



**INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS  
FEDERATION  
PARA TABLE TENNIS DIVISION**

***TECHNICAL DELEGATE'S REPORT***

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| <b>Name of Tournament:</b>                              | <b>2015 PTT Thailand Open</b>   |
| <b>Ranking Factor:</b>                                  | <b>Factor 40</b>  |
| <b>Name of the National Association/Organizer:</b>      | <b>Sports Association for the Disabled of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King (SADT) and the Table Tennis Association of Thailand (TTAT)</b> |
| <b>Name of Chairperson of the Organizing Committee:</b> | <b>Major-General Osoth Bhavilai</b>   |
| <b>Venue:</b>   | <b>Eastern National Sports Training Center, (Pattaya Sports Stadium), Pattaya, Chon Buri,, Thailand</b>   |
| <b>Dates of play:</b>                                   | <b>24<sup>th</sup> ~ 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015</b>  |
| <b>Name of Technical Delegate:</b>                      | <b>Cyril SEN</b>  |
| <b>Report submitted to ITTF PTTD:</b>                   | <b>August 2015</b>  |



**Airport:** Suvarnabhumi International Airport, Bangkok is about a 90-minute drive to the hotel. Those arriving at Don Mueang International Airport were also met and transported to the hotel, the only difference being that the journey by road took about 2 hours

**Accreditation:** Not all accreditation cards were handed out at the Technical Meeting. However, this was not found to be a necessity as the majority of people present were those involved in the competition.

**Accommodation:** All players and officials stayed at:  
A-One Pattaya Beach Resort  
North Pattaya Beach Road, 115/9 Moo  
9 Pattaya City, Chonburi  
20150 Thailand  
[www.aone-pattaya-resort.com](http://www.aone-pattaya-resort.com)



It is a 4-star hotel comprising of 4 separate yet connected buildings, located about a 20-minute drive from the venue. The quality of the facilities and service was good.



Although almost all participants including wheelchair users were housed in the New Wing which had adequate facilities for the latter, those that required wheelchair-specific bathrooms because of the size of their wheelchairs, were provided with accommodation in the Beach Wing, a building built specifically for wheelchair users. Besides the standard facilities available in the rooms, the LOC made available smaller wheelchairs, commodes and bath stools for those wheelchair users who required such facilities. The LOC is to be commended for this and it made for a pleasant stay for all.



Free wifi service was available in the lobby as well as in the rooms.

**Meals & Refreshments:**

❖ Only breakfast was at the hotel, whilst lunch and dinner were at the venue by way of lunch-boxes / on-site cooked food. Breakfast was of good quality with a fairly good spread. Though the intention of providing lunch and dinner on site was with good intentions, it would be necessary in the future to ensure a more hygienic method of preparation and serving.



- ❖ There was adequate space and facilities for wheelchair users, who were assisted by the hotel staff as and when required.
- ❖ Bottled water was available for all at the venue.
- ❖ Coffee and tea, with snacks/fruit, were available for officials and guests, in the refreshments' space behind the stage in the venue.

**Transportation:** Transport between airport and hotel and vice versa was fairly well organized. Because of the distance between the airport and the hotel, some participants had to either wait for more than one hour for other participants to arrive, or had to leave the hotel too early on their return, where the waiting time in the airport was more than 3.5 hours.



The meet-and-greet was well handled with the organisers having arranged for those arriving to be met as soon as they had exited the arrival hall.

On practice days, a shuttle service for both wheelchair and non-wheelchair users was made available at reasonable intervals. On competition days, the shuttle service was at half-hour intervals during the peak periods, and at hourly intervals during the low periods. Besides the above, a van was available for use by team officials in the event of urgent need.



**Venue:** Eastern National Sports Training Center, (Pattaya Sports Stadium)



**Competition Hall & Practice Hall:** Located in the main building of the Sports Stadium. There were 9 wheelchair-compatible and 5 standing-only competition tables. Tables were arranged in 2 rows of 5 each and 1 row of 4. The available space in the hall (100M x 50M) could easily accommodate 20 tables, if required, and this luxury of space allowed for the Practice Area of 9 tables to be in the same hall as the competition, but partitioned off by screens.



**Call Area:** Located in the main hall and separated from the competition area by screens, the large space available made it comfortable for the wheelchair teams to access the CA tables as well as to assemble for the presentation.



**Racket Control Centre:** A space within the playing area and adjacent to the Call Area was partitioned off with temporary dividers to create the RCC. Though a room would have been more appropriate, the cordoned off area did serve its purpose.



