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MR. SERIK KONAKBAYEV

WELCOMED HIS EXCELLENCY SHEIKH AHMAD AL FAHAD AL SABAH IN ASTANA

The President of the Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC) and Vice President of the International Boxing Association (AIBA) Mr. Serik Konakbayev welcomed the President of the Olympic Council of Asia his Excellency Mr. Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah in Astana, Kazakhstan in an important protocol meeting.

Kazakhstan separated from the Soviet Union in the beginning of the '90s and the National Olympic Committee is celebrating its 25th Anniversary. Important guests from International Sport Federations and National Olympic Committees arrived from several part of the world to celebrate Kazakhstan's anniversary in Astana.





PRESIDENT OF INDIA BOXING FEDERATION MR. AJAY SINGH APPOINTED AS ASBC EC MEMBER

President of India Boxing Federation Mr. Ajay Singh was appointed as Executive Committee member of the Asian Boxing Confederation. The candidacy of the Indian President was supported by ASBC President Mr. Serik Konakbayev and all the other ASBC Executive Committee members.

India Boxing Federation elected new President and Board members in Mumbai last October which was a new step in the country to find the way back to their successes. The new era in India's boxing life began after these important elections in the country where the number of the registered boxers are more than 50,000.

Mr. Ajay Singh of Uttarakhand became the new President in the India Boxing Federation winning the elections by large margin of

difference receiving 49 votes in Mumbai. The 51-year-old Mr. Singh is the Chairman and Managing Director of the Spicejet Airlines and has got great leadership experiences in India. India had three qualified boxers in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games but Shiva Thapa, Manoj Kumar and Vikas Krishan Yadav failed to get any medals in Brazil. India has got great future potential in boxing, the level of their coaches, R&Js, junior and youth boxers are also world class therefore

the new management of the country are expecting top results in the upcoming AIBA and ASBC championships. India hosted the AIBA Commission Meetings in February and planning to welcome all boxers in the AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships in the country in November. India will have the great possibility in our sport to take medals in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games which is also an excellent opportunity for all Asian countries.

MR. SERIK KONAKBAYEV AND ASBC

CONGRATULATE TO THE ELECTED PRESIDENTS IN MONGOLIA AND TURKMENISTAN

The President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and AIBA Vice-President Mr. Serik Konakbayev, furthermore the management of the Asian Boxing Confederation congratulate to the re-elected President of the Mongolian Boxing Federation to Mr. Bat-Erdene Dashdembarel and to the new President of the Boxing Federation of Turkmenistan Mr. Muhammetgeldi Yusupov.

Mongolia is a top Asian boxing nation, their boxers claimed medals in the recent three Olympic Games and competed successfully in the AIBA and ASBC championships. Another Central Asian boxing power Turkmenistan also developed well in the recent years, their talents won medals in the last edition of the Asian Games and in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.





MR. SERIK KONAKBAYEV

APPOINTED
MR. MOHAMED
KAMEL SHBIB AS
ACTING CHAIR-
MAN OF THE
ASBC REFEREEING
& JUDGING COM-
MISSION

The President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and Vice President of the International Boxing Association Mr. Serik Konakbayev appointed Mr. Mohamed Kamel Shbib of Syria as Acting Chairman of the ASBC Refereeing & Judging Commission today.

Mr. Mohamed Kamel Shbib has got 30 years of experiences in the international boxing competitions as official therefore the work of the Asian Boxing Confederation's Refereeing & Judging Commission will be handling in high level. Mr. Mohamed Kamel Shbib was also the Supervisor of several international boxing events including the 2016 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Pavlodar.

The next meeting of the Asian Boxing Confederation's Refereeing & Judging Commission will be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on May 4. The meeting will be taking place in the rest day of the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships.

MR. SERIK SAPIYEV

IS THE NEW
MEMBER
OF THE KAZAKH
PARLIAMENT

Kazakhstan's boxing icon London 2012 Olympic Champion, two-time AIBA World Champion and two-time Asian Games winner Mr. Serik Sapiyev is the new member of the Kazakh Parliament which is the next success for the sportsman out of the ring. Mr. Serik Sapiyev will be joining to the work of the Lower House of the Kazakh Parliament which is the first step in his political ambitions.

Mr. Serik Sapiyev finished his boxing career after the London 2012 Olympic Games at the age of 29 and following his success the training centre in Karagandy was named after him onto Serik Sapiyev Sports Complex. The 34-year-old former star boxer is the Manager of the Astana Arlans Kazakhstan franchise in the World Series of Boxing and he is also member in the AIBA Athletes & Youth Commission.





SUCCESSFUL COORDINATION VISIT

IN THE VENUE OF THE ASBC ASIAN CONFEDERATION BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Executive Director of the Asian Boxing Confederation Mr. Bagdaulet Turekhanov has done the important coordination visit in the venue of the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships which will be holding from April 27 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan where record number of boxers is expecting to take part.

Mr. Bagdaulet Turekhanov visited the main venue of the ASBC Asian Confederation Continental Championships

in Tashkent and discussed the final schedule of the competition and details of the opening ceremony with the

Supervisor of the championships India's Mr. Kishen Narsi, AIBA Competition Coordinator Ms. Ksenia Em and AIBA

TV & Event Coordinator Mr. Leonard Patrelle. The delegation visited all hotels where the AIBA/ASBC officials, ITOs, Referees & Judges, coaches, athletes and accredited media members will be accommodated in Tashkent. The delegation had negotiations with all important members of the Uzbekistan Boxing Federation during the Coordination visit. The venue of the competition is

the Uzbekistan Sport Complex which is perfect for such a huge boxing event as the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships where the number of the seats, the lighting, the services and the whole environment could be delivered a remarkable competition next month.

The registrations to the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships are open and several of our developing

Asian nations such as Afghanistan, Bhutan, Macau, Malaysia, Nepal, Lebanon, Qatar and Sri Lanka are also planning to send teams to Tashkent.

The ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships will be also the lone qualification event for the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships which will be taking place in August 25 – September 4.



REGIST- RATIONS

ARE FINALIZED FOR THE ASBC ASIAN CONFEDERATION BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The registrations for the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships for the AIBA Database were open only until March 30. The AIBA Database of the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships won't be approving any late registrations for the most important Asian continental event of the year.

The upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships will be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from April 27 until May 8. Boxers who were born between 1977 and 1998 are eligible to box in the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent. Tashkent welcomed the men's elite boxers in the 1995 and in the 1999 editions of the Asian Boxing Championships and the event will be returning to the city after 18 years.

The ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships will be the lone qualification event for the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships. Asia has got 60 quota places for the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships, six in each weight classes. The best six boxers from the light flyweight (49kg) up to the super heavyweight (+91kg) will be qualified for the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships.



THE UZBEK TIGERS

DEFEATED ASTANA ARLANS KAZAKHSTAN IN THE WEEK 9 OF THE WSB IN TASHKENT

The Season VII in the World Series of Boxing continued with four superb matches over the weekend and our three Asian teams have also attended on Week 9. The Uzbek Tigers defeated the leader of the Asian group Astana Arlans Kazakhstan 4-1 in Tashkent while China Dragons lost to the Russia's Patriot Boxing Team in Kazan.

PATRIOT BOXING TEAM VS. CHINA DRAGONS 5-0

China Dragons was the third Asian franchise in action on Week 9 but their boxers lost all of their contests against Russia's Patriot Boxing Team in the Martial Arts Palace in Kazan. The Chinese franchise had a lucky triumph over their Uzbek rivals in the first week of Season VII and after their fourth loss the team

is No.4 in the Asian Group now. Among their boxers He Junjun did nice things in the ring against his Russian rival at the light flyweight (49kg) but he was not able to keep the same standard in the five rounds. Meng Caicheng, who defeated a strong Ukrainian boxer in Season VI of the World Series of Boxing, was near to

beat his Russian rival, Aleksey Mazur and lost only by split decision in their light welterweight (64kg) contest in Kazan. Guo Jin, who is China's new heavyweight (91kg) talent, exceeded the expectations and fought bravely against Russia's Rio 2016 Olympic Champion and AIBA World Champion Evgeny Tishchenko.

UZBEK TIGERS VS. ASTANA ARLANS KAZAKHSTAN 4-1

Two-time WSB Team Champion Astana Arlans Kazakhstan won all of their four WSB matches in the difficult Asian Group and had to meet with the Uzbek Tigers this weekend in Tashkent. The Uzbeks won the first three matches and only Astana Arlans Kazakhstan's Anton Pinchuk was able to beat his rival while Olympic Champion Hasanboy Dusmatov was the last one in action in the evening therefore the Uzbek Tigers won the encounter 4-1.

Uzbekistan's Rio 2016 Olympic Champion Hasanboy Dusmatov returned to the boxing world four weeks ago and after his strong preparation he dominated his 12th WSB bout against Russia's Baku 2015 European Games

winner Bator Sagaliev. The Uzbek star continued his winning path against Astana Arlans Kazakhstan's ASBC Asian Champion Temirtas Zhussupov and Dusmatov won their re-match with his speed.

Uzbekistan's new bantamweight (56kg) hero Abdulkhay Sharakhmatov also continued his amazing winning path in the WSB where his record is now 6-0 after his contest against Astana Arlans Kazakhstan's Incheon 2014 Asian Games winner Ilyas Suleimenov. Uzbekistan's Doha 2015 AIBA World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Elnur Abduraimov returned after his injuries but his stamina was enough to

beat Astana Arlans Kazakhstan's newcomer in Season VII, Dilmurat Mizhitov.

Uzbekistan's middleweight (75kg) No.1 Incheon 2014 Asian Games silver medallist Israil Madrimov won all of his contests in 2016 and he amazed the local crowd with his strong performance against Saparbay Aidarov which was his second WSB success in Season VII. Uzbekistan's fifth boxer in action was Zukhriddin Makhkamov who was not able to keep the best fighting distance against Incheon 2014 Asian Games winner Anton Pinchuk therefore the Kazakh boxer was able to continue his unbeaten series in the WSB.



