



STATEMENT OF CONDOLENCE

Eric Yeo Oon Tat

Singapore Swimming Association (SSA) is saddened by the loss of Eric Yeo Oon Tat, former national swimmer and waterpolo player who passed away on 15 March 2015.

“Eric’s passing is a loss to the swimming community, as he was a highly motivated sportsman and an inspiration to many pioneering athletes around him,” said Mr Lee Kok Choy, President of SSA.

Mr Lee also extends his condolences to Eric’s family and friends.

Eric and his teammates from Raffles Institution – Barry, Keith and Derek Mitchell, Voon Let Chai, Chan Thai Ho and Tan Eng Liang, reigned the local swimming scene in the 1950s. Later, he went to becoming the first Malayan swimmer since 1953 to clock under 60 seconds (58.7secs) for 100m Freestyle Men at the Chinese Swimming Club Championships.

Despite having won three medals at the South East Asian Peninsular (SEAP) Games in 1961, he is better known as a waterpolo player. He represented Singapore in the Olympics in 1956, South East Asian Peninsular (SEAP) Games for waterpolo in 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971 and 1973 and also at the Asian Games.

After his retirement, in 1995, he succeeded his former teammate Tan Eng Bock as the coach of the Singaporean water polo team. He later functioned as the vice-president for water polo with the Singapore Swimming Association.

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