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Factor 50
23-31 August 2017
China, Beijing

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
PARA TABLE TENNIS DIVISION

TECHNICAL DELEGATE'S REPORT

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| Name of Tournament: | 2017ITTF PTT Asian Championships |
| Ranking Factor: | 50 |
| Name of the National Association/Organizer: | China Administration of Sports for Persons with Disabilities (CASPD) |
| Name of Chairperson of the Organizing Committee: | Dong Xuemo |
| Venue: | Sports Hall CASPD 321, Tianbei Road, Houshayu Town, Shunyi District, Beijing, P.R.C |
| Dates of play: | 26th ~ 30th August 2017 |
| Name of Technical Delegate: | Cyril SEN (MAS) |
| Name of Deputy TD: | Maria TSIPOU (GRE) |
| Report submitted to ITTF PTTD: | 13 September 2017 |

Airport: Beijing International Capital Airport (PEK) is about a 30-minute drive to the place of accommodation and venue, which is set in a sports complex.
The organisers arranged transport from the airport to the accommodation and back.

Accreditation: Accreditation cards were provided to all teams, officials and volunteers, but all were without photographs. However, this was not found to be a necessity as almost all the people present were those involved in the competition.

Accommodation

This was located in one of the buildings of CASPD. It was comfortable and very suitable for those with disabilities. Wifi was available throughout the hotel, including the rooms.



The
Hotel
Lobby



Bedroom



Bathrooms in bedrooms



Distance between Accommodation and Venue: Both of these are located in the same sports complex, and are about a 5-minute walk apart. Hence, transport was not necessary.

Free wifi service was available in the lobby as well as in the rooms, though that in the rooms could be better.. However, all things related to Google were not accessible.

Meals & Refreshments

- ❖ Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner were at the Dining Hall of the Apartment Building.
- ❖ The quality, quantity and variety of the food was good.



Breakfast : 06:30 ~ 09:00

Lunch : 11:00 ~ 14:00

Dinner : 17:30 ~ 21:00

Transportation

- ❖ The organisers provided suitable transport, including accessible vans and busses, for athletes and officials from the airport to the venue and back to the airport at the end of the championships.



- ❖ As the venue was a short walk from the accommodation, it was not necessary for transport to be provided. However, the organisers did make available an electric car should athletes in Classes 1, 2 and 6 require assistance.



Venue



Venue: CASPD, was fully accessible for wheelchair users. All the facilities and rooms were located in the same building within a short walk of each other. As such, it was very convenient for everyone. Wifi was available throughout the venue.

Competition Hall



Lighting:

Approximately 900 Lux over the tables

No. of Tables:

14 (7 for wheelchair)

Referee and Result Management Tables:

In front of the spectator seating in the middle of the long side of the hall

Spectator Seating:

Elevated terraced seating for about 400 was available on 3 sides of the hall with a good view of the Field of Play. The total space for spectators was more than sufficient.



Practice Hall:

Located about very close to the Competition Hall, 14 tables were made available for practice. However, it would have been better if the lighting was a little brighter.

Call Area:

There were 14 tables, with 7 on each side of a long corridor, located just outside the main hall. It was adequate.



Racket Control Center:

This was not setup as there was no official racket control in this competition.

Medical Services:

The medical service was available round the clock.

During the competition hours: a doctor and nurse were present at the Competition Hall. Although an ambulance was not present, the LOC had a vehicle on standby. The hospital is 2 km away. After competition hours: Room 302 of the Apartment Building.



The service provided by the doctor and nurse was good and appreciated.

Work Rooms:

Technical Delegate & Referee:

A wheelchair accessible room, adjacent to the Competition Hall and equipped with a computer, printer and wifi with sufficient tables and chairs was made available for the use of the TDs and Referees.

Wheelchair Service:

This service was provided by Ottobock personnel, and was available throughout the duration of the competition. It was located at one corner of the competition hall. There were times when the personnel here were kept quite busy.



Classification:

This was conducted in two adjacent squash courts by two teams of classifiers. The squash courts, which served as Massage Rooms during the competition, were located in a large hall close to the competition hall.



Broadcast Area:

To provide the music for the march-ins and to manage the announcements for the events and awards ceremonies, a broadcast center was setup. It was located at one corner of the competition hall next to the wheelchair service area.



Changing/Wash Rooms:

There was one for males and another for females, located close to the competition hall. In each of these rooms there were showers, toilets and washbasins. However, it was noted that there was only one accessible toilet in each of the rooms, whilst there were at least 3 toilets in each for others.

Lounges:

VIP, TD & Referee:

A room next door to the TD/Referee's room was made available for VIPs.

The TDs & Referees had their refreshments, which included snacks, fruits and drinks, served twice a day in their own work room. This was very convenient and much appreciated.

Players & Match Officials:

Snacks, fruits and drinks, served twice a day, were made available to both the players and match officials in a common area in a room adjacent to the Call Area.



Drinking Water:

This was in adequate supply. Teams and officials were provided cartons of bottled drinking water each day.