FINAL RESULTS

Patriot Boxing Team vs. China Dragons 5-0

- 49 kg: Tamir Galanov RUS – He Junjun CHN 3-0
- 56 kg: Bakhtovar Nazirov RUS – Wang Long CHN 3-0
- 64 kg: Aleksey Mazur RUS – Meng Caicheng CHN 2-1
- 75 kg: Petr Khamukov RUS – Zhao Minggang CHN 3-0
- 91 kg: Evgeny Tishchenko RUS – Guo Jin CHN 3-0



FINAL RESULTS

Uzbek Tigers vs. Astana Arlans Kazakhstan 4-1

- 49 kg: **Hasanboy Dusmatov UZB** – Temirtas Zhussupov KAZ 3-0
- 56 kg: **Abdulkhay Sharakhmatov UZB** – Ilyas Suleimenov KAZ 3-0
- 64 kg: **Elnur Abduraimov UZB** – Dilmurat Mizhitov KAZ 3-0
- 75 kg: **Israil Madrimov UZB** – Saparbay Aidarov KAZ 3-0
- 91 kg: Zukhriddin Makhkamov UZB – **Anton Pinchuk KAZ 0-3**



ASTANA ARLANS KAZAKHSTAN AND THE UZBEK TIGERS

WON WSB MATCHES IN TARAZ AND IN TASHKENT ON WEEK 7

The exciting Season VII in the World Series of Boxing continued with four superb matches over week-end and our three Asian teams have also attended on Week 7. Astana Arlans Kazakhstan defeated the Russian franchise 4-1 which was their fourth success in Season VII while the Uzbek Tigers delivered 5-0 triumph against China Dragons in Tashkent which was the last match of the weekend.

UZBEK TIGERS VS. CHINA DRAGONS 5-0

The Uzbek Tigers had an unlucky loss against China Dragons on Week 1 and the franchise lost its second away match to Astana Arlans Kazakhstan on Week 3. Following their two narrow defeats the Uzbek Tigers proved amazing performance against the Patriot Boxing Team in Tashkent on Week 5 and their boxers dominated their next home contest against China Dragons which was their re-match.

Abrorjon Kodirov was not enough shape in the first round of his flyweight (52kg) but the young Uzbek Tiger turned up the heat and dominated the bout from the second against China Dragons' Chang Yong who claimed gold medal in the 2011 ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships. The second Uzbek triumph was delivered by Rio 2016 Olympic Games bronze medallist Murodjon Akhmadaliev who was too

strong for China's Wang Sen. Rio 2016 Olympic Games silver medallist Shakhram Giyasov had to meet with a strong boxer Doha 2015 AIBA World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Liu Wei but he was in different level than his Chinese opponent. Bektemir Melikuziev and Bakhodir Jalolov finished their contests earlier in Tashkent which meant the Uzbek Tigers defeated China Dragons with perfect 5-0 performance.

ASTANA ARLANS KAZAKHSTAN VS. PATRIOT BOXING TEAM 4-1

Two-time WSB Team Champion Astana Arlans Kazakhstan won their previous three WSB matches in the difficult Asian Group and had to meet with the Patriot Boxing Team in the city of Taraz on Week 7. The Kazakh boxers won 4-0 after four contests against the Russian franchise and following Magomed Omarov's last triumph Astana Arlans Kazakhstan was able to win the match 4-1 and remained leader of the Asian Group.

The first success of Astana Arlans Kazakhstan was achieved by ASBC Asian Champion Olzhas Sattibayev who overcame Russia's Viacheslav Tashkarakov in the attacks and won their flyweight (52kg) which was the first in the lines. Kazakhstan's second triumph was delivered by Zakir Safiullin who dominated the first four rounds against Artur Subkhankulov with smart boxing and he lost only the final three minutes.

Following Safiullin's triumph Aslanbek Shymbergenov was able to his 7th WSB bout against a younger Russian hope, Shakhabbas Makhmudov in their welterweight (69kg) contest. Kazakhstan's former two-time National Champion Arman Rysbek proved much better performance than in Season VI and defeated Russia's Pavel Silyagin who suffered his first loss in the WSB. The super heavyweight (+91kg) bout was won by Magomed



FINAL RESULTS

Uzbek Tigers vs. China Dragons 5-0

- 52 kg: **Abrorjon Kodirov UZB** – Chang Yong CHN 3-0
- 60 kg: **Murodjon Akhmadaliev UZB** – Wang Sen CHN 3-0
- 69 kg: **Shakhram Giyasov UZB** – Liu Wei CHN 3-0
- 81 kg: **Bektemir Melikuziev UZB** – Huang Jiabin CHN RSC 2nd round
- +91 kg: **Bakhodir Jalolov UZB** – Mu Haipeng CHN AB 3rd round



FINAL RESULTS

Astana Arlans Kazakhstan vs. Patriot Boxing Team 4-1

- 52 kg: **Olzhas Sattibayev KAZ** – Viacheslav Tashkarakov RUS 3-0
- 60 kg: **Zakir Safiullin KAZ** – Artur Subkhankulov RUS 3-0
- 69 kg: **Aslanbek Shymbergenov KAZ** – Shakhabbas Makhmudov RUS 3-0
- 81 kg: **Arman Rysbek KAZ** – Pavel Silyagin RUS 2-1
- +91 kg: Olzhas Bukayev KAZ – **Magomed Omarov RUS 0-3**



ASTANA ARLANS KAZAKHSTAN AND THE UZBEK TIGERS

BOTH WON THEIR WSB MATCHES 5-0 ON WEEK 5

The Season VII in the World Series of Boxing continued with four matches over weekend and three Asian teams have also attended on Week 5. Astana Arlans Kazakhstan defeated China Dragons with top performance while the Uzbek Tigers delivered sensational 5-0 triumph against the Russian franchise in Tashkent.

ASTANA ARLANS KAZAKHSTAN VS. CHINA DRAGONS 5-0

Two-time WSB Team Champion Astana Arlans Kazakhstan won both of their previous WSB match in the difficult Asian Group and had to meet with China Dragons in Atyrau on Week 5. The Kazakh boxers dominated all of the contests off the coast of the Caspian Sea. The final result was 5-0 in the encounter which means Astana Arlans Kazakhstan is the leader of the Asian Group after three matches. The first success of Astana Arlans Kazakhstan was achieved by

Temirtas Zhussupov who had a competitive rival, China Dragons' He Junjun at the light flyweight (49kg) but he was able to solve that tactical job in Atyrau. Incheon 2014 Asian Games winner Ilyas Suleimenov moved up to the bantamweight (56kg) in the recent months but he could dominate his second WSB bout against China Dragons' Wang Long in Season VII. Dilmurat Mizhitov is the newcomer of the Kazakh franchise in Season VII

therefore his motivation delivered for him his first WSB success against China Dragons' Liu Yang. Saparbay Aidarov has done his debut in the World Series of Boxing in Atyrau but his efforts were enough to win all of the rounds against China's Zhao Minggang. Astana Arlans Kazakhstan's fifth success was delivered by Anton Pinchuk who could beat China Dragons' Belarusian boxer Siarhei Novikau in the last bout of the evening.

UZBEK TIGERS VS. PATRIOT BOXING TEAM 5-0

The Uzbek Tigers had an unlucky loss against China Dragons on Week 1 and the franchise lost its second away match to Astana Arlans Kazakhstan on Week 3. Following their two narrow defeats the Uzbek Tigers proved amazing performance against the Patriot Boxing Team in Tashkent where the Central Asians won all of the contests. Uzbekistan's Rio 2016 Olympic Champion Hasanboy Dusmatov returned to the boxing

world this weekend and after his strong preparation he dominated his 12th WSB bout against Russia's Baku 2015 European Games winner Bator Sagaliev. Uzbekistan's new bantamweight (56kg) hero Abdulkhay Sharakhmatov continued his amazing winning path in the WSB where his record is 5-0 following his impressive triumph over Dmitrii Sharafutdinov. Uzbekistan's Doha 2015 AIBA World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Elnur Abduraimov

returned after his injuries but his stamina was enough to beat Russia's Radmir Abdurakhmanov which contest was the closest one in Tashkent. Israil Madrimov won all of his contests in 2016 and he amazed the local crowd with his effective punches against Russia's Radzhab Radzhabov. Uzbekistan's fifth success was delivered by Zukhriddin Makhkamov who was too strong for Russia's Islam Tekeev in his new weight class.



FINAL RESULTS

Astana Arlans Kazakhstan vs. China Dragons 5-0

49 kg: **Temirtas Zhussupov KAZ** – He Junjun CHN 3-0

56 kg: **Ilyas Suleimenov KAZ** – Wang Long CHN 3-0

64 kg: **Dilmurat Mizhitov KAZ** – Liu Yang CHN 3-0

75 kg: **Saparbay Aidarov KAZ** – Zhao Minggang CHN 3-0

91 kg: **Anton Pinchuk KAZ** – Siarhei Novikau BLR 3-0



FINAL RESULTS

Uzbek Tigers vs. Patriot Boxing Team 5-0

49 kg: **Hasanboy Dusmatov UZB** – Bator Sagaliev RUS 3-0

56 kg: **Abdulkhay Sharakhmatov UZB** – Dmitrii Sharafutdinov RUS 3-0

64 kg: **Elnur Abduraimov UZB** – Radmir Abdurakhmanov RUS 2-1

75 kg: **Israil Madrimov UZB** – Radzhab Radzhabov RUS 3-0

91 kg: **Zukhriddin Makhkamov UZB** – Islam Tekeev RUS 3-0



THAILAND DOMINATED

THE ASEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SARABURI

The historical first edition of the ASEAN Youth Boxing Championships was finished with its final day in Saraburi, Thailand where ten champions have been crowned. The host country of the event won nine gold medals while Vietnam was the lone nation which could get a title in the ASEAN Youth Boxing Championships.

