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## AIBA VICE-PRESIDENT SERIK KONAKBAYEV: AUTHORITY OF THE KAZAKH BOXING IS UNCHALLENGED

ASTANA. KAZINFORM - In the beginning of July Bangkok, Thailand, is going to hold Asian Youth Boxing Championship. We asked AIBA Vice-President, ASBC President Mr. Serik Konakbayev to make some comments on the upcoming event.

- 160 participants of 29 nations are expected for the continental contest, this is really good achievement. For example, the Asian Youth Boxing Championship in 2014 which was also held in Thailand had 96 boxers from 16 countries. The last year championship in Pavlodar gathered 113 sportsmen from 18 Asian states. This year the maximum number participants are expected. Full teams are coming from India, Iraq, Kazakhstan, China and Uzbekistan. All-time records are expected from Jordan, Nepal, Palestine and Taipei. Yemen, Qatar and Lebanon are first-time participants in this category, - said Serik Konakbayev.

**- Mr. Konakbayev, taking this opportunity, I'd like to clarify your goals as the President of the Asian Boxing Confederation?**

- I'd like to note that this election is honorable and grave responsibility for me because my country trusted me to run for this position. And now my main goal is to meet all expectations. Authority of the Kazakhstani boxing is unchallenged, it is the comprehensive result of achievements of former and current athletes, credits of our coaches, consistent work of the government and sport officials. I mean everything that leads to success and heights at the world stage. In that regard considering measures taken by the Boxing Federation of Kazakhstan in the last 9 years our boxing should be one of the best in the world.

It is the greatest pleasure for me to see that not only athletes are well-known, but Kazakhstani coaches are also considered. For instance now the new



Olympic cycle starts and many national federations are making new national squads, including new coaching staff. Most of them have the same request: help to find "coach from Kazakhstan". Whereas Asian continent has 60% of the global population and there are reputable boxing countries, but anyway our specialists are highly evaluated. For example, Olympic bronze medalist, successful coach Bolat Niyazymbetov had previously worked in Iraq, and since April he is a coach of the national team of South Korea. By the way he got in Iraq after being recommended by his coach Damir Budanbekov who had also trained Iraqi boxers. Now Mr. Budanbekov works in China. A bright representative of Kazakhstani boxing school Khamit Barayev coaches in Malaysia.

One of these days another talented coach Mukhtar Berdimbetov is leaving for Nepal. Our confederation has decided to send him for three months in order to support developing Nepal Boxing Federation and facilitate the national team in coaching and advising. And most likely that Nepal party will make a long-term contract with him as it usually happens with our coaches.

Currently we are considering 2-3 countries willing to accept our coaches, we are working on this, making negotiations on the mutually beneficial terms and conditions.

The support of the national federations by highly qualified specialists is one more step for the development of Asian boxing.

**- Do you fear that our experts will put their schools that will grow competitors for our boxers?**

- That's really good question and you are partly right. However I guess we shouldn't fear of that. First, our coaches are given an opportunity to work abroad, gain some international experience and necessary competences. Secondly "truth is sprout in discussion" and champion appears in a competitive environment. As a sportsman I think that win over the strong and worthy competitor is better so the victory is more likeable than being "the best among the weakest".

Speaking broadly on the Confederation activities as I have said before Asia is the most densely populated continent. There is a forceful human resource but it is also the poorest one due to the ailing economy. Of course the backwardness of the economic development affects on all spheres of lives, including the sport. Also this region is subject to frequent political and military conflicts, natural convulsions. There are some rich countries but they are traditionally "non-boxing". All these factors as a whole influence over the development of Asian boxing.

But the level of participants of the Asian Boxing Championship in Tashkent showed

us the progressive development that impressed both experts and spectators.

The leaders of the continent are from Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, India, China and Mongolia. Boxers from Syria, South Korea, Indonesia and Sri-Lanka are performing more confident. Last time we can see some slump among Thai sportsmen however it is caused by the generational change. But the Thai federation is one of the most successful in Asia, that's why I am sure that they will catch up soon. Also I'd like to note that I have great expectation from the Japanese team which was quite successful at the Olympic Games in London. But currently we can't see the activities of the Japanese federation and its boxers. Moreover they are hosting the Olympic Games in 2020, so not only me but the global sport community have high expectations.

I am impressed by federations of Bhutan, Lebanon, Cambodia, Laos, Nepal and Palestine who are actively involved in the boxing movement last 2 years. It is clearly seen among the participants registered for the Youth Championship which statistics are shown above.

Our main goal is to raise the level of the Asian boxing, improve skills, spectacularity

and massiveness. In my opinion the basic objective for us is the advanced training of official technical delegates, referees and coaches. The qualifications of referees are discussed for many years, we see this problem. Also we should not lose sight of retired boxers. The population of the region does not have an access to the mass education due to the poorness of the countries, but retired sportsmen are the "half-product" who are aware of the boxing and they can become the "complete product" as referees, coaches or officers if we properly arrange their further activities. Yes, this is the time-taking process but someone has to do this.

So we got a lot of plans however we cannot daydream and make illusory projects. That's why before starting our job we try to consider the issue deeply, estimate risks, weigh all the pros and cons. We have no right to make mistakes and we should take the responsibility for each of our decisions or actions.

**- Thank you Mr. Konakbayev.**

- I would to thank you for your interest towards the Asian Youth competition and wish all your readers success and prosperity!

**RUSSIAN VERSION OF THE INTERVIEW:**

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## MR. SERIK KONAKBAYEV IS PROUD OF MR. PICHAI CHUNHAVAJIRA'S SUPPORT TO CAMBODIA AND NEPAL

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 President of the Thailand Boxing Association Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira who supports the developing countries in the South-east Asian region.

Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira developed well Thailand's boxing life since his Presidency and the country is now focusing to their youth and junior age groups more actively than in the last decades. Also great commitment to Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira that Thailand Boxing Association will be the host of the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok.

Thailand Boxing Association will support the Cambodian boxers in the trainings and provide for them accommodations, meals, sparrings and coaches to develop their athletes. Furthermore Thailand Boxing Association will cover the accommodation costs of the Nepalese delegation at the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships to support another developing nation.

Mr. Serik Konakbayev thanks for ASBC Vice-President Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira's work to develop his region's boxing and believes our sport will be stronger than ever in Southeast Asia. The region's main boxing show the Southeast Asian Games will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in August.





## MR. SERIK KONAKBAYEV: WE ALWAYS FEEL PRESIDENTIAL SUPPORT

In July 2002, the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan signed the Law "On Prevention and Restriction of Tobacco Smoking". In connection with the 15th anniversary of the adoption of this law, the correspondent of the MIA "Kazinform" talked with its initiator, the famous Kazakhstani boxer, and now the vice-president of the International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA) Serik Konakbayev.

**- Serik Kerimbekovich, why did you initiate the adoption of an anti-tobacco law in Kazakhstan?**

- The initiation of this bill was the result of my work as deputy chairman of the Public Coordination Council for Prevention and Combating of Smoking and Other Harmful Habits, established

by the Government Resolution in September, 2000. Having plunged into «tobacco» issues, my colleagues and I came to the conclusion that this sphere of our life requires regulation at a constant systemic level. We carefully studied the current situation in our country, international experience, the

reports of human rights organizations, including the world health organizations, financial monitoring and so on and conducted a considerable number of round tables and discussions at various venues. As a result, we began to form a clear position on many aspects.