Sports Equipment:

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| Floor | : | Enlio (Red) |
| Tables | : | Double Happiness T1233 & T1818 (Blue) |
| Balls | : | Double Happiness D40+ (white) |
| Nets | : | Double Happiness (Blue) |
| Surrounds | : | Principally, Double Happiness (Light Blue) |
| Umpire's Table | : | Nil |
| Umpire's Chair | : | Double Happiness High Chair |
| Asst. Umpire's Table | : | Double Happiness (Black) |
| Towel Boxes | : | Double Happiness (Dark Blue) |
| Score Indicators | : | Double Happiness (Black) |
| Team Names & Team Scores | : | |



Competition Programme

Competition Days:

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| 23 rd Aug 2017 | : | Arrival day for some; Practice; Inspection & Preparations |
| 24 th Aug 2017 | : | Arrival day for some; Practice; Classification; Preparations |
| 25 th Aug 2017 | : | Arrival day for some; Practice; Classification; Preparations; Technical Meeting; Opening Ceremony; Referee's Briefing for umpires |
| 26 th Aug 2017 | : | Singles Events |
| 27 th Aug 2017 | : | Singles Events; Draw for Team Events |
| 28 th Aug 2017 | : | Singles Events; Awards Ceremonies for Singles Events; Team Events |
| 29 th Aug 2017 | : | Team Events |
| 30 th Aug 2017 | : | Team Events; Awards Ceremonies for Team Events |
| 31 st Aug 2017 & 1 st Sep 2017 | : | Departure of teams & officials |

Competition Hours:

26th Aug 2017 : 10:00 ~ 19:00
27th Aug 2017 : 10:00 ~ 18:30
28th Aug 2017 : 10:00 ~ 18:30
29th Aug 2017 : 10:00 ~ 18:30
30th Aug 2017 : 10:00 ~ 16:30

Participants

Countries: : 12 (CHN, HKG, IND, IRI, JPN, KAZ, KOR, KUW, MAC, SGP, THA, TPE)
Male: : 131 (Wheelchair: 62)
Female: : 67 (Wheelchair: 28)
TOTAL : 198

Events Contested

Class Singles: SF1-3, SF4, SF5, SF6-7, SF8, SF9, SF10, SF11
SM1, SM2, SM3, SM4, SM5, SM6, SM7, SM8, SM9, SM10, SM11
Class Teams: TF1-3, TF4-5, TF6-8, TF9, TF10, TF11
TM1-2, TM3, TM4, TM5, TM6-7, TM8, TM9, TM10, TM11

Organising Committee

Deputy Director General, CASPD : Dong Xuemo
Tournament Director / Event Manager: WANG Lei
Main Contact: Ms. Tracy Oh
Photographers: Iris Cui
Competition Reporters: Ms. Mary Mao
Ms. Yue Xinke

Match Officials

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| TD: | Cyril SEN | MAS |
| Deputy TD: | Maria TSIPOU | GRE |
| Referee: | ZHANG Yingqiu | CHN |
| Deputy Referees: | Cindy LEUNG | HKG |
| | Christabel KOH Jun-Li | SGP |
| Classifiers: | Juraj STEFAK | SVK |
| | Sheng Kuang WU | TPE |
| | Pablo PEREZ | ESP |
| | SE TO Phui Lin | MAS |
| | Attarit SRINKAPAIBULAYA | THA |
| Computer Operator: | ZHU Xiaorui | CHN |
| Evaluator: | Christain DAVID | FRA |

Match Officials:

42 International Umpires, including 11 IUs from 7 overseas countries, officiated in this competition. The standard of umpiring was good for some and fair for others.



Volunteers

Ball Persons:

Always more than enough were present and they were efficient and well disciplined. Their quiet contribution was most welcome.



Liaison:

Though individual liaison personnel were not provided to each team, there was a pool of volunteers who performed this function besides carrying out other volunteer work. They did a fine job.



Meetings

Technical Meeting:

This was conducted on 25th August from 15:00 to 15:45 hours in the Meeting Room (Auditorium) of the Apartment Building. The meeting was opened by Mr. GAO Wei, Deputy Director of Competition and Training Department, CASPD. It was well attended and the good cooperation given by all those present is very much appreciated.

Referee's Briefing:

The briefing, which was held on 25th August in the Meeting Room (Auditorium) of the Apartment Building, began at 20:00 hours and ended with a familiarisation tour of the Field of Play and other related areas.



Classification Seminar – Level A:

The seminar was held on the 2nd Floor of the Office Building of the CASPD on 23rd & 24th August. A team of 5 classifiers led by Pablo Perez (ESP) and Juraj Stefak (SVK) and assisted by the other 3 classifiers, conducted the seminar which was attended by 8 participants from a number of countries.



Information, Communication & Results

❖ An information desk was set up at the competition venue and the accommodation lobby.

❖ Information and results were communicated via the pigeon holes located in the competition hall. Besides this, results were posted on the wall behind the pigeon holes.



❖ There was also an information board at the lobby of the hotel.

❖ Twice a day, the 'Live Results' were updated on the IPTTC website.