Among the Southeast Asian nations Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Singapore and Vietnam are taking part in the competition in Saraburi. Women boxers can take part in the ASEAN Youth Boxing Championships in four weight classes: 51kg, 57kg, 60kg and 75kg. The men talents have got six weight classes in the ASEAN Youth Boxing Championships: 49kg, 52kg, 56kg, 60kg, 64kg and 69kg. Boxers who were born in 1999 and in 2000 are eligible

to compete in the ASEAN Youth Boxing Championships. Indonesia's Maluku Governor Cup silver medallist Ainun Azizah moved up to the flyweight (51kg) but she adopted the level of the category quickly and opened her participation with a success against Vietnam's Nguyen Thanh Thom. In her second contest on Day3 she was able to continue the winning path and defeated Thailand's Thanchanok Phanan winning the key semi-final by unanimous decision. Her

final opponent was another Thai talent, Chiranchaya Phunsang for the gold but her rival found her weak points in the first round therefore the host country could win the first title in Saraburi. Vietnam's women's boxing life developed well enough in the recent years and their next future hope could be Pham Thi Mai who defeated Thailand's strong favourite Porntip Buapa in the semi-final of the featherweight (57kg). Her opponent for the title was Thailand's Bunyanut Machai who was able to control their final and won all of the rounds as the scoring of 10:9 in Saraburi. Vietnam's superb gold medal in the ASEAN Youth Boxing Championships was delivered by Do Hong Ngoc at the lightweight (60kg) where the young talent

was able to beat her teammate, Nguyen Thi Loan in the final. Following Vietnam's great success Thailand's Thanchanok Saksri defeated Vietnam's Hoang Ngoc Mai in the final of the women's middleweight (75kg) in Saraburi. Thailand's Thitsan Panmod delivered the first success for the host nation in the whole ASEAN Youth Boxing Championships on Day1 when he was too strong for Laos' Viengxai Akhalith at the light flyweight (49kg). Panmod continued his winning path against a top rival, Philippines' Milenino Anduyan in the semi-final and defeated for the gold his teammate Sattawet Srisung which was a key bout for him. Thailand's second gold medal in the men part of the ASEAN Youth Boxing Championships was achieved by Niwat Khitwanna who is a strong flyweight (52kg) hope in the Asian continent. The 17-year-old talent launched lethal punches in the first round of his final against Thailand's Wanchaloem Saehan and the Vietnamese referee confirmed his RSC success after two minutes of fight. Thailand's ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships bronze medallist Pluem Wangkhaklang is member of the national team since 2014 therefore he had more than enough experiences to advance to final of the 1st ASEAN Youth Boxing Championships. He was able to beat Malaysia's Amirul Hakim Bin Sakila in the quarter-final of the bantamweight (56kg) on Day2 and continued his winning path against Laos' Khamphou Houngaloun in the semi-final of the event. The 17-year-old top talent was able to beat his teammate for the title Chonnati Yodyoi who moved up two weight classes in the recent months. Philippines' Children of Asia Games winner Criztian Pitt Laurente was awarded

the Best Asian Junior Boxer of the Year 2016 and began his participation in the 1st ASEAN Youth Boxing Championships with amazing performance against Laos' Alek Lekhoth who claimed silver in their Junior National Championships. The 17-year-old Filipino lightweight (60kg) boxer was not enough shape in the semi-final of the event against Thailand's Atichai Phoemsap who delivered the main sensation of the competition winning the bout by unanimous decision in Saraburi. Phoemsap had hard job in the final with Nanthacha Phumkhonsan but he could beat his rival in a hectic bout. Thailand's next youth hero Anan Thonkrathok competed at the 2015 AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships and also in the 2016 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships therefore he is the main favourite of the light welterweight (64kg). He had a strong rival Laos' newcomer Koung in the quarter-final but after that success he was much better against Singapore's Tan Jun Jie in the semi-final today. In spite of his previous results Thailand's Bannaphon Pannon won the gold medal in Saraburi and now he is near to compete in the international youth events in 2017. Thailand's Thanayut Faphimai competed at the 2016 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Pavlodar, Kazakhstan and at the 2016 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships in St. Petersburg, Russia. Since then he moved up to the welterweight (69kg) and started well enough in the ASEAN Youth Boxing Championships where he was too smart for Indonesia's Alfino Caesar Nanlohy in the semi-final. For the gold of the last men's weight class his skills were not enough to beat Thailand's new sensation Phiraphat Yeasungnoen.

 LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE ASEAN YOUTH BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS			
Women's 51 kg:	Chiranchaya Phunsang, Thailand	Men's 49 kg:	Thitsan Panmod, Thailand
Women's 57 kg:	Bunyanut Machai, Thailand	Men's 52 kg:	Niwat Khitwanna, Thailand
Women's 60 kg:	Do Hong Ngoc, Vietnam	Men's 56 kg:	Pluem Wangkhaklang, Thailand
Women's 75 kg:	Thanchanok Saksri, Thailand	Men's 60 kg:	Atichai Phoemsap, Thailand
		Men's 64 kg:	Bannaphon Pannon, Thailand
		Men's 69 kg:	Phiraphat Yeasungnoen, Thailand

KAZAKHSTAN

WAS THE MOST POWERFUL NATION IN THE SHUCHINSK INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S TOURNAMENT

The Shuchinsk International Women’s Tournament was held in Kazakhstan where top female boxers competed for the medals. Among Kazakhstan’s current AIBA Women’s World Champions Dina Zholaman and Lazzat Kungeibayeva were able to win their weight classes in the strong international event.



Kazakhstan’s women’s boxing life reached the level of their tough men boxers in the recent two years. The Kazakhstan Boxing Federation hosted the AIBA Women’s World Boxing Championships in Astana last May which was organized in the highest level. The Kazakhstan Boxing Federation started the year with this strong international event.

Kazakhstan’s two-time National Champion Alina Turlubayeva competed in the last edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Women’s Boxing Championships in Wulanchabu two years ago and the technician light flyweight (48kg) boxer returned with a title in Shuchinsk. Turlubayeva, who could not compete in the last edition of the AIBA Women’s World Boxing Championships, eliminated two Russian boxers before the finals where she was able to beat her teammate Alua Balkybekova in a close contest.

Ukraine’s Tetiana Kob qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games which was her career highlight but she did not stop with the trainings and arrived to Shuchinsk as a medal contender. The Ukrainian flyweight (51kg) boxer had an amazing success in the semi-final against Kazakhstan’s AIBA Women’s World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Zhaina Shekerbekova and following that great performance she could beat also Kazakhstan’s two-time AIBA Women’s World Champion Nazym Kyzaiabay.

Kazakhstan’s defending AIBA Women’s World Champion at the

bantamweight (54kg) Dina Zholaman used her pressurizing tactic in the whole competition which is her best weapon. The 24-year-old boxer eliminated her main local rival Aida Tuyakbay in the semi-final while she was also too strong for Ukraine’s Snezhana Kholodkova in the gold medal bout. The final verdict was unanimous decision to the Kazakh boxer who won her next title.

Kazakhstan’s new face Dametken Kelimbet was reserve boxer in the 2016 AIBA Women’s World Boxing Championships in Astana and since then her skills developed well to win such a great international event as it was held in Shuchinsk. The Kyzyl-Orda-based boxer defeated her main national rival Saniya Sultankyzy in a hectic final at the featherweight (57kg).

Kazakhstan’s Rimma Volosenko received the right to compete for her country in the last edition of the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships in Astana but she was not able to qualify for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Kazakhstan’s lightweight (60kg) talent returned to the ring of the world in better physical condition and she was able to beat all of her rivals including Kazakhstan’s Karina Ibragimova and Russia’s Natalia Samokhina.

Russia’s lone gold medal was achieved by their current EUBC European Women’s Champion Aleksandra Ordina who was enough to strong to beat all of her Kazakh rivals in Shuchinsk. The experienced Russian, who claimed bronze in the Golden Girl Boxing Championships in

Sweden one month ago, defeated Laura Abdrakhmanova, Aliya Abdraimova and finally two-time Kazakh National Champion Zarina Tsoloyeva as well.

Kazakhstan’s Zura Kusainova was not the main favourite of the welterweight (69kg) but her efforts were enough to beat 18-year-old Bayan Akbayeva in the final while AIBA Women’s World Champion Valentina Khalzova of Kazakhstan could not box in the semi-final. Kazakhstan’s Rio 2016 Olympic Games bronze medallist Dariga Shakimova had a hard semi-final against Ukraine’s Maria Borutsa but after that bout she had to meet with Russia’s top boxer Iaroslava Iakushina in the gold medal bout. Shakimova reduced the fighting distance and her strong jabs delivered for her a title in Shuchinsk.

Kazakhstan’s Moldir Bazarbayeva was involved to their national squad in 2010 but her development is superb in the recent two years and her skills were enough to beat Akbota Isagulova in the semi-final and Fariza Shaltay in the final of the light heavyweight (81kg). Former AIBA Women’s World Boxing Championships silver medallist Yulduz Mamatkulova claimed only bronze medal in Shuchinsk.

The host nation’s top heavyweight (+81kg) boxer Lazzat Kungeibayeva is the defending AIBA Women’s World Champion in her category and she did not give any chance to her rivals in Shuchinsk. She triumphed over younger opponents in the event such as Ukraine’s Iryna Vynnyk and Russia’s AIBA Women’s Youth World Champion Maria Shishmareva.



LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE SHUCHINSK INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S TOURNAMENT

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| 48 kg: Alina Turlubayeva, Kazakhstan | 64 kg: Aleksandra Ordina, Russia |
| 51 kg: Tetiana Kob, Ukraine | 69 kg: Zura Kusainova, Kazakhstan |
| 54 kg: Dina Zholaman, Kazakhstan | 75 kg: Dariga Shakimova, Kazakhstan |
| 57 kg: Dametken Kelimbet, Kazakhstan | 81 kg: Moldir Bazarbayeva, Kazakhstan |
| 60 kg: Rimma Volosenko, Kazakhstan | +81 kg: Lazzat Kungeibayeva, Kazakhstan |

NAVRUZ WAS CELEBRATED

WITH AN INTERNA-
TIONAL WOMEN
EVENT IN BUKHARA

A historical Uzbek city Bukhara hosted an international women's elite tournament to celebrate the start of the spring, Navruz with boxing contests. Uzbekistan became the best team in the Bukhara International Women's Tournament, Tajikistan was the runner-up while Kazakhstan finished third in the event.

Uzbekistan proved amazing performance in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games where their boxers claimed three titles and four further medals in the August's event and Yodgoroy Mirzaeva delivered a historical female quota place for the country. The amazing result of their boxers began also a new era in Uzbekistan's women's boxing as well where the number of the female elite and youth boxers is multiplied.

Bukhara's Galym Zharylgapov Memorial Tournament silver medallist Azizabonu Mamirova joined to the elite age group only this January and after her participation in the Uzbek Women's National Cup she decided to move down to the light flyweight (48kg). The 18-year-old talent eliminated Uzbek Women's National Cup winner Fotimakhon Tursunbayeva in the quarter-final and she was also too strong for another young talent, Natalia Kodirova in the gold medal bout.

Dzhizak's No.1 Aziza Yokubova won the title in the Uzbek Women's National Cup and moved down to the flyweight (51kg) this time. The young talent eliminated Tajikistan's AIBA Women's World Boxing



Championships competitor Svetlana Veglina in the quarter-final and continued her winning path against Dilnozakhon Negmatullayeva in the semi-final and Maftuna Muzaffarova in the gold medal bout.