At that time, I was a Member of Parliament (Lower House) and this was probably an additional «plus» to implementing our developments. As you know, the right of legislative initiative is realized exclusively in the Mazhilis (Lower House) and, the parliamentary tribune allowed me to voice the thoughts and aspirations of the members of the Coordinating Council and, in general, all people who are not indifferent to this issue.

We often discussed the issues of tobacco control with my parliamentary colleagues, they also argued and debated. Most of them had a clear understanding of this problem. And finally, in June 2001, the bill was presented in the Mazhilis. I am grateful to my colleagues, the Majilis members of the second convocation, Sergei Dyachenko, Hakim Kushkaliyev, Erlan Nigmatulin, who co-sponsored this project and made a huge contribution to formation of a fundamentally new legislation of our country.

**- You and your colleagues studied the world experience. You could be guided by the WHO Convention, without adopting a special law?**

- I would like to note that many of the most important and fundamental provisions of the convention were already contained in our law. That is,

when it was adopted, the convention did not yet exist, it was adopted in 2003. We can say that in many respects we anticipated it. The convention you mentioned is a «framework»; it reflects the main goal, the essence of which is to protect public health from the devastating consequences of tobacco consumption. This was a WHO recommendation to all countries. And then, in any case, every country that supports an anti-tobacco campaign should have already adopted laws adapted to its economic conditions.

And it should be noted that Kazakhstan was one of the first to enter the international «no smoking» space.

**- As you know, everything new is always implemented very slowly. In your situation it could have been different?**

- You rightly mentioned the «barriers» faced. In my opinion, it is quite normal that you feel suspicious about innovations. Yes, even among colleagues, we felt suspicious about it, especially those who smoke. There were long discussions, heated debates and the lobby of the tobacco companies. In general, it was difficult, but it was an interesting experience. In the end, for many, the need to adopt this document became obvious, as the country lacked the legislative base for implementing the state policy on prevention and restriction of tobacco smoking, the regulation of relations in the production area, sale and consumption of tobacco products in order to reduce the incidence of the population. There was an acute need to create a system of measures to reduce tobacco advertising,

reduce and control the content of the maximum permissible harmful substances in tobacco products, restrict the places of their sale and smoking.

It should be noted that the support of the anti-tobacco movement was at the highest state level. The activities of the coordination council, the creation of platforms for discussion and a number of other events are truly a colossal work of all involved, and the most important is the political will of the Head of State. Nursultan Nazarbayev always actively promotes a healthy lifestyle, putting the public health at the center of his policy. After all, he knows and understands that a healthy lifestyle is one of the keys to the well-being of the nation, its economic wealth and the ground for a stable and healthy society.

And in April 2002 we submitted the draft law that had already been finalized, taking into account all amendments, to the Mazhilis consideration. When discussing the bill, some of my colleagues suggested starting with themselves and making the Parliament building «a zone free from smoking». Then there was a discussion in the Senate, and then there was a conciliation commission between the two Chambers. In general, we went through all the stages of the law-making process.

In June 2002 the Mazhilis and the Senate of the country adopted our bill, and on July 10 the Head of State signed it.

**- For 15 years the country has been living according to this Law. How did the situation change, in your opinion?**

- If to be correct, in 2009 when the Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan «On the public health and the health care system» was adopted, the current Law «On Prevention and Restriction of Tobacco Smoking» was fully included in this code as its separate chapter. In the working group we discussed and decided that this is the most optimal variant, when everything will be accumulated in one document.

You know, to pass the law is still half the battle. Further implementation of its norms, their correct application, and control over their execution is no less difficult work. After the adoption of the law, our coordination council continued its activities and we often received information about tobacco products being sold to minors and in the area of educational institutions, a «single-piece» sale of cigarettes, and the facts that manufacturers incorrectly label them and make warning signs on them. We tried, as far as possible, to respond to all violations, informed state agencies, and organized voluntary raids. And we were happy that a «breakthrough» occurred in the public consciousness, the society has become not indifferent to this problem.

**- You were a Majilis deputy of three convocations. What other legislative initiatives do you consider the most significant?**

- In my first convocation, I was elected on the party list of the Republican political party Otan (Fatherland), and then ran for a single-mandate district from Kordai, Moyinkum and Shu districts of Zhambyl region. Voters

asked many questions. Someone asked for help with the loan, someone had housing problems. In general, a very wide range of pressing issues. We also worked closely with colleagues from maslikhats who raised issues on a regional scale: somewhere we had issues of local importance, such as a lack of social facilities and water supply, production sector. And sometimes there were interstate issues, for example, on transboundary rivers and bank protection works on the rivers. All this required additional budgetary expenses. And, we, the deputy corps, together with the Government, tried to solve the tasks set.

Speaking about the significance of the initiatives, personally for me, it was my initiative to amend the current Law «On Administrative and Territorial Structure of the Republic of Kazakhstan» on changing the status of the former «urban-type settlements». In my electoral district there were six such ones: Akbakay, Aksuyek, Mirny, Mynaral, Hantau, Shiganak in the Moynkum district. But they remained «settlements» only on paper. In fact, they were already the rural settlements (they had a little more than a thousand people), while the population of these settlements was classified as urban residents, and people living there could not enjoy the benefits provided for rural residents. For example, teachers and doctors did not receive a 25 percent premium paid to this group of budget workers in the villages, services of Kazakhtelecom were paid at the city rate.

To transfer these villages to the category of «settlements», according

to Article 11 of the above-mentioned Law, it was necessary that more than half of the population would be engaged in agricultural production. However, the residents of these villages could not engage in organized agricultural production, because there simply were no agricultural lands and these settlements were once formed under uranium and gold mines. When we began to study the issue comprehensively, it turned out that in general there are 119 settlements in the republic with similar problems. Accordingly, this required a large budget.

A large joint commission was created with the participation of ministries and departments, since any government decision is always required for any «costly» amendment.

Our Committee on Ecology and Nature Management, whose secretary I was then, organized a large extended meeting of the Committee in my electoral constituency. And there, the representatives of the Government and Parliament could see with their own eyes the need to resolve this issue.

If to return to your question, then one of the important results of my deputy activity, I think, was the solution of this problem.

**- Thank you for such an extensive interview!**

- Thank you, and, using this opportunity, let me congratulate all Kazakhstanis on the upcoming Day of the capital. Peace, good and prosperity to every home!





## **WESING IS THE EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER OF THE ASBC ASIAN CONFEDERATION YOUTH BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Wesing is the equipment supplier of the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships which will be starting in Bangkok, Thailand with its first competition day on July 1 tomorrow. The finals are scheduled on July 7 in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.

The relationship between Wesing and the Asian Boxing Confederation was very special in the recent years. Wesing supplied the equipment also in the last edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Pavlodar, Kazakhstan which was taking place in May 2016. Wesing was founded in 1989

and since then the brand is the leading Martial Arts supplier in the sport World. The company is focusing on integrity, innovation, insistence and gratefulness and among its core values we could found "The Power to Win" which is matches to Asian Boxing Confederation's "Together We Are Power" slogan.



## **MR. SERIK KONAKBAYEV AND ASBC MANAGEMENT WISHES HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO HONORARY PRESIDENT OF KAZAKHSTAN BOXING FEDERATION ASKAR KULIBAYEV**

President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and Vice-President of AIBA Mr. Serik Konakbayev furthermore the ASBC management wishes Happy Birthday to Honorary President of Kazakhstan Boxing Federation Mr. Askar Kulibayev.

