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TEMASEK FOUNDATION INSPIRE FUND OPENS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PROMISING ATHLETES

\$100,000 fund available annually to help aspiring athletes who are not receiving grants or funding from existing support systems

Singapore, 12 Jan 2021 – Sport Singapore (SportSG) and National Youth Sport Institute (NYSI) will start accepting applications for the Temasek Foundation Inspire Fund (TFIF) from tomorrow (13 January 2021) in an effort to support promising athletes who aspire to represent Singapore at international competitions that may resume this year.

2. Made possible through the E W Barker Endowment, Temasek Foundation will contribute \$100,000 annually towards the TFIF to provide more opportunities to athletes who are passionate and committed to sporting excellence, and to inspire the larger community to discover and pursue their sporting interests. Jointly administered by SportSG and NYSI, the TFIF provides support to athletes, who are not supported by the existing grants or funding support. Potential athletes may apply as an individual or as a team.

3. Mr Edwin Tong, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth & Second Minister for Law, said, "Athletes who represent Singapore at international competitions will get a leg up with the new Temasek Foundation Inspire Fund for Athletes. The fund sets no age limit or restriction on types of sport, so this will benefit a wider base of aspiring athletes. I would like to encourage all eligible athletes to apply and make Singapore proud!"

4. There will be two grant calls in a year for the Fund, where up to \$50,000 per call will be awarded to shortlisted applicants, and they will be evaluated based on: (1) the level of competition, (2) the applicant's or team's performance and track record. The application period for the first grant call is from 13 January 2021 to 12 February 2021. The next application period will be announced in the second half of the year.

5. “At Singapore Sport Institute, we look at every possibility to strengthen and provide all aspiring athletes with the competitive edge they need to achieve their dreams. However, this requires the collaborative effort of every member of our society to contribute as One Team Singapore. We are pleased that Temasek Foundation has stepped up to join us in enabling athletes to realise their full potential and hope that the Temasek Foundation Inspire Fund will encourage more athletes to commit to train, compete at their best, and inspire our community.” said Mr Toh Boon Yi, Chief of Singapore Sport Institute, Sport Singapore.

6. Ms Koh Lin-Net, Chief Executive, Temasek Foundation Nurtures, said, “Aspiring athletes need a community of support to grow. It is so heartening to see passion-driven, self-funded athletes go on to represent Singapore in international competitions. They come from different sporting disciplines – from talented youths in emerging sports such as dodgeball, indoor skydiving and tchoukball, to Masters athletes. The Temasek Foundation Inspire Fund will provide support for these athletes to nurture their aspirations. We hope this will inspire and empower others to follow.”

7. Dr Su Chun Wei, Director, National Youth Sports Institute, said, “The Temasek Foundation Inspire Fund extends support to athletes who require financial backing and we would like to encourage youth athletes to apply for this fund. With NYSI’s focus on the development of youth athletes in high performance sports, we look forward to supporting more youth athletes in their sporting aspirations to further build the Singapore youth sports ecosystem.”

8. While funding levels will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, the qualifying costs taken into consideration can comprise airfare, accommodation, registration fees, visa fees (if any), and travel insurance (which will be mandatory for recipients).

9. “One of my challenges is to pay for my overseas competitions. With BMX competitions resuming internationally, I hope to take part. With this fund, I hope to get some help and pursue BMX racing as a profession and represent Singapore in the BMX Asian, Europe and World Championships,” said Mr Mas Ridzwan bin Muhammad Ali, an 18-year-old BMX rider. Likewise, Mr Jason Wong who is 54 years old and Asia Masters



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Athletics Championship Gold Medalist 100H & 400 H said, “Age is just a number. Achieve our competitive dreams/goals at any stage of our life. I am looking forward to apply for this fund in my upcoming competition at Taiwan Masters Track and Field Championships as it will help to offset competition costs.”

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About Sport Singapore

As the national sports agency, Sport Singapore's core purpose is to inspire the Singapore spirit and transform Singapore through sport. Through innovative, fun and meaningful sporting experiences, our mission is to reach out and serve communities across Singapore with passion and pride. With Vision 2030 – Singapore's sports master plan, our mandate goes beyond winning medals. Sport Singapore uses sport to create greater sporting opportunities and access, more inclusivity and integration as well as broader development of capabilities. At Sport Singapore, we work with a vast network of public-private-people sector partners for individuals to live better through sports.

To find out more, visit our websites www.sportsingapore.gov.sg and www.myactivesg.com. Follow us at www.facebook.com/myActiveSG and www.youtube.com/SingaporeSports.

About NYSI

Launched in November 2015, the NYSI aims to positively impact the Singapore youth sports ecosystem. Initiated by the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, NYSI works closely with the Singapore Sports School and Singapore Sports Institute to drive youth sports development through the four functional areas of Talent Identification and Development, Youth Coaching, Sports Science and Athlete Life Management. To find out more, visit our website at: <http://www.nysi.org.sg/>.

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Factsheet on Temasek Foundation Inspire Fund (TFIF)

There will be two grant calls annually for the Temasek Foundation Inspire Fund, where up to \$50,000 per call will be awarded to shortlisted applicants, evaluated based on the following considerations:

- a. Level of Competition. Funding is provided to support the applicant's or team's participation in an international competition. Consideration will be given to the level and significance of the competition, including whether it is organised under the auspices of the international federation or by a well-regarded national governing body within the fraternity, whether the competition is on a world or regional level, its reach in terms of global audience, as well as the quality/strength of the competitor field.
- b. Applicant's or team's performance and track record. We will take into consideration the performance potential of the applicant(s), their performance track record in the sport, commitment to prepare for the said competition, and whether they are selected by the national governing body to represent Singapore at the said competition.
- c. While funding levels will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, the qualifying costs taken into consideration can comprise airfare, accommodation, registration fees, visa fees (if any), and travel insurance (which will be mandatory for recipients).

Qualifying Considerations

An assessment panel comprising of SportSG and NYSI representatives will assess applications based on the following considerations:

- a. Applicant
 - i. Applicant must be a Singapore Citizen. For team applications, a mixed team consisting of Singapore Citizens and Singapore Permanent Residents can be considered.
 - ii. Applicant's level of commitment to the sport and competition

- iii. Applicant's sporting track record
- iv. Applicant's performance potential
- v. If applicant had been selected by respective National Sports Association (NSA) to represent Singapore (if one exists)

b. Competition

- i. Competition is sanctioned by the sport's International Federation or a National Sports Association
- ii. Competition is on a regional or international level
- iii. Quality or strength of the competitor field
- iv. Significance and prestige of the competition
- v. Applicants must be slated to take part in competition(s) internationally by 31 December 2021

Application period for the first grant call is from 13 January 2021 to 12 February 2021. Applicants may find out more information and apply for the funding at <https://tfinspirefund.myactivesg.com>. Alternatively, interested applicants may submit their queries at <https://go.gov.sg/tfif enquiryform>.

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