Another young Uzbek talent Farida Turdiyeva proved top performance in the International Women's Tournament in Bukhara in spite of the fact she was not the favourite of the bantamweight (54kg). The Tashkent-based boxer defeated Makhliyo Khabibullayeva in the semi-final and after that she had to meet for the gold with Ugiloy Satimova. Turdiyeva lost to her Andizhan-based opponent two months ago but this time she was able to do revenge in Bukhara which result is her career highlight.

Uzbekistan's best female athlete Rio 2016 Olympian Yodgoroy Mirzaeva moved back to her previous lightweight (60kg) in the recent months but this time she competed at the featherweight (57kg) in

Bukhara. The 20-year-old Samarkand-based boxer had to meet with AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships competitor Dilnozakhon Odilzhonova in the final and she was able to beat her strong rival by unanimous decision.

Galym Zharylgapov Memorial Tournament bronze medallist Gulnoza Rakhmatova is only 18 but she is already among the bests of the lightweight (60kg) in Uzbekistan. Following her semi-final triumph over Bukhara's Nigina Soliyeva she did her best ever performance against Tajikistan's ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships bronze medallist Shoir Zulkaynarova in the final of the event.

Chinggis Khan Cup winner Maftunakhon Melieva is another super talented woman boxer in Uzbekistan who will be turning to 20 only later this year. Melieva had to beat her main local rival in the final of the light welterweight (64kg), Emine Shmykova while Kazakhstan's

Amina Amankul claimed only bronze medal this time in Bukhara.

Nafisakhon Askarova competed at the welterweight (69kg) this time and claimed the title in Bukhara. She defeated her tough teammates such as Galym Zharylgapov Memorial Tournament bronze medallist Gaukhar Mirzaeva in the semi-final and ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships silver medallist veteran Shakhnoza Nizamova in the final.

Uzbek national team member and AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships competitor Ezozakhon Melieva did not give any chance to Khayotkhon Zharmatova in the final of the middleweight (75kg) in Bukhara. Guzal Ismatova was silver medallist in the last edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships in Wulanchabu therefore her dominance over Tajikistan's Gulmira Isroilova and Uzbekistan's Shakhnoza Vadiyeva was not a surprise in Bukhara.



LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE BUKHARA INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

- Women's 48 kg: Azizabonu Mamirova, Uzbekistan
- Women's 51 kg: Aziza Yokubova, Uzbekistan
- Women's 54 kg: Farida Turdiyeva, Uzbekistan
- Women's 57 kg: Yodgoroy Mirzaeva, Uzbekistan
- Women's 60 kg: Gulnoza Rakhmatova, Uzbekistan
- Women's 64 kg: Maftunakhon Melieva, Uzbekistan
- Women's 69 kg: Nafisakhon Askarova, Uzbekistan
- Women's 75 kg: Ezozakhon Melieva, Uzbekistan
- Women's +81 kg: Guzal Ismatova, Uzbekistan

JAPAN'S AIBA YOUTH WORLD CHAMPION HAYATO TSUTSUMI

RULED THE BANTAMWEIGHT IN THE BEKET MAKHMUTOV YOUTH TOURNAMENT

The first edition of the Beket Makhmutov International Youth Tournament was held in Oral, Kazakhstan where the host country, Japan and Uzbekistan delivered the best performances. Japan's defending AIBA Youth World Champion and ASBC Asian Youth Champion Hayato Tsutsumi was excellent in the competition and won the title of the bantamweight (56kg).

Mr. Beket Makhmutov was the President of the Asian Boxing Federation in the early years of the new Millennium and he is a well-known official in the boxing world. The Beket Makhmutov Youth Tournament was a strong preparation event for the upcoming 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand in the beginning of July.

The Japanese youth team travelled to Kazakhstan to raise their experiences and among their five boxers three advanced to the finals in the Beket Makhmutov Youth Tournament. Powerful countries such as Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Russia also attended in the competition with talented young hopes.

The first gold medal of the Beket Makhmutov Youth Tournament was

achieved by Kazakhstan's Children of Asia Games winner Nursultan Nuridenov who was able to control the first two rounds against Japan's Tatsuya Ogawa. The 17-year-old Japanese boxer returned with top performance in the third round but his efforts were not enough to turn back their final bout. The winner of the light flyweight (49kg) Nuridenov could be Kazakhstan's great hope also in the 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.

Japan's ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships silver medallist Ryutaro Nakagaki attended in a training camp in Incheon, South Korea before his trip to Kazakhstan and his current skills were enough to win the title of the flyweight (52kg). The 17-year-old Japanese talent had great fighting spirit against

Kazakhstan's Ruslan Saudan in the final in Oral where the decision was split to Nakagaki.

Japan's defending AIBA Youth World Champion and ASBC Asian Youth Champion Hayato Tsutsumi was the biggest name in the Beket Makhmutov Youth Cup and he proved amazing performance in the competition. The 17-year-old Japanese boxer moved up to the bantamweight (56kg) and he was able to stop all of his rivals before walking over for the gold medal against Kazakhstan's Bakhtiyar Smagulov.

Kazakhstan's Ali Esenov had enough experiences in the final of the lightweight (60kg) against Kyrgyzstan's Aibek Sultanbayev to solve his gold medal bout tactically. He had strong performance in the first two rounds while his Kyrgyz

opponent was able to re-new his power in the third but finally Esenov's hand was raised.

Kazakhstan's third gold medal was delivered by Ali Akadilov who outscored Mangystau region's Akzhol Abdikhan in the final of the light welterweight (64kg). The sixth gold medal of the Beket Makhmutov Youth Tournament was achieved by Kazakhstan's Atyrau-based Nurken Nurimov who was too strong for his teammate Ayan Kabitollayev in the final of the

welterweight (69kg). Kabitollayev's ringside abandoned the unequal contest in the third round but his silver medal is his career highlight.

Kazakhstan's Pavlodar-based Baurzhan Baygonshekov had to do his very best against Aktau's Bekdaulet Bulatbay to win the final of the middleweight (75kg). Kazakhstan's Daulet Esenov trains in Karagandy and shocked all of his rivals in the Beket Makhmutov Youth Tournament in Oral where he was too strong for Uzbekistan's Timur Ergashev in the gold

medal bout of the light heavyweight (81kg).

Uzbekistan's top heavyweight (91kg) youth boxer Jamshid Makhamadaliyev had to do his very best to win his final against Kyrgyzstan's Ilyas Niyazov who joined to the national youth squad this January. Uzbekistan's second gold medal was achieved by Lazizbek Mullajanov who knocked down Russia's Dmitriy Kulik in the first round of their super heavyweight (+91kg) final and the referee stopped their contest.



WINNERS IN THE BEKET MAKHMUTOV YOUTH TOURNAMENT

49 kg: Nursultan Nuridenov, Kazakhstan

52 kg: Ryutaro Nakagaki, Japan

56 kg: Hayato Tsutsumi, Japan

60 kg: Ali Esenov, Kazakhstan

64 kg: Ali Akadilov, Kazakhstan

69 kg: Nurken Nurimov, Kazakhstan

75 kg: Baurzhan Baygonshekov, Kazakhstan

81 kg: Daulet Esenov, Kazakhstan

91 kg: Jamshid Makhamadaliyev, Uzbekistan

+91 kg: Lazizbek Mullajanov, Uzbekistan



ASROR VOHIDOV AND SHABBOS NEGMATULLOEV WERE THE STARS OF THE TAJIK NATIONALS

The National Boxing Championships of the Republic of Tajikistan was held in their capital in Dushanbe where six boxers were able to defend their titles. Tajikistan's top boxers such as AIBA Junior World Champion Asror Vohidov, AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Shabbos Negmatulloev and two-time Olympian Jakhon Qurbonov all won their weight classes in Dushanbe.

Altogether 65 strong men elite boxers attended in the male part of the Tajikistan National Championships where only the region's best athletes could compete for the titles.

The winners have got realistic chance to compete in the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships which will be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from April 28.

Khatlon's Sukhrob Nazarov surprised his opponents in the final of the 2016 Tajikistan National Boxing Championships but after that success he was able to defend his title at the light flyweight (49kg) in the new edition. The 19-year-old talent won all of the rounds against Fakhriddin Okhundjonov

and took his second national elite title in Dushanbe.

Khatlon region's Bakhtovar Sagizov also won his first ever national title in Tajikistan in 2016 but after that success he was able to repeat that performance against AIBA Asian & Oceanian Olympic Qualification Event competitor Shukhrat Sabzaliyev in the final of the flyweight (52kg). The 19-year-old Sagizov won the final by 4:1 against his rival who moved up from the light flyweight (49kg) in the recent months.

Khudjand's AIBA Junior World Champion Asror Vohidov involved to the national elite team in 2012 but he had unexpected losses in the recent years. The 21-year-old bantamweight (56kg) boxer changed his

attitude and his efforts were enough to beat national team member Badakhshan's teenager Fayzen Rakhmatshoev in the semi-final and Dushanbe's Fayzmamad Malakhbekov in the narrow gold medal bout.

ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships silver medallist 19-year-old Bakhodur Usmonov joined to the national elite team in 2016 and he competed also in the qualification tournaments. Usmonov dominated his gold medal bout against 18-year-old Oyatullo Yakubov and defended his throne at the lightweight (60kg).

Odiljon Furkatjoni was not the favourite of the light welterweight (64kg) but following his bronze medal in 2016 he was planning

surprise in the new edition. The Khatlon region's boxer had a close quarter-final against experienced Akbar Safarov and did revenge in the final against titleholder 21-year-old Shokhrukh Oganazarov which was a big surprise in the Tajikistan National Championships.

AIBA Asian & Oceanian Olympic Qualification Event competitor veteran Sharaf Davlatov was the favourite of the welterweight (69kg) but he suffered an unexpected loss to Khatlon's Nekruz Salimov in the semi-final. The gold medal of the category was won by a new face Khayrnamad Malakhbekov who defeated their Youth National Champion 19-year-old Nekruz Salimov in the gold medal bout.

Former ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships competitor Saydo Samadov returned to the ring and delivered another big surprise in the event in Dushanbe. He eliminated international boxer Asomiddin Burkhonov and Nodir Khalimov in the road to the final of the middleweight (75kg) where he was too strong for National Champion Mirzomukhammad Bakhtiyar.

AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships bronze medallist and ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships silver medallist Shabbos Negmatulloev is Tajikistan's big future hope who will be turning to 20 only later this year. He was moved up to the light heavyweight (81kg) half year ago but claimed his second national title in his new category in Dushanbe. The younger Negmatulloev was too strong to ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships silver medallist Navruz Jafoev in their re-match.

Jakhon Qurbonov claimed his Asian title in 2005, won the Asian Games in 2006 and competed in two Olympic Games and after plenty of international experiences he decided to continue his boxing career after his 30th birthday. The Khudjand-based heavyweight (91kg) boxer had a close semi-final against Shukhrat Abdulazizoda but in the final was energetic and tough against Khatlon's Bakhodur Boyev. Nodir Mukhammadiyev, who was has got experiences from several international events, claimed only bronze this time.

The last gold medal of the Tajikistan National Championships was achieved by Singapore 2010 Youth Olympian Siyovush Zukhurov who defeated veteran Rustam Azizov, National Championships silver medallist Akram Khudoyberdiyev and finally Dilovarsho Abdurakhmonov who is member of the national team since 2011. The super heavyweight (+91kg) delivered big battles in the national event, their 218cm tall giant Mekhrodjiddin Karimov lost his quarter-final bout to Abdurakhmanov this time.



LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE TAJIKISTAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Men's 49 kg: Sukhrob Nazarov
- Men's 52 kg: Bakhtovar Sagizov
- Men's 56 kg: Asror Vohidov
- Men's 60 kg: Bakhodur Usmonov
- Men's 64 kg: Odiljon Furkatjoni
- Men's 69 kg: Khayrnamad Malakhbekov
- Men's 75 kg: Saydo Samadov
- Men's 81 kg: Shabbos Negmatulloev
- Men's 91 kg: Djakhon Qurbonov
- Men's +91 kg: Siyovush Zukhurov

SHOIRA ZULKAYNAROVA AND TEENAGERS SHINED IN THE TAJIK WOMEN'S NATIONALS

The Women's National Boxing Championships of the Republic of Tajikistan was held in their capital in Dushanbe where ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships bronze medallist Shoira Zulkaynarova won her Olympic weight class in Dushanbe. Altogether 41 elite women boxers competed in the female part of the competition which is record in the history of the Tajikistan National Championships. It was the very first time in the history of Tajikistan Women's National Championships when their female talents could fight in all of the ten categories. London 2012 Olympic Games bronze medalist Mavzuna Chorjeva had to miss the competition this time.

Khatlon's newcomer Khusniya Kholova stopped National Women's Championships silver medallist Zulfiya Boyeva in the semi-final and defeated Dushanbe's Khosiyat Nazarova in the first final of the Tajikistan National Championships. The 19-year-old talent secured her first ever national elite title at the light flyweight (48kg).

Rukhafzo Khaknazarova claimed the gold medal in the 2016 Tajikistan Women's Youth National Championships

and delivered a big surprise in her first ever elite competition. The 18-year-old flyweight (51kg) boxer had to meet in the final with Dushanbe's AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships competitor Svetlana Veglina and following her amazing combinations she defeated her top rival in the event.

Madina Gaforova is only 18 as Khaknazarova but she won the next weight class in the national event following her quick RSC triumph over Yosuman

Abdurakhmonova. Defending Champion Gulфина Urunova competed in various international tournaments in Russia, in Kazakhstan and in Uzbekistan in the recent years therefore her success at the featherweight (57kg) was not a surprise in the event.

In the absence of the London 2012 Olympic Games bronze medallist Mavzuna Chorjeva another experienced international boxer Shoira Zulkaynarova dominated the lightweight (60kg) in the national event. She defeated national team member Gularus Shoyeva in the semi-final and stopped Farzona Mamadjanova in the gold medal bout.

Dushanbe's Nilufar Boboyorova secured her first ever national title after walking over to the gold against Adiba Gulova in the final of the light welterweight (64kg). The next gold medal was achieved by another newcomer in the female boxing Dushanbe's Munisa Sharipova who eliminated experienced former National

Champion Nodira Karimova and Dilnoza Odinayeva as well in their welterweight (69kg) contests.

Dushanbe's Mizhgona Boboyeva competed at the 2015 AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships in Taipei and claimed gold medals in the Tajikistan Women's Youth National Championships in 2015 and in 2016. She was the titleholder of the middleweight (75kg) and the 19-year-old boxer was able to dominate her final against Tamano Mirzoyeva.

Sangimo Nozirova was the favourite of the women's light heavyweight (81kg) in Dushanbe but she was not able to survive the first round against Khatlon's Davlat Shakhnozai in the final of the event. Tajikistan's female heavyweight (+81kg) No.1 Gulmira Isroilova attended in a few international events in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan therefore her experiences were enough to beat Djurabek Zulkhichan and Parvina Artoyeva as well.



LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE TAJIKISTAN WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women's 48 kg: Khusniya Kholova

Women's 51 kg: Rukhafzo Khaknazarova

Women's 54 kg: Madina Gaforova

Women's 57 kg: Gulфина Urunova

Women's 60 kg: Shoira Zulkaynarova

Women's 64 kg: Nilufar Boboyorova

Women's 69 kg: Munisa Sharipova

Women's 75 kg: Mizhgona Boboyeva

Women's 81 kg: Davlat Shakhnozai

Women's +81 kg: Gulmira Isroilova

SHIN JONG HOON

RETURNED WITH A TITLE IN THE SOUTH KOREAN NATIONAL QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

The South Korean National Qualification Tournament was held in the Cheongyang Gymnasium in Chungnam which was the country's first big event in 2017. The winners of the national event will have the chance to represent South Korea in the upcoming ASBC continental events in 2017. Their top boxer Shin Jong Hoon returned to the ring and won the light flyweight (49kg) in the selection event in Chungnam.

The ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships will be held in Tashkent where South Korea will be sending maximum number of ten male boxers. The South Korean National Qualification Tournament was also held for the elite ladies and the winners will have to chance to represent the country at the 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships in Vietnam.

Nam Eun Jin is member of the South Korean women's team since 2008 and the experienced boxer was able to win the

first gold medal of the National Selection Tournament. The 26-year-old flyweight (51kg) boxer won against Lee Lim Yeong by unanimous decision and secured her next national title in Chungnam.

South Korea's female No.1 ASBC Asian Women's Champion Oh Yeon Ji is their best female elite boxer who was near also to qualify for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. The 27-year-old lightweight (60kg) boxer was too strong for Ko Hyeon Yeong in the gold medal bout of the second Olympic weight category.

Seong Su Yeon competed in two editions of the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships since 2010 and had to meet with her main national rival Kim Shin Hyeong in the final of the women's middleweight (75kg) in Chungnam. Seong found the best fighting distance in time and she was able to win their close bout by 4-1 in the national event which was their re-match after last year's selection event.

AIBA World Boxing Championships silver and bronze medallist Shin Jong Hoon could not qualify for the Rio 2016 Olympic

Games which was a big surprise at the light flyweight (49kg). The 28-year-old boxer continued his career and demonstrated his technique against another national squad member Lee Ye Chan in the final while An Seong Ho achieved only bronze medal in the selection event.

Former Asian Games competitor Kim Ju Seong moved up to the bantamweight (56kg) but his height advantage was enough to beat defeated Kim Hae Jin in the semi-final and China Open Tournament silver medallist experienced Choe Sang

Don in the final of the event. Choi Hae Ju was involved to the national team in 2015 and showed his great development against Hyeon Dong Ju in the final of the men's lightweight (60kg) while Kim Jin Taek claimed only bronze medal in Chungnam.

South Korea's top light welterweight (64kg) boxer Lee Jong Seung will be turning to 27 this year and his experiences were enough to beat his final opponent Im Hyeon Seog. Tammur Tournament bronze medallist Lee Seung Hyeon stopped Incheon 2014 Asian Games silver medallist

Lim Hyun Chul in the semi-final and the 22-year-old welterweight (69kg) boxer continued his winning path against Lee Dong Jin in the final of the category.

There is a great rivalry between veteran Kim Do Hyeon and Song Hwa Pyeong at the super heavyweight (+91kg) in South Korea and the two boxers met each other in the national selection event once again. Kim is eight years older than his opponent and used his strong jabs to stop Song's attacks which delivered for him a close triumph in Chungnam.



LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE SOUTH KOREAN NATIONAL QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

Women's 51 kg: Nam Eun Jin

Women's 60 kg: Oh Yeon Ji

Women's 75 kg: Seong Su Yeon

Men's 49 kg: Shin Jong Hoon

Men's 56 kg: Kim Ju Seong

Men's 60 kg: Choi Hae Ju

Men's 64 kg: Lee Jong Seung

Men's 69 kg: Lee Seung Hyeon

Men's +91 kg: Kim Do Hyeon

THE GHOSSOUN BROTHERS

SHINED IN THE SYRIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Syrian National Championships was held for their men's elite boxers in their capital city in Damascus where their top boxers the Ghossoun brothers, Housen Al-Masri and Mohamed Moulayes won their titles. In spite of the Civil War and political crisis in the country, boxing is still important in Syria which is thankful to ASBC EC member and President of the Syrian Boxing Association Mr. Issa Al-Nassar.

Altogether 13 teams with 64 elite men boxers competed in the Syrian National Boxing Championships which was also a selection event for the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships. The upcoming continental championships will be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from April 28.

Army's Housen Al-Masri is an experienced boxer at the light flyweight (49kg) who competed also in the last edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Bangkok and claimed several medals in the recent AOB competitions. The 26-year-old boxer was too strong for Tartous' Yamen Hasan in the first final of the championships.

Latakia's Ward Ali was bronze medallist in the Syrian National Cup last October but this time his efforts were enough to beat all of his rivals in the National Championships including Mohamad Label Merie in the final of the flyweight (52kg). The third gold medal of the national event was won by Ibrahim Al-Hasan who achieved the lone title for the Police

team after beating Seban Hasan in the bantamweight (56kg).

Mohamed Dib shocked all of his rivals at the lightweight (60kg) and following his bronze medal at the Syrian National Cup he reached his career highlight this time. Mohamed Kher Mousatat was involved to the national team in 2015 and he could be ready to win contests also in the international events this year. The Army boxer was too smart for Esmael Sakor of Latakia in the final of the light welterweight (64kg).

Ahmad Ghossoun is Syria's best boxer currently who claimed bronze medal in the last edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Bangkok and silver in the 2014 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships. The 21-year-old top talent dominated his welterweight (69kg) final against Police's former national team member veteran Abdelmouen Aziz and secured Army Boxing Club's fourth gold medal in the Syrian National Championships.