Mr. Askar Kulibayev worked well to develop Kazakhstan's boxing in the recent decades during the Soviet period and also in the independent Kazakhstan since 1991. Mr. Askar Kulibayev, who turned to 80 today, had key positions in Kazakhstan between 1965 and 1997.





## JAPAN'S HAYATO TSUTSUMI WAS THE BEST BOXER IN THE ASBC ASIAN CONFEDERATION YOUTH BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The level of the finals delivered superb contests in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships which was finished in Bangkok, Thailand. Uzbekistan achieved five gold medal in the event and became the most successful country at the very first time in the history of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships since 2010.

Altogether 120 male boxers from 23 countries attended for the medals in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok. Besides to Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Japan and Iran were able to get gold medals in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships. The Best Boxer Trophy was won by Japan's Hayato Tsutsumi who won his second Asian youth title.

### → **Light flyweight** (49 kg):

Uzbekistan's Pavlyukov Youth Memorial Tournament winner Samandar Kholmurodov proved amazing performance in the road to the finals and used aggressive style in the title bout. The Uzbek boxer met with India's AIBA Youth World Champion Sachin Siwach Singh who eliminated Thailand's youngest team member Thitisan Panmod in the semi-final. The Uzbek boxer had a well-built tactic in the first round and he moved more on feet than his Indian star rival. Kholmurodov exceeded the expectations with his aggressive style and pressurized his taller Indian rival after the final gong. The Uzbek youngster won their contest by unanimous decision and reached his career highlight in Bangkok.

### → **Flyweight** (52 kg):

Uzbekistan's Abdumalik Khalokov eliminated Thailand's Niwat Khitwanna, China's Pan Zhenhang, Kyrgyzstan's AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Temirlan Nurlan Uulu and Mongolia's Emil Zhechev Youth Memorial Tournament silver medallist Buyandalai Bayarkhuu in the road to the finals. The Uzbek talent had meet in his fifth bout with Japan's ASBC Asian Junior Champion Ryutaro Nakagaki who eliminated Kazakhstan's Aibek Dossanov in a narrow semi-final. The Uzbek boxer used his longer distance successfully in the first round of their final which delivered a tactical battle. Khalokov had amazing footwork while his Japanese opponent tried to catch his Uzbek opponent with strict left-handed jabs. Nakagaki's final round was enough to win the difficult contest against his younger opponent and delivered a title for Japan.

### → **Bantamweight** (56 kg):

Thailand's ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships bronze medallist Pluem Wangkhlaklang eliminated China's Liu Qiming, Iran's Ashkan Rezaei and India's experienced Muhammed Etash Khan in the road to the finals. The Thai talent to meet with Japan's defending AIBA Youth World Champion and ASBC Asian Youth Champion Hayato Tsutsumi in the final. The Japanese boxer is one of the best youth talent in the entire globe who launched several body shots against Wangkhlaklang who was a hard target in the opening minutes. Tsutsumi was excellent in the final minutes and he was able to retain his Asian youth title in Bangkok winning the final by split decision.

### → **Lightweight** (60 kg):

Thailand's AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Sakda Ruamtham was the second boxer from the host country in action in the day of the finals. The Thai talent moved ahead and used his tough punches in the first round against Kazakhstan's AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships silver medallist Samatali Toltayev who defeated Uzbekistan's Saidjamshid Jafarov in the semi-final. The Kazakh boxer tried to move more on feet and his single punches worked better in the second round. Ruamtham's left-handed hooks were also dangerous in their final but Toltayev's final minutes delivered for him a title in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.

### → **Light welterweight** (64 kg):

Kazakhstan's Sanatali Toltayev is Samatali's twin brother who also had amazing junior and youth successes in the recent two years. The Almaty-based boxer eliminated India's tough Akash, Syria's best and most experienced youth boxer Ammar Haidar and China's Yibulayimu Mamuti in the road to the finals. The Kazakh talent faced with Uzbekistan's AIBA Junior World Champion and ASBC Asian Youth Champion Bilolbek Mirzarakhimov for the title in Bangkok. The Uzbek boxer, who claimed also silver medal in the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships, tried to overcome his Kazakh rival from the first seconds, Sanatali Toltayev, who trains also in Almaty as his twin brother, was trying to pressurize his taller Uzbek star rival in the first two rounds. Mirzarakhimov was more tactical in the third and did not let Toltayev to box aggressively in the final minutes but his efforts were not enough to turn back their contest. Following Samatali, his twin brother Sanatali was also able to get gold medal in Bangkok.

### → **Welterweight** (69 kg):

Uzbekistan's Farrukh Ilkhamov is a new face in their national youth squad but he was able to beat Japan's favourite Issei Aramoto in the semi-final of the event. The Uzbek boxer exceeded the expectations in Bangkok and met for the title with Thailand's ASEAN Youth Champion Peerapat Yeasungnoen. The Thai boxer, who was born only in 2000, tried to slow down his Uzbek opponent in the first round but he increased his rhythm in the final 15 seconds of the opening frame. Ilkhamov turned up the heat in the second round therefore the final result was depended on their performance in the final minutes. The Uzbek boxer was energetic and effective in the final round and won their contest by split decision.



→ **Middleweight**  
(75 kg):

Uzbekistan’s Youth National Games winner Rajabboy Atanazarov had hard road to the finals of the category in Bangkok where he eliminated Kazakhstan’s No.1 Ayat Marzhikpayev in the semi-final. The 18-year-old Uzbek boxer tried to use his attacking style against China’s 17-year-old Zhu Chao. The Chinese boxer had good counter-attacks in the first round and his longer hands were dangerous for Atanazarov. The Uzbek boxer knew how he can reduce the fighting distance in the best way and caught his Chinese opponent with strong hooks. Atanazarov worked well in their contest and his efforts were enough to get the gold medal of the weight class in Bangkok.

→ **Light  
heavyweight**  
(81 kg):

Uzbekistan’s Timur Ergashev defeated Kazakhstan’s ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships bronze medallist Eldiyar Kamchibekov in the last four in Bangkok. The Uzbek talent advanced to the final of the event where his next rival was Iran’s Reza Hassan Nia who eliminated Kyrgyzstan’s Alisher Chatkalbekov in a close bout. The Iranian boxer used counter-attacks against his well-motivated Uzbek rival who was able to get closer to Reza Hassan Nia mainly in the second round. Ergashev’s tactic worked well in the first round but Nia turned up the heat and secured a title for Iran, the first one since 2010.

→ **Heavyweight**  
(91 kg):

Kazakhstan’s Danila Semenov involved to the national youth team only in the final minute and he attended with great success in Bangkok. The new Kazakh national team member demonstrated his power in the road to the finals where he met for the title with Uzbekistan’s ASBC Asian Junior Champion Profsor Rorimsha. The taller Kazakh boxer was not enough shape in the first round to avoid the closer Uzbek punches. Rorimsha had tough hooks in the second round as well and after the final bell his victory was confirmed.