**Floor:** Synthetic rubber mats laid over a cement floor.

**Lighting:** Was fair and adequately covered the competition hall, practice area and call area.

**Spectator Seating:** Elevated terraced seating for 3000+ was available. However, as there was no elevated seating available for wheelchairs, some allocation of space was made on the field of play. Even with the use of 14 tables, this allocated space was more than sufficient.



**Gluing Area:** Covered area outside the hall.

**Competition Management Table:** This was located beside the stage (VIP seating area) and the Call Area. There was sufficient allocation of table space for the TD, Referee team, Computer Operator, and Competition & Results team.

**Work Rooms:** There was one accessible room located in and adjacent to the playing area which was made available for:

- ❖ TD & Referee
- ❖ Individual Events Draws

**Officials Lounge:** There was a simple setup located adjacent to the competition management table.

**Wheelchair Storage & Repair:** A separate room was made available.

**Change Rooms:** At the back of the hall are located male and female rest rooms with change rooms with accessible toilets.



In the front of the hall are located male and female wash rooms with accessible toilets.

Medical: It was good to see that, throughout the competition, medical staff were on stand-by on the field of play whilst an ambulance was available at the venue.

**Equipment:**

Tables: Competition Hall: 14 nos. (9 wheelchair and 5 standing); Andro Magnum SCW, Blue; [Practice Hall: 9 nos.]



Nets: Andro; Blue  
 Balls: Palio 3 Stars 40+ white  
 Score Indicator: Donic; Black  
 Towel Boxes: Foldable cardboard; Yinhe (blue)  
 Surrounds: Donic; DHS; TOT; Yinhe; (blue)  
 Umpire's Chair: Raised  
 Umpire's Table: Flip-type on raised chair  
 Asst. Umpire's Table: Donic (black) collapsible chipboard  
 Team Names & Match Score Indicator: Boards with printed country names and flags, and blue boards with white numbers, hung on surrounds



**Other Facilities:**

Hall & Equipment: Good co-operation was received from those responsible and the field of play was kept tidy most of the time.

Communication: ❖ Chest of drawers located in the Call Area, and a notice board located at the entrance to the playing hall. There was an information board at the hotel information desk.  
 ❖ Wifi was available in the venue.

**Competition Programme:**

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 Arrival day for some; Practice; Technical Meeting & Draw for Singles Events; Referee's Briefing for umpires  
 24<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Singles Events; Opening Ceremony; Draw for Team Events  
 25<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Continuation of Singles Events; Team Events  
 26<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Continuation of Team Events  
 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Continuation of Team Events; Awards Ceremonies for Singles and Team Events; Farewell Dinner  
 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Departure of teams & officials

**Competition Hours:**

24<sup>th</sup> July 2015 09:00 ~ 20:30  
 25<sup>th</sup> July 2015 09:30 ~ 19:00  
 26<sup>th</sup> July 2015 09:30 ~ 20:30  
 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015 10:00 ~ 16:00

## Participants:

|            |            |
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| Countries: | 29         |
| Male:      | 111        |
| Female:    | 33         |
| Staff:     | 58         |
| TOTAL      | <u>202</u> |

## Events Contested:

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| Class Singles: | SF2-3; SF4; SF5; SF6-7; SF8; SF9-10; SM1; SM2; SM3; SM4; SM5; SM6; SM7; SM8; SM9; SM10; SM11 |
| Class Teams:   | TF2-5; TF6-8; TF9-10; TM1-2; TM3; TM4; TM5; TM6; TM7; TM8; TM9; TM10; TM11                   |

## Organising Committee:

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| Tournament Director: | Maj. Gen. Osoth Bhavlai |
| Main Contact:        | Narumon Subsri          |

## Officials:

|                   |                    |     |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----|
| TD:               | Cyril Sen          | MAS |
| Referee:          | Chan Cheong-Ki     | HKG |
| Deputy Referee:   | Niwat Semangern    | THA |
|                   | Tan Yin Loo        | SIN |
| Assistant Referee | Chusakal Varayanon | THA |
| Classifier:       | Se To Phui Lin     | MAS |
| Computer:         | Saranya Sarivong   | THA |

Umpires: 49 in total comprising of 2 foreign (HKG = 1, MAS = 1) and 47 local umpires. 11 of the umpires were female. 22 were IUs.



As there was Racket Testing, this number was not enough. However, with the assistance of the 2 volunteers in the RCC, racket testing was conducted.

