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Singapore Swimming Name Gary Tan as Assistant Coach

SINGAPORE, 8 December 2014 – Singapore Swimming Association (SSA) today announced that Gary Tan has been hired as assistant coach to the newly appointed head coach Sergio Lopez.

Gary joins Singapore Swimming on a full-time basis and will begin his tenure on 1 January 2015. Gary is no stranger to the national team setup as he has had previous experiences as Head Coach for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games Team and the 2008 World Youth Swimming Championships Team.

He was also part of the national coaching team for the 2014 Asian Games, 2009/2013 Southeast Asian Games and the 2009/2012 World Swimming Championships.

“I am looking forward to work with Lopez in this new challenge. It is also a great opportunity for me to learn from one of the best coaches in the world and I am truly grateful for the trust that Singapore Swimming has in me to allow me to immerse myself in a role which I see providing many future benefits, particularly in areas of high performance,” said the 32-year-old.

Prior to joining Singapore Swimming, Gary was a senior coach with Swimfast Aquatic Club and a Business Director with Swim Lab. His role involves coaching elite swimmers for the Southeast Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and the Olympic Games. He has produced the likes of Olympian Quah Ting Wen and Quah Zheng Wen, and multiple Southeast Asian Games gold medalist, Rainer Ng and Darren Lim.

Graduating from Brigham Young University with a bachelor’s degree in General Psychology, Gary is also an accredited NCAP level 2 coach and was a former national swimmer having represented Singapore in the 2000/2004 Olympic Games, 2002/2006 Asian Games, 2006 Commonwealth Games and the 1997/1999/2001/2003/2005 Southeast Asian Games in which he won 6 relay gold, 8 individual silver and 6 individual bronze medals.

SSA Vice-President (Swimming), Joscelyn Yeo, welcomed Gary’s appointment.

“We are delighted to have Gary join the National Team setup. He represents a new breed of swimming coaches and he has all the elements to help steer some of the best young swimmers in the country,” she said.

“Gary’s professional swimming background certainly helps as he knows what it takes to make it to the top.”



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