→ **Super  
heavyweight**  
(+91 kg):

Kazakhstan’s defending ASBC Asian Youth Champion Nurdaulet Ulanuly is not the tallest in the weight class but he advanced to the final after beating Iran’s newcomer Amir Hassan Saghafi in Bangkok. The Kazakh boxer met for his second title against Uzbekistan’s strong Lazizbek Mullojonov in the last bout of the whole championships. The Uzbek boxer achieved the gold medal in the Beket Makhmutov Youth Cup in Kazakhstan in March and began the bout strongly. Their first round was exciting and both boxers had a few clear punches but Mullojonov was quicker and looked stronger. The Uzbek boxer controlled all of the rounds and won their final by unanimous decision in Bangkok.



**LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE ASBC ASIAN  
CONFEDERATION YOUTH BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 49 kg: Samandar Kholmurodov, Uzbekistan
- 52 kg: Ryutaro Nakagaki, Japan
- 56 kg: Hayato Tsutsumi, Japan
- 60 kg: Samatali Toltayev, Kazakhstan
- 64 kg: Sanatali Toltayev, Kazakhstan
- 69 kg: Farrukh Ilkhamov, Uzbekistan
- 75 kg: Rajabboy Atanazarov, Uzbekistan
- 81 kg: Reza Hassan Nia, Iran
- 91 kg: Profsor Rorimsha, Uzbekistan
- +91 kg: Lazizbek Mullojonov, Uzbekistan



# 13 FACTS ABOUT ICONIC BOXER MR. SERIK KONAKBAYEV

1. No Kazakh boxers won the European Championship before Serik Konakbayev. Serik Konakbayev had won the European Championship 1979 in Cologne for the first time for Kazakhs.

2. He has coached six Olympic champions. Legendary Polish coach of XX century Feliks Stamm said after seeing Serik Konakbayev for the first

time at the ring: "This boy is going to be genius".

3. Serik's father Kerimbek Konakbayev studied at the postgraduate and pursued the science.

He is an author of the first schoolbook "Descriptive Geometry" in Kazakh language. He is the Candidate of Science in Engineering.

4. In 1981 World Boxing Federation named Serik Konakbayev the best amateur boxer in the world.

5. In 1984 four Kazakh boxers of the USSR team became champions. They are Serik Konakbayev, Karimzhan Abdrakhmanov, Serik Nurkazov and Asylbek Kilimov. These four Kazakh boxers were meant to participate the Olympic Games in Los-Angeles, USA. Unfortunately USSR sportsmen missed the Olympic games that are held quadrennially due to political reasons. Otherwise Serik Konakbayev could exchange his Moscow's silver to the gold one.

6. The idol for Serik Konakbayev is the French political and military leader Charles de Gaulle.

7. The iconic Kazakh boxer likes the fine literature. He has read foreign and Kazakh classics.

8. The talented champion of Sydney Olympics Bekzat Sattarkhanov took Serik Konakbayev for a model. Bekzat was a little baby when Serik Konakbayev was fighting at Moscow Olympics in 1980. His mother Syrlykul Sattarkhanova dreamt that Bekzat would become the champion as Serik Konakbayev. Later Bekzat fulfilled the dreams of his mother and the whole Kazakh nation proud of him.

9. Serik's twin brother Yerik Konakbayev. "My mother went to Pavlodar and we together with my brother Yerik came into the world on October 25th", - said Serik in an interview.

10. Legendary astronaut who was the Head of the Soviet Boxing Federation and the Hero of the Soviet Union Pavel Popovich said: "The movements of Konakbayev at the ring are equal to the space heights. His performance at the ring was the important moment of our sport history. I am proud of Serik as my son".

11. When Serik Konakbayev was at school he was doing football, athletics and swimming. Famous sportsmen Vakhid Masudov and Anton Shokh were playing football with Serik as youngsters.

12. In 1980-s the glory of Serik Konakbayev made many Kazakh kids to do boxing. Victories at the USSR Championships of 1979-1984, World Championship, European World Championship and Olympic Games were successful for Kazakh boxers. The fact is that Kazakh boxers had won many times at the USSR Championships of during 1979-1991. Serik Nurkazov, Asylbek Kilimov, Karimzhan Abdrakhmanov, Rashid Kabirotov, Yerik Kakimov, Beibit Yeszhanov and Bolat Temirov became champions, and Yesbolat Nurymov, Talgat Berdibekov, Kairat Galymtayev and Zhumatai Tusipov became medalists.

13. In those times Western promoters considered Serik Konakbayev as the only boxer who could fight legendary professional boxer Sugar Ray Leonard. They even to arrange the match with great remuneration. But the Soviet Union prohibited him to start professional boxing career overseas.



## ATHLETE OF THE MONTH IN JUNE - HAYATO TSUTSUMI

Japan's flag bearer and teenage star Hayato Tsutsumi delivered another sensational performance in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok, Thailand in the recent one week and following the Asian Boxing Confederation's Facebook voting he was named as the Best Boxer of the Month.

Hayato Tsutsumi was born in Chiba Prefecture on July 12 in 1999 and began boxing with coach Takayoshi Sonezaki at the age of 10. His first success in the sport was a gold medal at the 2013 Japanese Junior National Championships which result inspired also his younger brother to join to the sport.

Tsutsumi was involved to the Japanese junior national team in 2015 and he competed at the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships in Tashkent and also in the AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships in St. Petersburg, Russia but he was able to do his real breakthrough in 2016.

South Korea's No.1 Lee Hee Seop proved superb performance in the road to the finals of the 2016 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Pavlodar. The Korean southpaw attacked from the first rounds against Japan's Hayato Tsutsumi who eliminated Kazakhstan's star Aidos Arapov in the semi-final. The Japanese



boxer worked better in the final round which was the difference between them therefore Tsutsumi was able to beat his top opponent in Pavlodar. Tsutsumi won Japan's first ever gold medal in the history of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.

The new Japanese sensation Hayato Tsutsumi is the country's biggest future hope who could keep his unbeaten series also in the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships in St. Petersburg where he defeated all of his five tough rivals at the flyweight (52kg). Tsutsumi was too strong for Cuba's Elio Crespo

in the final of the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships in November 2016. His strongest opponent in the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships was Uzbekistan's Otabek Kholmatov in the semi-final who was a southpaw, a heavy puncher and Tsutsumi did a really close bout against him in St. Petersburg.

Japan's defending AIBA Youth World Champion and ASBC Asian Youth Champion Hayato Tsutsumi met with Thailand's most experienced youth boxer Pluem Wangkhaklang in the final of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships. Tsutsumi was excellent in the final minutes and he was able to retain his Asian youth title in Bangkok winning the final by split decision at the bantamweight (56kg). The Best Boxer Trophy was won by Japan's Hayato Tsutsumi who won his second Asian youth title in Bangkok a few days ago.

The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games is his main goal and he will have more than three years to reach the level of the top elite boxers. The 17-year-old Japanese talent proved amazing performance and development in 2016 and in 2017 when he was able to win all of his international and national bouts.

Tsutsumi was surprised when he saw Japan's current No.1 at the bantamweight (56kg) Ryomei Tanaka's strength in the trainings and sparrings. Tanaka is the Japanese National Elite Champion in his current weight class and six years older than Tsutsumi but his time could come quickly after these amazing youth successes. Tsutsumi knows his road will be hard but his main target is to get the gold medal in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games for Japan.