On the whole, all the umpires carried out their duties satisfactorily, though some of them were not strict in enforcing the service rules.

## Volunteers:

Ball persons: 40 persons were on hand to assist. We were never short. They did a great job and were well managed.



**Liaison:** Every delegation was provided with a liaison person (though some delegations had to share where the delegation was very small). These young volunteers did an excellent job, and this was openly expressed by many of the teams.

**Meetings & Draws:**

The Technical Meeting, chaired by a representative of the Organising Committee, was held at 17:00 hours on 23<sup>rd</sup> July at the “Samorthong” Meeting Room, 3rd Floor, Main Wing, A-One Hotel. This was followed by the draw for the Class Singles.

The good cooperation given by all those present is very much appreciated.



The draw for the Class Teams was conducted at the venue on 24<sup>th</sup> July.

The Referee’s Briefing for umpires was held at 20:00 hours on 23<sup>rd</sup> July in the same room as the Technical Meeting. It was well attended.

**Information, Communication & Results:**

Information and results were communicated via the pigeon holes (chest of drawers) at the Call Area and at the hotel, and notice board at the entrance to the hall.

Notice boards at the hotel were also used to keep teams informed. The liaison personnel were an asset in this area as they assisted in ensuring teams received information issued at short notice.

Besides the above, results were posted on the IPTTC website from time to time.

**Articles on ITTF Website:**

A big thank you to Ian Marshal for the 5 articles published.

[http://www.ittf.com/ front Page/ittf full\\_story1.asp?ID=40632&Category=para&Competition\\_ID=&](http://www.ittf.com/ front Page/ittf full_story1.asp?ID=40632&Category=para&Competition_ID=&)

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**Photography Service:**

Was not available.

**Ceremonies:**

Opening Ceremony: This was held for about 45 minutes at 13:00 hrs on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 3.5 hours after the start of play on the first day. It was well organized with short speeches and an interesting performance by a school marching band.



Awards Ceremonies: The awards ceremonies for the Class Singles and Class Teams events were held together on the last day of play after the conclusion of the competition.



Farewell Dinner: This was held at The Boat, a dining hall in the hotel on the night of the 27<sup>th</sup>. The food was good and there was a live singer. As the official part of the evening started rather late, a reasonable number of the diners had left the hall.



**Evaluation:**

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| Hotel:              | Good to Vey Good |
| Meals:              | Fair             |
| Transport:          | Good to Vey Good |
| Communication:      | Good             |
| Competition Format: | Good             |

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| Volunteers:         | Good to Vey Good |
| Umpires:            | Good             |
| Officials:          | Good to Vey Good |
| General Impression: | good             |

### **Observations and Recommendations:**

- Meals & Refreshments:** ➤ Greater importance needs to be given to how meals are prepared and served in terms of quality and hygiene.
- Venue:** ➤ If a raised platform could be provided for wheelchair spectators (players and public) this would enhance the ability of the wheelchair users to better follow the action on court.  
➤ Lighting: Was insufficient for TV or Streaming. This is one area that could be improved on in the future.
- Publicity:** ➤ Media Officer and Photographer: There were no personnel assigned for this. It is in the interest of the LOC to have their event publicised as much as, and as widely as, possible, but to do this, the right personnel are necessary. For future competitions, the LOC should appoint a photographer cum/and media officer to carry out these important functions.
- Administration:** ➤ Entry Process: It is hoped that for future competitions, all entry forms are endorsed by their national TTAs right from the submission of the First Entry Form, so that the organiser would be able to confirm entries as and when they are submitted.  
➤ It would be more convenient for all if the LOC Operations Office is located at the venue.  
➤ The provision of a mobile phone (sim card) each for the TD and Referee would be to the advantage of all concerned.

**Conclusion:** A number of players expressed their happiness to be at such an event and to have had so many pleasant experiences and memories. This could be said for all, if not the very large majority of all those involved in the competition. The warmth and friendliness of the Thai people were of the highest order.

Despite some short-comings, overall, the event was well organized, and in my opinion, a great success. The choice of Pattaya as the city in which to hold the competition, not only was good for the sport, but also afforded all, especially the foreigners, the opportunity to visit a great beach resort city.

In closing, I take this opportunity to thank all those involved: the LOC for its patience and cooperation; the Referee, his team and the umpires for their dedication and cooperation; and all the volunteers, especially those young liaison officers, for their commitment and support. Thanks too, to the Table Tennis Association of Thailand for the support and assistance given.

Congratulations to all for helping make the 2015 PTT Thailand Open a successful event.

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