Photographer & Reporter: Although we did not have the services of any professionals, we are grateful for the work done by the volunteers who tried their best and did produce some commendable results.

Live Streaming: This was conducted for Tables 1 & 8 (tables opposite each other), but it was for local consumption only.

ITTF Website Articles: We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ian Marshal for the following articles he published:

25th August <https://www.ittf.com/2017/08/25/titles-defended-seeking-repeat-amman-success-beijing/>

26th August <https://www.ittf.com/2017/08/26/prominent-names-make-intentions-clear/>

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| 27 th August | https://www.ittf.com/2017/08/27/top-prize-beijing-paralympic-games-not-city-nine-years-later/ https://www.ittf.com/2017/08/27/medals-guaranteed-leading-names-colour-unknown/ https://www.ittf.com/2017/08/27/surprise-names-contention-highest-rated-untroubled/ |
| 28 th August | https://www.ittf.com/2017/08/28/golden-day-china-six-titles-secured/ https://www.ittf.com/2017/08/28/rio-gold-medallist-shock-defeat-cao-ningning/ https://www.ittf.com/2017/08/28/top-seeds-assert-authority-experience-counts/ |
| 29 th August | https://www.ittf.com/2017/08/29/rio-gold-medallists-course-repeat-success/ https://www.ittf.com/2017/08/29/adversaries-previous-day-unison-one-day-later/ |
| 30 th August | https://www.ittf.com/2017/08/30/korean-extracts-revenge-reverses-rio-finish/ https://www.ittf.com/2017/08/30/one-day-earlier-repeated-chinese-trio-upsets-seeding/ https://www.ittf.com/2017/08/30/titles-leading-chinese-names-add-collection/ |

Ceremonies

Awards Ceremonies:



Singles Events:

This was held in the Venue immediately after the completion of the Class Singles Events on the 28th, the 3rd day of competition.



Team Events:

This was held in the Venue immediately after the completion of the Class Team Events on the 30th, the last day of competition.



Evaluation

| | | Survey Results (% of sum total of V.Good & Good) |
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| Information | Accreditation Procedure | 67 |
| | Prospectus / Website | 70 |
| | Timetable | 78 |
| | Internet Services | 56 |
| Sports Hall | Flooring | 89 |
| | Lighting | 85 |
| | Heating / Air Condition | 78 |
| | Cleanliness | 70 |
| | Accessible toilets | 67 |
| | Meals / Refreshments | 67 |
| | Practice Hall | 59 |
| | Changing rooms | 52 |
| | Massage room | 52 |
| | Gluing room | 48 |
| | Awards ceremonies | 63 |
| | Farewell party | NA |
| Hotel : CASPD | Accommodation | 67 |
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| | Accessibility - Room | 74 |
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| Human Resources | Technical Delegate | 74 |
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| | Classifiers | 70 |
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| | Secretarial staff | : | 70 |
| | Medical Services | : | 78 |
| | Ball-persons | : | 63 |
| | Volunteers | : | 93 |
| Transportation | | : | |
| | Transfer Airport / Hotel | : | 63 |
| | Transfer Hotel / Sport Hall | : | 74 |

Observations and Recommendations

- Wifi** : ➤ To improve the quality of the wifi in the hotel rooms.
➤ With the need to use Dropbox, etc., to consider providing the TD with a VPN facility
- Meals & Refreshments** : ➤ It would be good to have some foods cooked in a style other than Chinese to cater for the multicultural athletes and officials
- Transportation** : ➤ A number of officials and teams had difficulty finding the meet-and-greet personnel at the airport. For the future, it is recommended that the meet-and-greet persons have a prominent display board which is visible as soon as a person exits the arrival hall.
- Venue** : ➤ It is hoped that the plan to increase the number of accessible toilets to at least two in each washroom will be implemented soon.
- Photography** : ➤ It is necessary that greater attention is paid to the ability to produce high quality close-ups of players in action.
- Classification** : ➤ As this was conducted in squash courts with glass walls, it is recommended that screens be provided to maintain the need for privacy from those assisting the classifiers but who are not classifiers themselves.
- ITTF PTTC** : ➤ Some countries have requested that the Directives be amended to allow for the award of one Bronze medal in an event where there are 4 players / teams (similar to that where there are 5 players/teams). It is said that this would encourage more players to participate in the events where the number of athletes is small.

Conclusion

Overall, the event was well organized, and in my opinion, a great success.

The lack of more spectators could be attributed to the location of the venue which is fairly distant from the city. However, the good facilities for athletes with a disability allowed the athletes and officials to give their best and to enjoy the championships.

In closing, I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those involved: the LOC for its patience and cooperation, especially Mr. Dong and Ms. Tracy; the Referee and her team; the umpires for their dedication and cooperation; and all the volunteers, for their commitment and support.

Thanks too, to the CASPD, CTTA and NPC China for the support and assistance given.

Finally, a note of appreciation to Deputy TD, Maria, for her invaluable assistance and cooperation.

Congratulations to all for helping make the 2017 ITTF PTT Asian Championships a successful event.

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