# ASTANA ARLANS KAZAKHSTAN ADVANCED TO THE WSB FINALS FOLLOWING THEIR 3-2 TRIUMPH IN LONDON

Two-time WSB Team Champion Astana Arlans Kazakhstan defeated the Season VI Finalist British Lionhearts 4-1 in the first leg of their Semi-finals in Kostanay and the Kazakh franchise was able to beat their European rivals 3-2 in their second match in the London York Hall. Astana Arlans Kazakhstan won their encounter 7-3 on aggregate and advanced to the WSB Finals of Season VII. Their final opponent could be Colombia Heroicos or Cuba Domadores which depends on the result of their second leg.

## BRITISH LIONHEARTS VS. ASTANA ARLANS KAZAKHSTAN 2-3 (AGGREGATE 3-7)

Two-time WSB Team Champion Astana Arlans Kazakhstan delivered perfect performance against the Russian franchise in the first phase of the Play-off in the Quarter-final. Astana Arlans Kazakhstan was able to beat the tough British Lionhearts 3-2 in their second leg of the Semi-finals in London. The British squad eliminated Astana Arlans Kazakhstan in Season VI therefore the Kazakh franchise did real revenge in Season VII.

ASBC Asian Champion and Rio 2016 Olympic Olzhas Sattibayev was amazing in the whole Season VII and his strong performance was enough to beat British Lionhearts' 19-year-old debutant Niall Farrell in the first bout of the second leg in London. Astana Arlans Kazakhstan's Zakir Safiullin used patient style in the recent years but in the current WSB Season VII he attacked more and dominated his next fight against British Lionhearts' New Zealand boxer, Chad Milnes.

Safiullin's triumph meant Astana Arlans Kazakhstan led 6-1 after seven contests and secured its guaranteed place in the WSB Final. Following that key contest Aslanbek Shymbergenov was still also motivated in his own contest at the welterweight (69kg) and used his longer hands to keep the distance against another Asian boxer, India's two-time Olympian Manoj Kumar therefore Astana Arlans Kazakhstan led by 7-1 following the eighth bout.

Astana Arlans Kazakhstan's two-time National Champion Arman Rysbek arrived to London with 5-0 record but British Lionhearts' tall Thomas Whittaker-Hart was able to beat him in a spectacular and close light heavyweight (81kg) bout. The second New Zealand boxer of the night was Patrick Mailata who was too strong for Astana Arlans Kazakhstan's FISU University World Champion WSB debutant Nursultan Amanzholov therefore the final result was 7-3 on aggregate to the Kazakh franchise.



### FINAL RESULTS IN LONDON:

#### British Lionhearts vs. Astana Arlans Kazakhstan 2-3

52kg: Niall Farrell ENG - **Olzhas Sattibayev KAZ** 1-2

60kg: Chad Milnes NZL - **Zakir Safiullin KAZ** - The British Lionhearts' boxer abandoned the fight in the 3rd round

69kg: Manoj Kumar IND - **Aslanbek Shymbergenov KAZ** 0-3

81kg: **Thomas Whittaker-Hart ENG** - Arman Rysbek KAZ 2-1

+91kg: **Patrick Mailata NZL** - Nursultan Amanzholov KAZ -

The Kazakh boxer abandoned the fight in the 3rd round



# KAZAKHSTAN'S ABILKHAN AMANKUL WAS THE BEST BOXER IN THE WSB SEMI-FINALS

Two-time WSB Team Champion Astana Arlans Kazakhstan defeated the Season VI Finalist British Lionhearts 7-3 on aggregate in the Semi-finals and advanced to the WSB Finals of Season VII. Astana Arlans Kazakhstan's promising star Abilkhan Amankul was named as the Best Boxer of the WSB Semi-finals which was a next honour for the young talent.

Astana Arlans Kazakhstan's Abilkhan Amankul was amazing as youth boxer in 2015 when he defeated all of his rivals in each competition such as in the Pavlyukov Youth Memorial Tournament in Russia and in prestigious Brandenburg Youth Cup. As a teenager he made successful debut in Season VI and proved his incredible development in the Week 1 of Season VII. Amankul met with British Lionhearts' US boxer Youth National Champion Nikita Ababiy in the WSB Semi-finals in Kostanay.

Amankul, who will be turning to 20 later this year, dominated the first round with his quick and strong combinations against the brave US boxer. The 18-year-old talented US boxer, who has got Ukrainian roots but has been training in Brooklyn since 2007, tried to adopt the level of their middleweight (75kg) contest from the first seconds when Amankul dictated the world class tempo.

Amankul, who lost only one bout in the recent two and half years, was focused

and did smart boxing in the second round in Kostanay in the front of the home crowd. Amankul's lost only to Uzbekistan's star Israil Madrimov in the semi-final of the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent which was the highlight of the continental event in the Uzbek capital.

The 19-year-old Kazakh southpaw caught the younger US boxer with superb left-handed hooks in the second round and dominated their contest with his physical advantage. The defending Kazakh National Champion had clear jabs and hooks also in the third round and his dominance continued in the fourth as well. The US boxer had great stamina and fighting spirit but he met with a world class athlete in Kostanay. Amankul turned up the heat one last time in the fifth round and won their bout by large margin of difference proving he is one of the best middleweight (75kg) boxer in the world now.







## NEW TEAM DELEGATIONS HANDBOOK IS AVAILABLE FOR THE ASBC ASIAN CONFEDERATION JUNIOR BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The new version of the team delegations handbook of the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships is available in all ASBC communication channels. The team delegations handbook contains the accommodation details, the schedule of the event, the deadlines and all other necessary informations.

There are still 14 days to register the boxers in the AIBA Database to the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships which will be held

in Palawan which is a picturesque island in the Philippines and its biggest city Puerto Princesa will be hosting the forthcoming continental event in August 1-7. The

ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships will be held in the 13 official men's weight classes: 46kg, 48kg, 50kg, 52kg, 54kg, 57kg, 60kg, 63kg, 66kg, 70kg,

75kg, 80kg and +80kg. Boxers who were born in 2001 and in 2002 are eligible to take part in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.





## SUCCESSFUL COORDINATION VISIT IN THE VENUE OF THE ASBC ASIAN CONFEDERATION WOMEN'S BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HO CHI MINH CITY

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 Women's Championships in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The continental event will be held in November and the LOC works together with ASBC for the success of the competition.

President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and Vice-President of AIBA Mr. Serik Konakbayev is expecting highest level of organization, hospitality and record number of female boxers in the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships. Mr. Konakbayev

believes that new names will be shining in the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships from the Southeast Asian region.

Mr. Bagdaulet Turekhanov visited the main venue of the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing

Championships in Ho Chi Minh City. Mr. Turekhanov was accompanied by Supervisor of the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships Indonesia's Mrs. Shelly Miranda during the negotiations in Ho Chi Minh City.

The delegation visited all hotels where the AIBA/ASBC officials, ITOs, Referees & Judges, coaches, athletes and accredited media members will be accommodated in Ho Chi Minh City. The delegation had negotiations with all important members of the Boxing Association of Vietnam during the official Coordination visit including the President of the Southeast Asian country Mr. Tran Minh Tien.

The venue of the competition will be Nguyen Du which is a perfect place for such a huge boxing event as the ASBC

Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships where the number of the seats, the lighting, the services, the facilities and the whole environment could be delivered a remarkable competition in November.

