



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION PARA TABLE TENNIS DIVISION

TECHNICAL DELEGATE'S REPORT

Name of Tournament:	2018 ITTF Para Table Tennis Indonesia Open
Ranking Factor:	Factor 20
Name of the National Association/Organizer:	NPC of Indonesia in conjunction with the Indonesian Asian Para Games Organising Committee (INAPGOC) and the Indonesia Table Tennis Association
Name of Chairperson of the Organizing Committee:	Mr. Taufik Yudi Mulyanto
Venue:	Gelora Bung Karno Training Arena, Senayan, Jakarta
Dates of play:	29th June to 3rd July 2018
Name of Technical Delegate:	Cyril SEN (MAS)
Report submitted to ITTF PTTD:	13 July 2018

Airport:

Soekarno–Hatta International Airport, Jakarta (CGK), the main airport of arrival for all foreign participants is approximately 30km from either the venue or the Athletes' Village, the place of accommodation for the teams.

To avoid long travel times because of the traffic jams, a common happening in Jakarta, police out-riders were used very effectively.

There were many volunteers at the airport to meet and greet all participants. The service provided was very good.

Accreditation:

Accreditation cards were provided to all teams, officials and volunteers. The implementation of the accreditation system was effectively applied in the Village but could have been better at the venue if it was possible to separate the access areas, but because of the set-up, this was not possible.

Accommodation:

Accommodation was provided at three different locations, as follows:

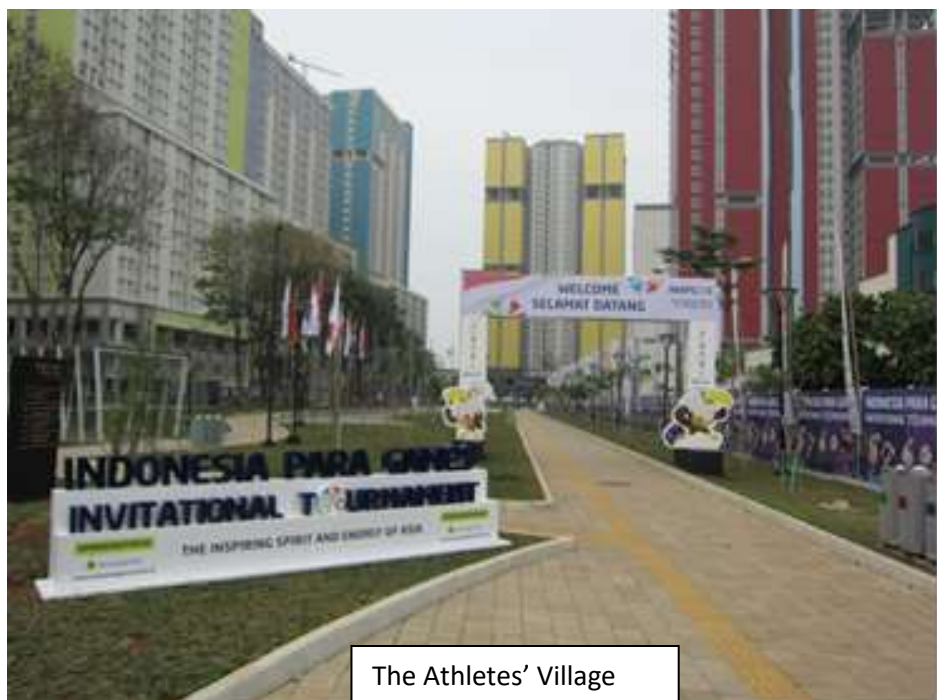
1. Teams, NTOs and Volunteers at the Athletes' Village
2. ITOs at the Sultan Hotel
3. Technical Delegate, Classifiers and some others at Mulia Hotel, a 4-minute walk from the venue.

1. Athletes' Village

Located in Kemayan, Jakarta, this Village is comprised of 7 towers which will be used for both, the 2018 Asian Games and 2018 Asian Para Games. For this event, which was also a Test Event with 4 other sports, Tower 7 was used for the accommodation of the Teams and NTOs, and Tower 6 was used for meals.

In Tower 7, Levels 4 to 10 had accessible facilities and apartments. Levels 1 to 3 were public areas.

Free wifi service was fairly available throughout the Towers.



The Athletes' Village

Tower 7



Accessible Apartment with a room with 2 single beds and a room with one single bed



Accessible Attached Bathroom cum Toilet

Tower 6



Athletes' Dining Area



NTOs and others Dining Area

Sultan Hotel

This hotel is about 15 minutes by car from the venue. A 4 star hotel, it is well appointed and proved to be comfortable for the ITOs. Free wifi service was available in the lobby as well as in the rooms.