Army's fifth gold medal was delivered by Mohamed Hasan who defeated Police's Abdul Rahman Alani in the final of the middleweight (75kg). Yahia Taha was gold medallist in the Syrian National Cup last October and the young talent continued his winning path in the National Championships where he triumphed over Aboud Nawazi.

Syria's top national team member Alaaldin Ghossoun, who competed in the last two editions of the AIBA World Boxing Championships, won his first national title in his new category at the heavyweight (91kg) where he defeated Housan Hamouda. The super heavyweight (+91kg) title remained in Mohamed Moulayes who was bronze medallist in the 2013 ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Amman. The best Syrian boxers will be there in the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan and the country is planning to send athletes also to the Islamic Solidarity Games to Baku, Azerbaijan.



WINNERS IN THE SYRIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

49 kg: Housen Al-Masri

52 kg: Ward Ali

56 kg: Ibrahim Al-Hasan

60 kg: Mohamed Dib

64 kg: Mohamed Kher Mousatat

69 kg: Ahmad Ghossoun

75 kg: Mohamed Hasan

81 kg: Yahia Taha

91 kg: Alaaldin Ghossoun

+91 kg: Mohamed Moulayes



Chinese Taipei Boxing Association hosted its National Selection Tournament in Taipei to select the currently best boxers. Chinese Taipei's key female boxers such as Lin Yu Ting, Huang Hsiao Wen and Rio 2016 Olympian Chen Nien Chin all won their weight classes. Their male athlete Rio 2016 Olympian Lai Chu En had a difficult final in the event but he was able to win the selections.

RIO 2016 OLYMPIANS

WON THE CHINESE TAIPEI NATIONAL SELECTION TOURNAMENT

Chinese Taipei did great breakthrough in the recent year when two of their young boxers qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games after 20 years of hiatus. Their boxers shined also in the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships and in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in 2016.

The selection event was held for the places of 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships and also for the 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships. The country will be sending boxers also to the King's Cup to Thailand before the important continental events.

AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships quarter-finalist Pin Meng Chieh returned to the world of boxing and claimed the title at the women's light flyweight (48kg). Chinese Taipei's 2013 AIBA Women's Youth World Champion Lin Yu Ting competed at the bantamweight (54kg) this time and bagged her next

national title. AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships silver medallist Huang Hsiao Wen celebrated her 19th birthday a few months ago but she is now enough strong at the featherweight (57kg). The gold medal of the women's lightweight went to Wu Shih Yi who is also a young talent in Chinese Taipei.

Lin Li Wei Hsien has won the lightweight (60kg) in the last edition of the Chinese Taipei National President's Cup five months ago and now she was able to win the light welterweight (64kg) in the National Selection Tournament. She received the right to box in the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships.

Chinese Taipei's best woman boxer AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Chen Nien Chin did not relax too much after the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and returned to the trainings with full speed to prove her strength in the international competitions. Chen is only 19 but she is among the world's best middleweight (75kg) boxers who achieved her next national title.

Tu Po Wei was silver medallist in the FISU World University Boxing Championships in Chiang Mai one month ago but he was not able to win the light flyweight (49kg) in the National Selection Tournament. He was defeated by Lin Hung Ta who won also the last edition of the Chinese Taipei National President's Cup in October. Lin Yu Ting achieved silver medal in the Chinese Taipei National

Olympic Trials in January 2016 but he was crowned at the men's flyweight (52kg) in the President's Cup last October. Lin was able to keep his top position in the national team winning the Chinese Taipei National Selection Tournament.

AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Jan Chun Hsien was the main favourite of the men's bantamweight (56kg) but he was not able to achieve his goal in the National Selection Tournament where Kao Shih Yen won the title of the category. Kao defeated Hung Chia Ho in the final while Jan achieved only bronze medal in the event.

Rio 2016 Olympian Lai Chu En was the top favourite of the lightweight (60kg) but he had to do his very best to beat Hung Chia Ching in the final of the event. Pan Hung Ming was quarter-finalist in the AIBA Asian & Oceanian Olympic Qualification Event therefore his success over Hsieh Kai Yu was not a surprise in the final of the light welterweight (64kg).

Following his gold medal at the Chinese Taipei National President's Cup Huang Chao Cheng was able to get the title also at the welterweight (69kg) in the National Selection Tournament. Kan Chia Wei competed in all of the main international events last year as a teenager but his strength is incredible in spite of his young age. Kan defeated Yu Hung Wei in the final of the middleweight (75kg) and will be there in the main ASBC event of the year.



WINNERS IN THE CHINESE TAIPEI NATIONAL SELECTION TOURNAMENT

Women's 48 kg: Pin Meng Chieh

Women's 54 kg: Lin Yu Ting

Women's 57 kg: Huang Hsiao Wen

Women's 60 kg: Wu Shih Yi

Women's 64 kg: Lin Li Wei Hsien

Women's 75 kg: Chen Nien Chin

Men's 49 kg: Lin Hung Ta

Men's 52 kg: Lin Yu Ting

Men's 56 kg: Kao Shih Yen

Men's 60 kg: Lai Chu En

Men's 64 kg: Pan Hung Ming

Men's 69 kg: Huang Chao Cheng

Men's 75 kg: Kan Chia Wei

Men's 81 kg: Ho Shao Hui

MALAYSIA SENDS SEVEN-STRONG TEAM

TO THE ASBC ASIAN CONFEDERATION BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Malaysian Boxing Federation will be sending seven-strong team to the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships to Tashkent where the competition will be starting on April 27. The competition will be also an important step for the Malaysians before their Southeast Asian Games which will be held in Kuala Lumpur in August.

Malaysia's best boxer Commonwealth Games and Asian Games quarter-finalist Muhamad Fuad Bin Mohamed Redzuan can expect top result in the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent. The 26-year-old light flyweight (49kg) boxer, who began boxing in 2003, competed in all of the major boxing events in the recent years excluding the Olympic Games.

Terengganu's Abdul Salam Bin Kasim is one of the most talented boxer of their new generation in Malaysia. He won their last edition of the Malaysian National Games with superb performance one year ago. The 20-year-old flyweight (52kg) talent can show his great technique in the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan which will be his first event out of Malaysia.

Mohamed Al-Nazirul Othman joined to the national squad in 2013 and he had the chance to raise his experiences in the international level in the recent years. He moved up to the lightweight (60kg) and following his participation at the Commonwealth Games and at the Southeast Asian Games, he received the right to box in the continental level as well.

Malaysia's top international boxer besides to Muhamad Fuad Bin Mohamed Redzuan, 25-year-old Khir Akyazlan Bin Azmi is member of the national squad since 2009 and will be there also in the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent. Akyazlan competed at the welterweight (69kg) in the last Malaysian national events but he decided to return to his previous one to the light welterweight (64kg).

Theena Thayalan Raja Selvan claimed gold medal in the Malaysian National Games last year and since then he moved up to the welterweight (69kg). He was born only in 1997 and became the youngest winner in the Malaysian National Games one year ago. Theena Thayalan Raja Selvan will be boxing out of his country at the very first time.

Malaysia's middleweight (75kg) talent and China Open Tournament competitor Indra Ramakrishnan was only bronze medallist in the last edition of the Malaysian National Cup but he received the right to represent his country in the continental level at the very first time. The seventh team member will be Johor's Adli Hafiz Bin Mohamed Pauzi who won the last two editions of the Penang Pesta International Tournament.



THE MALAYSIAN DELEGATION IN THE ASBC ASIAN CONFEDERATION BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team Manager: Dato Rahman Bin Lariwoo

Coach: Azmi Bin Mohamed Yunus

Coach: Awang Affandey Bin Awang Kati

49 kg: Mohamed Fuad Bin Mohamed Redzuan

52 kg: Abdul Salam Bin Kasim

60 kg: Mohamed Alnazirul Bin Othman

64 kg: Khir Akyazlan Bin Azmi

69 kg: Theena Thayalan Raja Selvan

75 kg: Indra Ramakrishnan

81 kg: Adli Hafiz Bin Mohamed Pauzi

BHUTAN

WILL BE SENDING ITS ELITE TEAM TO THE ASBC ASIAN CONFEDERATION BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Bhutan Boxing Federation will be sending 5-strong team to the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships to Tashkent, Uzbekistan which event will be starting on April 27. The country is very active in the international level and their South Korean coach made new influences in their boxing's life.

The Bhutan Boxing Federation has been sending their athletes to the AIBA and ASBC competitions since 2010 and their boxers raised their experiences in the international level. Bhutan sent boxers to the 2013 AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships to Kiev and their athletes have been there also in the Children of Asia Games in Yakutsk, Russia in 2012. Their young team competed well also in the 2016 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Pavlodar, Kazakhstan.

It was the first time when a local TV channel was broadcasted the Bhutan National Boxing Championships last year which was a great success in the country's boxing life. Bhutan Boxing Federation hosted their National Championships last year and 67 elite men athletes took part in the competition from all regions of the Kingdom. Bhutan claimed two bronze medals in the last edition of the South Asian Games and none of the region's best boxers were able to beat them only by points.

Their light flyweight (49kg) boxer Tashi Wangdi competed in the 2014 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships and also in

the 2016 South Asian Games therefore he is very experienced among the team members. The 21-year-old talent has got great technique and could be competitive rival for the bests of his weight class.

Bhutan's flyweight (52kg) No.1 Ugyen Thinley is only 19 who attended in the last edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Pavlodar. Their experienced trio Dorji Nima (56kg), Sonam Tshewang (60kg) and Sangay Wangdi (69kg) all competed in the 2016 South Asian Games in Shillong.

The registrations to the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships are open and several of our developing Asian nations besides to Bhutan such as Afghanistan, Iraq, Macau, Malaysia, Nepal, Lebanon, Pakistan, Qatar and Sri Lanka are also planning to send teams to Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

The ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships will be also the lone qualification event for the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships. The Tashkent event will be starting on April 27 and the Top6 boxers in each weight classes will be qualified for the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships.



KYRGYZSTAN'S MR. ADYLVAN BEKBOLOTOV

CAN CONTINUE HIS WORK AS HEAD COACH IN THE NATIONAL TEAM

Mr. Adylkan Bekbolotov was appointed as head coach of the Kyrgyz national boxing team for another Olympic cycle until 2020. Mr. Bekbolotov is the head coach of the Kyrgyz national boxing team since 2009 and with his leading the country claimed medals in all of the ASBC championships and in the recent edition of the Asian Games.