Vietnam hosted the 2005 edition of the Asian Boxing Championships for the men's elite boxers and the boxing tournament of the 2009 Asian Indoor Games and after a long hiatus a big event will return to the country in November. Vietnam's women's boxing life highly developed in the recent five years and the Southeast Asian country is expecting good results in their big female elite competition. The upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships will be the best way to promote boxing in Vietnam.





## **ASBC MANAGEMENT, THE THAI LOC AND OFFICIAL SUPPLIER WESING DONATED THE SRI LANKAN TEAM WITH NEW EQUIPMENTS IN BANGKOK**

President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and AIBA Vice-President Mr. Serik Konakbayev, furthermore the ASBC management together with ASBC Vice-President Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira of Thailand and Wesing, the official supplier of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships, supported the Sri Lankan national boxing team with new equipments.

Sri Lanka sent three talented boxers to the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships to Bangkok and their light flyweight (49kg) and flyweight (52kg) athletes showed future potential in our beloved combat sport. Sri Lanka is always sending teams to the ASBC and AIBA events and before the Bangkok competition the South Asian country took part with maximum number of 10 elite male boxers in the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

President of the Boxing Association of Sri Lanka Mr. Dian Gomes is member of the ASBC Women's Commission and makes his country active in the international level. Another engine in their association is his main advisor Mr. Hemantha Weerasinghe who has been working as ITO in the international events. Sri Lanka has got more than 2,000 registered boxers in the developing country and their management is working in their long term strategic plans to get Olympic medal in boxing in 2024.





## ASBC MANAGEMENT AND WESING DONATED THE YEMEN TEAM WITH NEW EQUIPMENTS IN BANGKOK

President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and AIBA Vice-President Mr. Serik Konakbayev, furthermore the ASBC management together with Wesing, the official supplier of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships, supported the Yemen national boxing team with new equipments.

Yemen decided to send a team to the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships to Bangkok which is a great effort from the developing boxing country and a historical step to raise their future international possibilities. Their historical participation in the ASBC Confederation events is the start of a new relationship and Yemen is now also

in the Asian boxing map. Yemen's top youth boxer Arab Youth Champion 17-year-old Ghaleb Mohammad Al-Qarnas advanced to the quarter-final in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok and will be fighting for a medal in the upcoming Day4.





## MR. SERIK KONAKBAYEV, ASBC MANAGEMENT AND WESING DONATED THE SYRIAN TEAM WITH NEW EQUIPMENTS IN BANGKOK

President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and AIBA Vice-President Mr. Serik Konakbayev, furthermore the whole ASBC management together with Wesing, the official supplier of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships, supported the Syrian national boxing team with new equipments.

Syria qualified for boxers to the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships during the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent and their boxers achieved medals also in the Islamic Solidarity Games in Baku in May. Their President Mr. Issa Al-Nassar is working hard with his team to develop all aspects of boxing in Syria.

The Syrian team is competing in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships currently to show boxing is strong in the country in spite of their difficulties in their homeland.

The next national event in Syria will be held for the junior talents in August and after that the country is ready to host its Women's National Championships.





## **ASBC MANAGEMENT, THE THAI LOC AND WESING DONATED THE AFGHAN TEAM WITH NEW EQUIPMENTS IN BANGKOK**

President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and AIBA Vice-President Mr. Serik Konakbayev, furthermore the ASBC management together with ASBC Vice-President Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira of Thailand and Wesing, the official supplier of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships, supported the Afghan national boxing team with new equipments.

Afghanistan is trying to build up its new national federation and re-join to the international competitions in the upcoming years stronger as ever. Afghanistan sent boxers to the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships to Tashkent and the country is planning to show its flag in more international competitions in the future.





## ASBC COMPETITION COMMISSION MEETING WAS HELD IN BANGKOK

The ASBC Competition Commission Meeting was held in the Ebina House Hotel in the rest day of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok, Thailand. The ASBC Competition Commission are facing with new challenges about the weight classes of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and also with other competitions issues. ASBC Vice-President Mr. Youssuf Al-Kazim also attended in the ASBC Competition Meeting.

The opening speech of the ASBC Competition Commission Meeting has done by Chairman Mr. Walid Jarrar of Jordan and ASBC Executive Director Mr. Bagdaulet Turekhanov as start of the negotiations. The members of the ASBC Competition Commission approved the Minutes of the previous ASBC Competition Meeting in Bangkok.

The meeting began with a discussion of the main duties of the Commission and what are the main issues of Asia's boxing life. The Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC) is keeping touch with all Asian National Federations and trying to support their activities with communication and cooperation. The Asian Boxing Confederation sent coach to Nepal and planning to develop other countries with top professionals, furthermore equipment support.

The International Olympic Committee changed the number of the men and women weight classes to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. The ASBC Competition Commission discussed about the possible weight classes in Tokyo and also about the upcoming 2018 competitions which will be held in the World and in Asia.

### The main topics of the ASBC Competition Commission Meeting were the followings:

- Changes of the AIBA Technical Rules
- Changes from the last edition of the AIBA Competition Rules
- Analysis of the 2016/2017 ASBC Competition Calendar, number of the Asian international events in different age groups
- Results achieved by the Asian boxer in the main boxing events in 2016 especially in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games
- Comparison of the performance of the Asian boxers between London 2012 Olympic Games and Rio 2016 Olympic Games
- Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships – Qualified Asian boxers per countries after the Tashkent 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships
- How to raise the number of the boxing competitions, the number of the athletes in the Asian and worldwide events
- Increase the number of the participating countries in the Asian competitions
- Recommendations to ASBC and Conclusions of the Meeting
- Suggestions to the International Olympic Committee and AIBA
- Additional issues of the Meeting





## SUCCESSFUL AND FRUITFUL ASBC WOMEN'S COMMISSION MEETING WAS HELD IN BANGKOK

The ASBC Women's Commission Meeting was held in the Ebina House Hotel in the rest day of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok, Thailand parallel with the ASBC Competition Commission Meeting. ASBC Vice-President Mr. Yousuf Al-Kazim and ASBC Executive Director Mr. Bagdaulet Turekhanov also attended in the Meeting besides to the members.

The opening speech and the warm welcome of the Chairwoman Mrs. Liang Yuan began the ASBC Women's Commission Meeting in Bangkok. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the last edition of the ASBC Women's Commission Meeting was the second step of the negotiations in Bangkok.

Road to Tokyo 2020 is the main program of the ASBC Asian Women's Commission Meeting which could be the next golden period of the development of women's boxing. Two extra Olympic weight categories will be offered previously for the relevant AIBA Women's Commission: 57kg and

69kg as extra categories for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Change of the Olympic women's weight classes to could be better way to all boxers to find the best categories for all female athletes. The ASBC Asian Women's Commission did recommendations about the new Olympic weight classes to ASBC and AIBA. The number of the women's weight classes could be also reduced in the future to eight as the men's categories and the ASBC Women's Commission also discussed about this option.

The ASBC Women's Commission discussed about the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Elite Boxing Championships to combine with youth and junior competition. Combining the youngest age female age groups with the relevant men's events could be also solution to raise the number of the bouts in the youth and junior level as well.