Lobby



Dining



Bedroom



Attached Bathroom cum Toilet

Meals & Refreshments:

- ❖ Breakfast, lunch and dinner were at the Athlete’s Village and hotels, respectively. The meals were of good quality with a fairly good spread at both the Village and the Hotels.
- ❖ For those who made an early request, lunch was at the venue by way of box meals. This arrangement also applied for dinner, if requested.
- ❖ On most of the days, the lunch boxes did not come at the expected time but were late.
- ❖ Snack boxes with good snacks were provided upon request, but the choice of food did not lend itself to remaining fresh for a sufficient length of time.
- ❖ There was adequate space and facilities for wheelchair users, who were assisted by the volunteers as and when required.
- ❖ Drinking water was available for all at the venue.
- ❖ Drinking water and orange juice was also made available for all athletes and NTOs at the venue and Village. ITOs were permitted to use the VIP lounge.
- ❖ At the village, food was available at all hours except between 22:00 and 05:00
- ❖ At the hotel the meal times were as follows:

Breakfast	:	06:30 ~ 09:30
Lunch	:	12:00 ~ 14:30
Dinner	:	19:00 ~ 22:00

Transportation:

- ❖ Transport between airport and hotel and vice versa was well organized.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Three types of vehicles were used for transport to and from the airport, and also for the shuttle services to and from the venue, viz. Hi-Ace Vans, Low Deck and High Deck buses, all of which were equipped to carry both wheelchair and standing persons.
- ❖ On practice days, a shuttle service for both wheelchair and non-wheelchair users was made available.
- ❖ On competition days, the shuttle service was at half-hour intervals in the early morning and at one-hour intervals thereafter.
- ❖ Besides the above, a van was available for use by team officials in the event of urgent need.
- ❖ As this was a Test Event, transport from the Village had the benefit of police out-riders, thus making the travel time not more than 30 minutes.



Transport at the Village



Transport at the Venue



Venue:

Gelora Bung Karno Training Arena, Senayan, Jakarta

An accessible venue with 8 Levels, with 3 floors having a playing area for 2 basketball courts each. All around the 8 levels are located multiple multipurpose rooms, open spaces, and able bodied and accessible toilets and wash rooms. The Practice Hall was on the 1st Level, the Wheelchair competition was on Level 5 and the Standing competition was on Level 8. Conducting the competition on 2 different levels proved a challenge, but one that was well met by one and all.



Competition Halls:



Level 5



Level 8

Lighting : Approximately 900 Lux over the tables

No. of Tables : 8 on each Level

Referee and Result Management Tables : Beside the spectator seating in the middle of the long side of the hall for both Levels

Spectator Seating:

Spaces and seats were provided along the walls on the long sides of the Halls. Though the seating was limited, it proved to be sufficient for the number of spectators and athletes who attended the competition.



Practice Hall:

Located at Level 1 as the athletes entered the venue, this hall had a wooden floor laid on concrete.

Although there were many pillars in the hall, it was large enough to hold 12 wheelchair-compatible tables.



Call Areas:

There was one at each Level located in the open spaces outside the FoP. As there were only 8 tables per Level, the space available for the Call Areas were manageable but a little tight.



Level 5



Level 8

Racket Control Centers:

There was one located right next to the Call Area on each floor. We were fortunate that the NPC INA was able to provide two complete sets of equipment, including the minRaes.



Lighting:

The organisers made great efforts to improve the lighting in the FoPs, such that the readings over the tables ranged from about 900 to 950 lux. Additional rows of lighting were added to both the FoPs. The lighting in the Practice Hall was about 500 lux and was sufficient for the purpose.

Competition Management Table:

Though there were no elevated platforms, sufficient tables and workspaces were provided on one side of each of the playing halls. Wifi connectivity was good most of the time.



Medical:

It was good to see that, throughout the competition, medical staff were on stand-by whilst an ambulance was available at the venue. At least one medical doctor was present at all times.

Doping Control:

Doping control was carried out at random during the competition.

Sports Equipment:

Floor	:	Trifloor (purple colour)
Tables	:	Stiga Premium Compact (ITTF Approved)
Balls	:	Nittaku Premium 40+ *** white
Nets	:	Stiga Premium VM
Surrounds	:	Shiamiq
Umpires' Chairs	:	Shiamiq
Asst. Umpires' Tables with Towel Boxes	:	Shiamiq
Team Names & Match Score Indicators	:	Electronic Display



Work Rooms: Technical Delegate & Referee:

A wheelchair accessible room, adjacent to the Competition Hall at Level 5 and equipped with a computer, printer and wifi with sufficient tables and chairs, was made available for the use of the TD and Referee Team.

Wheelchair Service:

This service was provided by experienced personnel, and was available throughout the duration of the competition.

It was located at Level 5 and also provided space for storage.

There were times when the personnel here were kept quite busy

Classification:

This was conducted in a room which was later converted to the physiotherapy room.