Director of the Olympic sports in Kyrgyzstan former Olympian and marathon runner Mr. Nazirdin Akyzbekov was signed the official document about Mr. Bekbolotov's new contract. Former AIBA World Champion Andrei Kurnyavka's coach Mr. Mikhail Goshloma supported him well enough to continue his great job as head of the boxing team.

Kyrgyzstan reached top results in the recent years and the country won its first ever continental title at the 2013 ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Amman where Azat Usenaliev claimed the gold medal while three of his compatriots such as Omurbek Malabekov, Ermek Sakenov and Sergei Parenko took bronze medals.

Turat Osmonov achieved bronze medal in the Incheon 2014 Asian Games while Erkin Adylbek Uulu qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games which were their next top results in the elite level. Their youth and junior boxers also achieved medals in the main Asian continental events while Ilgiz Matmusayev took gold as first Kyrgyz boxer in the 2016 Children of Asia Games in Yakutsk.

The upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships will be also the lone qualification event for the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships therefore Kyrgyzstan is planning to send maximum number of 10 athletes to Tashkent. The important edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships will be starting on April 28 in the Uzbek capital.



THE UZBEK WOMEN'S TEAM

TRAVELS TO CHINA FOR AJOINT TRAINING CAMP

The Uzbek women squad will be travelling for sparring and joint training camp to China where the Central Asians can raise their experiences in the home of the best Asian female boxing country. The best Uzbek ladies are now competing at the Bukhara International Women's Elite Tournament in their homeland.



Uzbekistan proved amazing performance in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games where their boxers claimed three titles and four further medals in the August's event and Yodgoroy Mirzaeva delivered a historical female quota for the country. The amazing result of their boxers delivered development in Uzbekistan also in women's boxing. Uzbekistan's women's boxing life developed well in the recent years and since 2013 the number of their female elite and youth boxers is multiplied.

The 10-strong Uzbek women's boxing squad contains their Rio 2016 Olympian Yodgoroy Mirzaeva who moved back to her previous lightweight (60kg) in the recent months. Their winners in the strong Chinggis Khan Cup, their 19-year-old future stars Tursunoy Rakhimova and Maftunakhon Melieva are also involved to the training camp. Most of the Uzbek women boxers in the training camp are under 20 and all have got great future in the sport.



THE UZBEK SQUAD LIST FOR THE TRAINING CAMP IN CHINA

- 48 kg: Fotimakhon Tursunbayeva
- 51 kg: Tursunoy Rakhimova
- 54 kg: Aziza Yokubova
- 57 kg: Raykhona Kodirova
- 60 kg: Gulnoza Rakhmatova
- 60 kg: Yodgoroy Mirzaeva
- 64 kg: Maftunakhon Melieva
- 69 kg: Gavkhar Mirzaeva
- 75 kg: Nafisakhon Askarova
- 81 kg: Ezozakhon Melieva

The Pavlyukov Youth Memorial Tournament is one of the strongest competition for that age group in the World which was held in Anapa, Russia in the recent days. The Asian youth boxers claimed three gold, two silver and four bronze medals in the new edition of the Pavlyukov Youth Memorial Tournament in Anapa.

Uzbekistan's Samandar Kholmurodov joined to the youth age group this January and he began the year with a tournament title in Anapa. The young Uzbek talent was amazing against Kyrgyzstan's new sensation in the light flyweight (49kg) Rustam Muratov and claimed the gold medal in Anapa. Besides to the two Central Asian finalists of the category Kazakhstan's Timur Kabdeshov claimed bronze medal in Anapa.

Kazakhstan's Yevgeniy Pavlov competed at the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships in St. Petersburg and since then he moved up one category. The taller Kazakh boxer, who will be turning to 18 only later this year, used his height advantage in the competition successfully. He controlled his final fight against Russia's Vladimir Tereshin which was his first gold medal bout at the flyweight (52kg). Pavlov felt the rhythm of the bout and his well-built tactic delivered for him a gold medal in Anapa.

Uzbekistan's second gold medal was delivered by AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Halimbek Utegenov who was born only in 2000 and joined to the age group this January. The 16-year-old Uzbek talent defeated Russia's favourite Eduard Savin in the gold medal bout of the bantamweight (56kg) and proved his development in the sport is continuous.



THE ASIAN MEDALLISTS IN THE
PAVLYUKOV YOUTH MEMORIAL
TOURNAMENT

Gold medal: Samandar Kholmurodov, Uzbekistan, 49kg

Gold medal: Yevgeniy Pavlov, Kazakhstan, 52kg

Gold medal: Halimbek Utegenov, Uzbekistan, 56kg

Silver medal: Rustam Muratov, Kyrgyzstan, 49kg

Silver medal: Rustem Bayeshev, Kazakhstan, +91kg

Bronze medal: Timur Kabdeshov, Kazakhstan, 49kg

Bronze medal: Alibek Zharkynbek, Kazakhstan, 56kg

Bronze medal: Bilolbek Mirzarakhimov, Uzbekistan, 64kg

Bronze medal: Javokhir Togaymuradov, Uzbekistan, 81kg



THREE ASIAN GOLD MEDALS
IN THE PAVLYUKOV YOUTH TOURNAMENT
IN RUSSIA

HAYATO TSUTSUMI

DOMINATED THE JAPANESE
HIGH SCHOOL SELECTION
TOURNAMENT IN GIFU WHERE
IMANAGA AND ARAMOTO SET
NEW RECORDS

The Japanese High School National Selection Tournament was held in Gifu where their No.1 AIBA Youth World Champion and Best Asian Youth Boxer of the Year 2016, Hayato Tsutsumi won the title in his new bantamweight (56kg). Besides to him Taiga Imanaga and Issei Aramoto secured their sixth Japanese national titles in Gifu.

Gifu, which was the host of the Japanese High School National Selection Tournament, is Oda Nobunaga's home who is a famous historical person in Japan. The winners of the Japanese High School National Selection Tournament have got good chance to represent the country in the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand.

Misaki Nasu trained hard following her silver medal in the 2016 Japanese High School National Tournament where she lost to Rinka Kinoshita in the final. Nasu met with her main local rival in the semi-final and she was able to beat her by unanimous decision this time. Nasu advanced to the final of the women's pinweight (46kg) where she was too smart for Haruka Nishimura and claimed a title.

Saya Hamamoto lost to Sena Irie in the semi-final of the Japanese U18 Women's National Championships in December but this time she was able to do revenge in the second female final of the Japanese High School National Selection Tournament.

The 18-year-old talent defeated Irie 4-1 in the final of the flyweight (51kg) and has got her chance to represent Japan in the AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships in November.

In the third women's final of the Japanese High School National Selection Tournament Seira Hamaguchi met with Honoka Misaka. Hamaguchi, who eliminated Honami Kanazawa in the semi-final, had to do her very best to beat Honoka Misaka for the gold of the lightweight (60kg) in Gifu. Hamaguchi stopped by TKO her final opponent two-time in 2016 but Misaka was more competitive in their third match in Gifu.

Ginjiro Shigeoka was the favourite of the pinweight (46kg) following his three national titles in 2016. The Japanese National Sports Festival winner talent controlled the first two rounds against Asato Kataoka in the final but his opponent knocked him down in the third. Shigeoka had enough stamina to box until the final bell and his previous advantage was enough to beat his dangerous rival.

Japanese National Sports Festival winner Tatsuya Ogawa, who will be turning to 18 only in June, proved top performance in the Beket Makhmutov Youth Tournament in Oral, Kazakhstan a few weeks ago when he claimed silver medal. Ogawa, who lives and trains in Yonago, defeated Tomu Baba in the final of the light flyweight (49kg) in Gifu.

Ryutaro Nakagaki won the gold medal in the 2015 ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships in Tashkent and returned to the national squad a few weeks ago with another great success when he claimed the title of the Beket Makhmutov Youth Tournament in Kazakhstan. Nakagaki proved top performance once again and dominated all of the rounds against Koshiro Takemi in the final of the flyweight (52kg).

Hayato Tsutsumi claimed gold medal in the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships and also in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships therefore he was appointed as the Best Asian Youth Boxer of



the Year 2016. The young Japanese talent moved up to the bantamweight (56kg) and following his gold in the Beket Makhmutov Youth Tournament he dominated his final also in Gifu where he stopped Musashi Kajiwara.

ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships bronze medallist and ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships silver medallist Taiga Imanaga won his sixth Japanese national title in Gifu where he competed at the lightweight (60kg). The 18-year-old Japanese hope was too strong for Daiki Harada in his new category.

ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships silver medallist Issei Aramoto also reached his sixth title in Japan as Imanaga. The light welterweight (64kg) boxer dominated his final against Sho Sato and the referee finished their unequal contest still in the first round. Only five Japanese boxers won six gold medals previously in the high school level, the last one was AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships quarter-finalist Reo Saito in 2016.

Tadashi Patrick Usami was a new face in the high school level but he proved his strength in the final of the welterweight (69kg) in Gifu where he stopped Daigo Takahashi for the title. Riku Kondo was bronze medallist in the last edition of the Japanese High School National Selection Tournament but this time he was able to beat all of his rivals in the middleweight (75kg). Kondo spent only 72 seconds in the ring and after his lethal combinations he could knock out Go Wakaya in the gold medal bout.



LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE JAPANESE HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL SELECTION TOURNAMENT

Women's 46 kg: Misaki Nasu

Women's 51 kg: Saya Hamamoto

Women's 60 kg: Seira Hamaguchi

Men's 46 kg: Ginjiro Shigeoka

Men's 49 kg: Tatsuya Ogawa

Men's 52 kg: Ryutaro Nakagaki

Men's 56 kg: Hayato Tsutsumi

Men's 60 kg: Taiga Imanaga

Men's 64 kg: Issei Aramoto

Men's 69 kg: Tadashi Patrick Usami

Men's 75 kg: Riku Kondo

ARSLAN SHAMYRADOV

PROVED HIS BEST IN THE TURKMENISTAN YOUTH NATIONALS

The Turkmenistan Youth National Championships was held in their capital city in Ashgabat where ten men champions were crowned. The best youth boxers in Turkmenistan such as Batyr Bayramov, Arslan Shamyradov, Saparmyrat Odayev and Geldymammet Toylyyev all won their weight classes in the national event.

