28<sup>th</sup> SEA Games held in Singapore in 2015.

The following are the results of the 2019 SEA Games:

1. Sherwin Tey qualified from his heat to the semi-finals of the MC1 1000m where he finished 4th with a timing of 04:28.14min.
2. Teo Zhan Rong, after narrowly coming in second in his heat with a time of 04:01.022min, finished 2nd in the semi-finals of the MK1 1000m with a timing of 04:01.903min, less than half a second behind his Thai competitor (the eventual bronze medalist), just missing out on qualifying for the finals.
3. Lim Yuan Yin qualified for the finals for both WC1 200m and WC1 500m, finishing 4th in both events with the timings of 00:56.96sec and 02:52.06min respectively, and just missing out on podium finishes. In the WC1 200m, she came in less than a second behind her Thai competitor.
4. Lucas Huan and Tan Chun Leng missed qualifying for the finals by less than nine tenths of a second in their heat, and later raced in the semi-finals of the MC2 200m, just missing the finals by one place as they finished 3rd with a timing of 00:46.38sec.
5. Tan Chun Leng missed qualifying for the finals by less than half a second. He later raced in the semi-finals of the MC1 200m, just missing the finals by less than six tenths of a second as he came in 2nd behind Vietnam, with a timing of 00:46.039sec. Despite the taxing conditions of racing in four events over a time span of 2 hours and 10 minutes, Chun Leng pulled through to the semi-finals through his best efforts.



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The 2019 SEA Games marks the first SEA Games for all of our athletes. For this SEA Games, the focus of Singapore Canoe Federation (SCF) was to nurture our younger athletes in the sport of Canoeing. Apart from giving them more exposure to major games, SCF intends to provide younger athletes with more overseas racing opportunities, with a vision to develop them over the longer term to achieve podium finishes at the major games.

Despite the athletes facing various challenges during the 2019 SEA Games such as strong and unpredictable currents and winds, and racing in seawater conditions for the first time, they overcame the physical conditions and completed their races in times not far behind the podium finishers.

We are proud that our athletes displayed remarkable fighting and team spirit. Taking the 2019 SEA Games as part of their learning experience, they will continue to strive further in their pursuits of sports excellence.

### **About Singapore Canoe Federation**

SCF was founded in 1971 and is the National Sports Association responsible for the management, development and promotion of canoeing in Singapore. It represents the interest 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.

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:

- Nurture and prepare its elite and potential athletes to medal at the SEA Games, Asian Games and other regional/international competitions.
- Uphold high standards of sportsmanship.
- Champion the development and enjoyment by the public of all canoeing disciplines in Singapore.
- Develop and promote Singapore as a venue of choice 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). For more information, please visit [www.scf.org.sg](http://www.scf.org.sg).

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