### The main topics of the ASBC Competition Meeting were the followings in Bangkok:

- Women's boxing in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games
- Asian women events in elite, youth and junior levels
- Women's boxing in the upcoming worldwide events, Youth Olympic Games
- Including the new weight classes to the Asian Games
- Training programs in different countries
- Education of the women's coaches and R&Js
- Promote the involvement of women's officials all-round way
- Create the health image and fitness value and program of boxing girls
- Recommendations for ASBC EC Meeting and AIBA Women's Commission





## INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE THAILAND BOXING ASSOCIATION MR. PICHAI CHUNHAVAJIRA

Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira is the President of the Thailand Boxing Association, the Vice-President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and also the Vice-President of the Thailand National Olympic Committee. He was following the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok from the opening and checked the performance of the Thai youth boxers.

Thailand Boxing Association and their whole staff worked hard in the preparations of the event and also in the competition period to make a successful and memorable ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.

Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira is proud of Thailand's development, their efforts to host more international competitions and lead the Southeast Asian boxing power to the next golden era in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira answered our questions in the venue of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.

*"I hope all of the participants, guests, officials and spectators enjoyed the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok. We were trying to work on it hard to get good image from Thailand.*

*We have got professional team who could arrange everything during the preparations to the competition. Luckily there were not any difficulties before the competition period. Everything went according our plans and we tried to solve all issues in time.*

*We had three finalists in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok which is a good result. We are just behind*

*Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan which are the top nations also in the world. I am satisfied with the performance of the team however we did not get finally any title. My favourite Thai boxer here was Pluem Wangkhaklang who is a great future hope at the bantamweight (56kg).*

*The 2018 edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships will be more than important for us and we will be bidding to that event as well to host it in Bangkok but in our National Arena. The 2018 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships will be the qualification event for the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games and our youth team could be even stronger next year.*

*I will be travelling to the AIBA Executive Committee Meeting to Moscow after the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships to discuss some important issues. We are planning to bid for next year's AIBA Congress and takes it to Bangkok.*

*We are expecting from our team 4-5 quota places in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and among them one could be gold medallist in Japan," said Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira in the venue of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.*





## INTERVIEW WITH THE SUPERVISOR OF THE ASBC ASIAN CONFEDERATION YOUTH BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS MRS. KARINA PICSON

Philippines' experienced boxing official Mrs. Karina Picson was the Supervisor of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok, Thailand who has done her debut in this official position successfully.

Mrs. Karina Picson, who has been working together with her husband Ed in the boxing world, shared us her thoughts about this event, her opinion about upcoming events and the performance of the Filipino team.

*"I have been here in the Coordination visit in Bangkok a few weeks before the start of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships and the first negotiations were also fruitful with the Thai organizers. We had to change only tiny things and some adjustments following the Coordination visit during the competition period of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.*

*My ITO staff together with my Deputy Supervisor worked well in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok and I am really proud of their attitude and job in the seven-day long competition.*

*Our Referees & Judges also worked hard to the success of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok and I think they did their very best to do high standard in this important event. Some*

*of them need more experiences in the major international competitions but we are in the beginning of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic era and we have got time to educate all of our officials to the highest possible level.*

*The Filipino team was a disappointment for me in the competition as we expected at least 1-2 medals from them in Bangkok. Hopefully it was a good lesson for them to train even harder in the future and did better in the upcoming challenges.*

*The next edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships will be held in the Philippines in my home country in a few weeks. We are so excited about this continental event which will be held in Puerto Princesa and our junior team could be enough strong to take for us top results.*

*Our best juniors are in a training camp in Korat and some of our youth boxers who competed here in Bangkok also joined to the sparring," said the Supervisor of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships, Mrs. Karina Picson.*





## INTERVIEW WITH THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE THAILAND BOXING ASSOCIATION MR. CHAIWAT CHOTIMA

Mr. Chaiwat Chotima is the General Secretary of the Thailand Boxing Association who has been following the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok from the opening. Thailand Boxing Association and their whole staff worked hard in the preparations of the event and also in the competition period to make a remarkable ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.

Mr. Chaiwat Chotima is proud of Thailand's development, their efforts to host more international competitions and lead the Southeast Asian boxing power to the success in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Mr. Chaiwat Chotima shared with us his thoughts about the event and their strategic plans.

*"Personally I think we have got a great ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok. The feedbacks from the officials, from the teams and our guests are really positive which makes me proud of our performance. Hospitality, problem solving and friendliness were our key factors in the event.*

*We have got professional team who could arrange everything during the preparations to the competition. There were not any difficulties in the preparations to the event, everything went according to our plans in the recent weeks. We have got several national events every year and our team has got experiences in to host such a big event.*

*The 2018 edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships will be more than important for us and we will be bidding*

*to that event as well to host it in Bangkok. The 2018 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships will be the qualification event for the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games and our youth team could be even stronger next year.*

*We hosted the Thailand International Invitational Tournament in April which was a great success but we are planning to make it bigger in 2018. The official crowning ceremony of our new king will be held next year and we will be asking his Majesty's approval to use our old tournament name the King's Cup in 2018 as well. We are planning to host it in a new date due the occupancy of the boxing calendar in April. We are still discussing about the date to find the best option for every countries.*

*We will be travelling with our President Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira to the AIBA Executive Committee Meeting to Moscow after the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships where we are planning to bid for next year's AIBA Congress," said Mr. Chaiwat Chotima in the venue of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.*





# INTERVIEW WITH MYANMAR'S MR. TIN HLAING AND MR. KYAW KYAW SOE

Myanmar Boxing Federation's Vice-Presidents Mr. Tin Hlaing and Mr. Kyaw Kyaw Soe arrived to the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships to Bangkok to visit the semi-finals and finals of the competition.

Myanmar Boxing Federation had several issues in the recent years after their 2013 Southeast Asian Games but after their poor years the country will be able to re-join to the international events. Their new government is ready to support boxing in Myanmar which is their next step to develop the sport in the developing Southeast Asian country.

*"The environment, the level of the competition, the atmosphere and the organization are all wonderful in this superb ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok, Thailand.*

*We are keeping touch with the Asian Boxing Confederation after our*

*difficulties and hopefully we can show our boxers also in the international events. We joined to the international events in 2010 but we had governmental difficulties.*

*The new government in Myanmar supports the sports and we have got great relationship with them. Boxing is also among the supported sports and our possibilities have been changed in comparison to the recent years. After a few years we can re-join to the international events and we will be able to show Myanmar's flag in the opening ceremonies of the big competitions.*

*We have got 18 clubs in Myanmar and have got junior, youth and elite teams also in the men and women part of boxing. We have been holding three national events every year to find the best talents in the sport. We have got AIBA 1-star Referees and Judges but we are planning to raise their experiences step by step.*

*We have signed with a Kazakh coach who is supporting our squad in the upcoming Southeast Asian Games. The SEA Games is the region's biggest event and it is very important for our National Federation. We are looking for a new coach after the Southeast Asian Games to strengthen our background and future possibilities.*

*The ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships will be held in Ho Chi Minh City in November and we will be doing our best to take part in that important Asian event," said Mr. Tin Hlaing and Mr. Kyaw Kyaw Soe in the Thammasat University which is the venue of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.*





## INTERVIEW WITH ASBC EC MEMBER MR. WALID JARRAR

ASBC Executive Committee member Mr. Walid Jarrar is the Chairman of the ASBC Competition Commission and he was the Supervisor of the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup one week ago. Mr. Walid Jarrar travelled to Bangkok to the ASBC Competition Commission Meeting to a short visit and led the negotiations in the Ebina House Hotel while he replied to ASBC's questions regarding boxing in Asia and in Jordan.