Broadcast Area:

This was available for 2 purposes: broadcasts within the FoP, and broadcast for the live TV that was being transmitted for the people in Indonesia.

To provide the music for the march-ins and to manage the announcements for the events and awards ceremonies, a broadcast center was setup at one end of the competition hall. It was good to have the services of professional announcers.

For the TV and live streaming audiences, a broadcast center was set up in one of the rooms on Level 5.



Lounges:

There were lounges for VIPs, Athletes, Media and Match Officials. Though the VIP lounge was adequate, the other lounges could have been better if some fruits, coffee and tea were provided.



Change / Wash Rooms:

Change rooms (male & female): accessible and for able bodied use are located adjacent to the male and female wash rooms / toilets at each floor. Wash rooms / toilets (male & female): accessible and for able bodied use were located at each floor.



Competition Programme:

29 th June 2018	Arrival day for some; Classification; Practice
30 th June 2018	Arrival day for some; Classification; Practice Referee's Briefing for umpires; Technical Meeting
1 st July 2018	Start of Singles Events Draw for Team Events
2 nd July 2018	Continuation of Singles Events Start of Team Events
3 rd July 2018	Continuation of Team Events Awards Ceremonies for Singles and Team Events
4 th July 2018	Departure of teams & officials

Competition Hours:

1 st July 2018	09:30 ~ 18:30
2 nd July 2018	09:30 ~ 18:40
3 rd July 2018	09:30 ~ 15:30

Participants:

Countries:	13 (GER, HKG, INA, IND, IRI, JPN, KAZ, KOR, MAS, NED, SGP, THA, TPE)
Male:	105
Female:	35
Staff:	52
TOTAL	<u>192</u>

Events Contested:

Class Singles:	SF2-3; SF4-5; SF6-8; SF9; SF10; SF11 SM1; SM2; SM3; SM4; SM5; SM6; SM7; SM8; SM9; SM10; SM11
Class Teams:	TF2-5; TF6-8; TF9-10 TM1-2; TM3, TM4; TM5; TM6-7; TM8; TM9; TM10; TM11

Organising Committee:

Tournament Director:	Rima Ferdianto
Main Contact:	Rima Ferdianto

Match Officials:

TD:	Cyril SEN	MAS
Referee:	CHUNG Li-Chuan	TPE
Deputy Referee:	WU Fei	CHN
	LO Mun Ho	HKG
	THADE Charndrakiran	IND
	PARK In Sook	KOR
Asst. Referee:	Syamsu Saputro	INA
Classifier:	Sharad PANDIT	AUS
	ZHI Yi Ching	TPE
Computer:	Lizwardi SH	INA
	Agung Ramadhan	INA

Umpires: 55 in total comprising of 7 IUs, 2 of whom were from HKG and the other 5 from INA, and another 47 NUs from INA. There were too few foreign umpires.

On the whole, all the umpires carried out their duties satisfactorily, though many of the local umpires lacked experience and exposure.



Volunteers:

Ball persons: Sufficient numbers of persons were on hand to assist. We were never short. They did a good job and were well managed.



Liaison: Every delegation was provided with a liaison person, even though some delegations were small. These young volunteers did an excellent job, and this was openly expressed by many of the teams. In the feedback survey: they received an excellent score!



Meetings

Referee's Briefing for Umpires

This was held at 10:00 hours on 30th June in a Meeting Room at the Venue. It was well attended. More seating should have been provided for the comfort of everyone.

Technical Meeting

This was conducted on 30th June, beginning at 19:00 hours in the Meeting Room of the Swiss-Belinn Kemayoran, a hotel fairly close to the Athletes' Village. With the exception of one country, it was well attended by the participating nations and the organisers. The good cooperation given by all those present is very much appreciated.

Information, Communication & Results:

Information and results were communicated via the pigeon holes located in the Practice Hall, and on Notice Boards at the Venue Lobby and at each of the Call Areas.



- ❖ Besides the above, results were posted on the IPTTC website from time to time.
- ❖ Wifi was available in the venue

Media:

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

- <https://www.ittf.com/2018/07/02/kelly-van-zon-sets-example-successful-opening-day-leading-names/>
- <https://www.ittf.com/2018/07/02/winners-highest-honour-make-successful-starts/>
- <https://www.ittf.com/2018/07/03/experience-counts-prominent-names-secure-titles/>
- <https://www.ittf.com/2018/07/03/landmark-win-natthawut-thinathet/>
- <https://www.ittf.com/2018/07/03/leading-outfits-prominent-surprise-winners-emerge/>

Though we were supposed to have the services of a photographer, and 2 volunteers as part of the interview team, this did not materialize until the 11th hour on the last day.