Turkmenistan's youth squad leading by coach Mr. Aliasker Bashirov claimed two medals in the last edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Pavlodar, Kazakhstan which was a great success of the country. The Turkmenistan Youth National Championships was a selection event for the upcoming 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand in July.

The first gold medal of the Turkmenistan Youth National Championships was achieved by Yhlas Klychjanov who is a new face in this age group. The 16-year-old talent defeated Kovus Kovusov in the final of the light flyweight (49kg) and has got chance to show his skills in the international level in 2017.

Batyr Bayramov was member of the youth national team of Turkmenistan in 2016 and since then he moved up to the flyweight (52kg) which was the most difficult in their Youth National Championships. The 17-year-old talent had to beat Muhammetmyrat Mukhammedov in the semi-final of the event while he had to do also top performance against Aymyrat Hojanepesov in the gold medal

bout. Bayramov defeated his rivals who both competed in the international level in 2015 and in 2016.

Arslan Shamyradov was born in 2000 but he competed in the AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships in 2015 while he reached his career highlight in the Children of Asia Games in Yakutsk, Russia last year when he achieved a valuable bronze medal. Shamyradov defeated the titleholder Kasym Cherkezov in the semi-final of the bantamweight (56kg) and he was able to continue his winning path against Kochkar Charyyev in the final.

Islam Kerimov was a debutant in the youth age group but his efforts were enough to beat Turkmenistan's national team member Vitaliy Miheyev in the final of the lightweight (60kg). Saparmyrat Odayev was successful in the schoolboys and junior events in the recent years and he joined to the youth age group this January. He achieved silver in the 2016 Turkmenistan Junior National Championships which he changed now onto gold against Shatlyk Begmuradov in the final of the light welterweight (64kg).

Ivan Solomonenko has got Ukrainian roots and proved his talent in the new

edition of the Turkmenistan Youth National Championships. The young talent eliminated national team member Junior National Champion Kuvvat Ilhanov in the semi-final which was his key contest and after that he was also too strong for Bayly Babakov in the gold medal bout.

Gaygysyz Atayev claimed bronze medal in the last edition of the Turkmenistan Youth National Championships but in the new competition he was able to beat Hojamuhammet Charyyev in the final. The gold medal of the light heavyweight (81kg) was achieved by Balkan's two-time Junior National Champion Mekan Hallyyev who defeated former Schoolboys National Champion Serdar Ereshov in the final of the championships.

Gurban Yollyyev was only bronze medallist in the 2016 Turkmenistan Junior National Championships but he changed that into gold in the Youth National Championships where he was able to win the title of the heavyweight (91kg) against Saparmurat Hallyyev. Geldymammet Toylyyev claimed silver medal in the 2015 ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships in Tashkent therefore his final success at the super heavyweight (+91kg) was not a surprise in the Nationals.



WINNERS IN THE TURKMENISTAN YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

49 kg: Yhlas Klychjanov, 2000

52 kg: Batyr Bayramov, 1999

56 kg: Arslan Shamyradov, 2000

60 kg: Islam Kerimov, 2000

64 kg: Saparmyrat Odayev, 2000

69 kg: Ivan Solomonenko, 2000

75 kg: Gaygysyz Atayev, 1999

81 kg: Mekan Hallyyev, 1999

91 kg: Gurban Yollyyev, 2000

+91 kg: Geldymammet Toylyyev, 1999

RECORD NUMBER OF 204 BOXERS

ATTENDED IN THE KYRGYZ JUNIOR NATIONALS

The National Junior Championships of the Kyrgyz Republic was held in the city of Talas which is located Northwestern area of the country between two mountain ranges. Talas region's new sensation Baybek Anarbek Uulu became the Best Boxer of the Championships while Bishkek's Murat Kurmanov appointed as the Best R&J in the event.

Kyrgyzstan's best junior boxers in 2016 were Ilgiz Matmusayev, Dastanbek Ormonov, Sanzhar Seidakmatov, Adilet Egemberdi Uulu and Muso Teshebayev who competed at the Children of Asia Games in Yakutsk successfully but all joined to the youth age group this January therefore new heroes shined in the city of Talas.

Altogether record number of 204 boxers competed in the National Junior Championships of the Kyrgyz Republic in Talas. Dzhahalal-Abad region sent 29 boxers, Chui region 28, while capital Bishkek 27 athletes to the national event. The competition was held in 15 weight classes from 42kg up to the +80kg in Talas. The event was the first selection in Kyrgyzstan to the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships which will be held in Davao, Philippines this August.

The first gold medal in the Junior National Championships was achieved by Dzhahalal-Abad region's Kaipberdi Primkul Uulu who defeated Zhakshylyk Tilek Uulu in the final of the 42kg weight class. Primkul Uulu delivered his career's highlight with this gold medal in the Kyrgyz Junior National Championships.

Sultan Asankul Uulu competed in the Akelbayev Junior Tournament and also in the Astashenkov Junior Tournament in 2016 but he was not the favourite of the 44kg weight class in Talas. The 16-year-old boxer shocked national team member Maksat Zhusupov in the semi-final and Islam Marov in the final of category.

Schoolboys National Champion 15-year-old Bayaman Magzymov was bronze medallist in the Akelbayev Schoolboys Tournament last July but his first competition among the junior boxers was a great success for him. Magzymov came from a boxing family, his brother Bayastan is also a boxer and he used his experiences to take the title of the pinweight (46kg).

Azat Kubatov lost his first bout in the 2016 Kyrgyz Schoolboys National Championships but in his first junior year he claimed a surprise gold in Talas. He had a close fight against Farukh Mirbakiyev in the preliminary round and also in the final against Askerbek Azimov but his tactical skills were enough to beat his rivals in Talas. A junior national team member Kyrgyz boxer Muktarbek Ibraimov was only quarter-finalist in the event.

Rysbek Bektenov was bronze medallist in the Akelbayev Junior Tournament last

year but he had enough experiences from his schoolboy years to beat Schoolboys National Champion Aydar Oroskulov and Musabek Myrza Uulu in the strong bantamweight (54kg) in Talas. Talas region's Akelbayev Schoolboys Tournament winner Azatbek Marat Uulu was the favourite of his new featherweight (57kg) in the event and he was able to beat all of his five opponents including Kylymbek Tursunakunov in the final.

Dzhahalal-Abad region's Umar Kubanychbek Uulu claimed silver medal in the Margilan International Junior Tournament in Uzbekistan two months ago but he was not able to get the title of the lightweight (60kg) in their Junior National Championships. He lost to Nuradin Rustambek Uulu in the semi-final and his opponent who came from also the same region won the final also against Mirbek Zhenishbek Uulu. Nuradin Rustambek Uulu moved up one weight class since January and his semi-final bout against strong Umar Kubanychbek Uulu was one of the best fight of the whole national event.

Chui region's Schoolboys National Champion Ernis Atabek Uulu had a close semi-final against Mukhamed Bagiyev but after that success he was energetic

in the final against Osh's Islam Turgunov. Chui region's Dastan Onolbekov claimed bronze medal in the Astashenkov Junior Tournament last May when he competed at the lightweight (60kg). Since then the young talent moved up to the welterweight (66kg) and defeated Aydar Azamat Uulu in the final of the category.

Schoolboys National Champion Kerimbay Erkinov competed in the Margilan International Junior Tournament

in Uzbekistan where he advanced to the Top8. The middleweight (75kg) talent was also in the Top8 at the Akim Prizes Junior Tournament in Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan one year ago therefore he had enough experiences to dominate his contests in the national event. Following his strong combinations the referee stopped his final against Myktybek Urbayev and Erkinov delivered his next national title. Akhmed Usupov won the

gold medal in the Margilan International Junior Tournament in Uzbekistan this January when he was able to beat four Uzbek boxers at the heavyweight (+80kg). Following his title in the Issyk-Kul Junior Cup and in their previous national events the 16-year-old talent stopped Chui region's Nikita Korobkin in the final. The referee confirmed Usupov's RSC success still in the first round of their unequal gold medal bout.



WINNERS IN THE KYRGYZ JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

42 kg: Kaipberdi Primkul Uulu, 2002

44 kg: Sultan Asankul Uulu, 2001

46 kg: Bayaman Magzymov, 2002

48 kg: Azat Kubatov, 2002

50 kg: Altynbek Muktarbek Uulu, 2002

52 kg: Nurmukhamed Raatbek Uulu, 2002

54kg: Rysbek Bektenov, 2001

57 kg: Azatbek Marat Uulu, 2002

60 kg: Nuradin Rustambek Uulu, 2001

63 kg: Ernis Atabek Uulu, 2001

66 kg: Dastan Onolbekov, 2001

70 kg: Baybek Anarbek Uulu, 2001

75 kg: Kerimbay Erkinov, 2001

80 kg: Islam Abdykadyr Uulu, 2001

+80 kg: Akhmed Usupov, 2001



UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL 2017

MARCH 29 - APRIL 4, 2017

Bekzat Sattarkhanov Youth Memorial
Tournament, Turkestan, Kazakhstan

APRIL 1-7, 2017

Thailand International Invitational Tourna-
ment, Bangkok, Thailand

APRIL 4-12, 2017

Kyrgyz University National Championships,
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

APRIL 11-17, 2017

Uzbek Schoolboys National Champion-
ships, Almalik, Uzbekistan

APRIL 14-19, 2017

Nurmakhanov Memorial Tournament,
Turkestan, Kazakhstan

APRIL 14-23, 2017

Vietnamese National Cup, Hanoi, Vietnam

APRIL 18-21, 2017

Chinese National Games 2nd Qualifica-
tion Event, China

APRIL 20-24, 2017

Saudi Arabian Junior National Champion-
ships, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

APRIL 20-25, 2017

Taimanov & Utemisov Memorial Tourna-
ment, Atyrau, Kazakhstan

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World Series of Boxing, 12th Week -
Sanya, China & Russia

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Chinese Taipei Secondary Schools Boxing
Championships, Changhua, Chinese Taipei

APRIL 22-29, 2017

Philippine Palarong Pambansa Junior &
Kids Championships, San Jose, Philippines

APRIL 25-29, 2017

Tajikistan Junior National Championships,
Tursunzoda, Tajikistan

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ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing
Championships, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

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Galib Dzhafarov Prizes Junior Tournament,
Aktobe, Kazakhstan

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Tshanov Prizes Youth Tournament, Almaty,
Kazakhstan

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Nepali National Women's & Men's Ranking
Tournament, Birtamod, Nepal