There was live streaming / tv broadcasts by the Indonesian TV station. As the live telecasts were from one table only and play was on two floors, only wheelchair matches were telecast.

The press was seen from time to time.

Ceremonies:

There were no Opening or Closing Ceremonies, but there was something different in this tournament. Before the start of the morning and afternoon sessions on each day, there was a short dance presentation by a troupe dressed in traditional clothes. Perhaps prior information and agreement with the TD and Referee could have helped increase the impact of the presentations.



Awards Ceremonies:

It was originally planned to have the Awards Ceremonies separately after the Singles competition and the Team competition, respectively. However, due to some difficulties, it was decided to have both ceremonies on the last day after the Team competition.

For the Singles Awards Ceremony, flags were raised and the national anthem of the gold medalist was played.

For the Team Awards Ceremony, flags were displayed on the overhead LCD screen.

Though it took two hours to complete the awards ceremonies, the athletes, volunteers and organisers must be commended for their patience and cooperation to see it all to a successful conclusion.



Basic Umpires' Course:

Working with the Indonesia NPC, INAPGOC and the ITTA, the TD conducted a 2-day ITTF Certified Basic Umpires (CBU) Course for 29 local umpires. 12 of the participants passed the CBU exam and were awarded certificates. There was much enthusiasm to learn and it is thought that the conducting of this course did go a long way to assist the umpires in their preparations for the competition.



Evaluation:

Survey Results
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Information	Accreditation Procedure	:	82
	Prospectus / Website	:	73
	Timetable	:	64
	Internet Services	:	36
Sports Hall	Flooring	:	77
	Lighting	:	68
	Heating / Air Condition	:	82
	Cleanliness	:	68
	Accessible toilets	:	68
	Meals / Refreshments	:	36
	Practice Hall	:	50
	Changing rooms	:	50
	Massage room	:	32
	Gluing room	:	41
	Awards ceremonies	:	59
	Farewell party	:	NA
Hotel : Athletes' Village	Accommodation	:	50
	Lobby	:	77
	Accessibility - Room	:	45
	Accessibility - Bathroom	:	55
	Meals	:	59
Human Resources	Technical Delegate	:	82
	Referees	:	68
	Classifiers	:	68
	Umpires	:	68
	Racket testers	:	55
	Secretarial staff	:	64
	Medical Services	:	59
	Ball-persons	:	68
	Volunteers	:	100
Transportation		:	
	Transfer Airport / Hotel	:	73
	Transfer Hotel / Sport Hall	:	82

Observations and Recommendations:

- Accommodation** : ➤ Wheelchair athletes found some difficulty moving between floors in the Village because of insufficient accessible lifts. This is expected to be resolved once the new lifts are commissioned in time for the Asian Games in September.
- To shorten the distance between the pick-up/drop-off point and the Tower of residence. The current distance athletes are required to walk/use the wheelchair can be rather taxing on them.
- Venue:** : ➤ Having the competition on two levels forced the separation of athletes and posed a challenge for the Match Officials and teams. The use of a hall large enough to hold all the competition tables and at one level would be desirable.
- Larger Call Areas would be more comfortable for all.
- Lighting:** ➤ Though it was bright enough, there were places where there was ingress of daylight. To ensure that such areas are blocked off.
- Meals & Refreshments at the Venue:** ➤ To ensure that meals are delivered on time so as not to inconvenience both athletes and officials.
- It would be good to provide fruits and biscuits, besides light drinks in the athletes' and officials' lounges.
- The choice of food/snacks should be such as to remain fresh for the expected length of time.
- Match Officials:** ➤ Foreign Umpires: Greater effort should be made by the LOC to invite more foreign umpires, not only to meet the requirements of the Directives, but also to ensure greater "neutrality" during the competition. Having more competent foreign IUs will also help in the learning curve of the local umpires.
- Ceremonies & Presentations:** ➤ Prior information and agreement with the TD is necessary so as to ensure the competition and activities are well coordinated and run smoothly.
- Publicity:** ➤ Media Officer and Photographer: There were no professional / semi-professional 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 throughout the world, 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.

Conclusion

As this was also a Test Event for the coming Asian Para Games (APG), the activities and parties involved were many, and the demands and expectations were high.

Despite some short-comings, overall, the event was well organized, and in my opinion, a great success. I am certain that the lessons learnt will augur well for the future of Para Table Tennis in Indonesia, not just in the APG, but in all future competitions.

In closing, I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those involved: INAPGOC for its strong support, patience and cooperation; the Referee and her team; the umpires for their dedication and cooperation; and all the volunteers for their excellent commitment and support.

Thanks too, to the NPC Indonesia and the Indonesia Table Tennis Association for the support and assistance given.

Congratulations to all for helping make the 2018 ITTF Para Table Tennis Indonesia Open a success.

Cyril SEN
Technical Delegate