*"I believe that the ASBC Competition Commission is an extension of the Technical Rules therefore all members should understand those objectives and must be updated themselves with the new changes. I think the ASBC Competition Commission Meeting was fruitful and all of the participants were active during the negotiations.*

*Boxing in Asia is No.2 among the continents in all aspects but many*

*countries are not taking part in the ASBC Asian Championships due to lack of enough financial background. We have to involve them to all future events to send at least one or two boxers to the continental and worldwide events.*

*Jordan has got new national federation in boxing, our Presidential election was held this May. We held our first Executive Committee Meeting also in May short after the elections to discuss the main topics of our future.*

*The new staffs in Jordan have not got any experiences in boxing therefore I would like to support them with my advices. I am EC member in my Federation and also EC member in the Asian Boxing Confederation therefore I do not want to be a President in Jordan, I am only always keeping my Federation updated with the new rules and changes.*

*Jordan will be hosting its National Boxing Championships in each age groups in the end of this month and we will have a meeting regarding this issue next Sunday. I believe our National Olympic Committee should help us in this issue and also participating in the upcoming ASBC Asian Championships.*

*I have been Supervisor in the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup in Mongolia one week ago where the level of the event was excellent. Three of our youth boxers injured before the start of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships and we were not in the position to send athletes to Bangkok but surely we will be taking part in the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships in the Philippines," said Mr. Walid Jarrar short after his visit in Bangkok.*





## INTERVIEW WITH ASBC COMPETITION COMMISSION MEMBER MR. ED PICSON

The Executive Director of the Boxing Association of the Philippines Mr. Ed Picson is member of the ASBC Competition Commission and arrived to the meeting to Bangkok and also visited the second phase of the exciting ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in the venue.

Philippines will be hosting the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships in the picturesque island of Palawan in Puerto Princesa in August 1-7 and Mr. Ed Picson is the Head of the local organizing committee.

*"I have arrived to Bangkok to the ASBC Competition Commission Meeting and we had successful negotiations with all members.*

*Unfortunately our best youth boxers were eliminated in the quarter-finals in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships here in Bangkok and we did not get any medal in this important event. This is boxing,*

*sometimes it is happening but I hope we will do it better in the next competition.*

*We are totally focusing to the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships and everything is going according to our plans and schedule. I flew between Manila and Puerto Princesa several times in the recent weeks to discuss all issues with the government of the island. I met with the Mayor of Puerto Princesa and the meeting was very supportive for both of us.*

*Puerto Princesa hosted the 2004 edition of the Asian Boxing Championships which was a qualification event for the Athens 2004 Olympic Games. Palawan is a beautiful place with a lot of attractions and it is very popular for the tourists and I hope all of the participants will be satisfied with our services.*

*We are working hard for the great success of the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships to promote boxing in the Philippines. The Filipino juniors are in a training camp in Korat, Thailand while the second part of the team are preparing now in their regions.*

*In August we will have another top task for our boxers, the Southeast Asian Games in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Our elite boxers will be travelling to Guangzhou for a training camp next week. We will support their boxers to prepare well to their Chinese National Games and the sparring with them will be also very useful for our elite team,"* said Mr. Ed Picson in the venue of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.





# INTERVIEW WITH THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE NEW CAMBODIAN BOXING FEDERATION MR. SOPHOAN BUY

Mr. Sophoan Buy is the General Secretary of the newly formed Cambodian Boxing Federation who arrived with his President Prof. Dr. Chhoeung Yav Yen to the venue of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships to Bangkok to visit the competition and make negotiations with ASBC and Thailand Boxing Association.

Mr. Buy shared with us his thoughts about the event, the difficulties and strategic plans in Cambodia. The country will be competing in the upcoming Southeast Asian Games in Kuala Lumpur in August and finally their Federation in the Olympic boxing separated from their traditional Khmer boxing.

*"We would like to say great thanks to the Thailand Boxing Association to invite us to the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships to Bangkok where we can see the development of Asia's boxing life and the current level of the athletes. We have got good relationship with the Asian Boxing Confederation and we are cooperating with several NFs already.*

*We are building up our National Federation which is a new one and I joined to the boxing world only a few*

*months ago therefore we are open to cooperate with everyone in our region and continent. We have separated the Olympic boxing from our traditional Khmer boxing therefore we are a new Federation which was a historical step in my country.*

*The Cambodian Boxing Federation launched its official Facebook page in the recent weeks to be more transparency in the future. Currently 10 clubs are joined to our Cambodian Boxing Federation and hoping to be raised this number in the near months.*

*Currently we have got one national event in every a year, the National Championships for our best men and women athletes. We were able to involve boxing to the official program of the Cambodian National Games which was at the very first time in November 2016.*

*We have got currently elite and youth national team which we formed in the recent months and these athletes are really young. We have got a Cuban coach but we need more foreign coaches in the future to develop our Cambodians.*

*Our elite team will be preparing in a training camp in Thailand from July 15 before the Southeast Asian Games. We can send 5 male boxers to Southeast Asian Games to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia after the training camp. We are working hard to join also to the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships which will be held in Ho Chi Minh City this November.*

*In long term we have been preparing to the 2023 edition of the Southeast Asian Games which will be held in our country in Cambodia at the very first time." said Mr. Sophoan Buy during his stay in Bangkok.*





## INTERVIEW WITH YEMEN'S HEAD COACH MR. FAISAL AL-HUSAINI

Yemen sent a squad to the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships to Bangkok, Thailand at the very first time in the history of the competition. We asked Mr. Faisal Al-Husaini, the head coach of the Yemeni national boxing team to introduce their boxing life to all of our followers.

*"The environment and the organization are wonderful in this ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok where we are trying to learn also from the best boxing countries of the continent.*

*We are so thankful to Asian Boxing Confederation and its President to Mr. Serik Konakbayev about the equipment support which we received in the competition in Bangkok. Also thanks for the cooperation and communication*

*support of the Asian Boxing Confederation.*

*All of our problems in Yemen came from the financial aspect of the sport, any others we can manage with work and enthusiasm. Our talent, Arab Youth Champion Ghaleb Mohammad Al-Qarnas proved his talent in the current ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships well enough in Bangkok.*

*We have got four national events every year in Yemen to select our best athletes in the junior, youth and elite weight classes. Altogether 11 clubs and 500 boxers registered themselves in the Yemeni Boxing Federation but we are trying to raise not only the quality but the quantity as well.*

*Yemen will be sending boxers to the Damascus International Box Cup to Syria in July after this event where we can show our strength once again. Unfortunately we are not able to join to the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships in Puerto Princesa, Philippines next month due financial reasons.*

*We are planning to send team to the 2018 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships which will be the qualification event for the Youth Olympic Games furthermore the Asian Games is also in our focus," said Yemen's coach Mr. Faisal Al-Husaini in Bangkok.*





## KYRGYZSTAN'S NEW HEAD COACH MR. DANIYAR JUSUBALIEV IS EXPECTING GOOD RESULTS FROM HIS YOUTH BOXERS IN BANGKOK

Kyrgyzstan's Mr. Daniyar Jusubaliev leads the Kyrgyz youth national team in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok which is his debuting international event as head coach of the Central Asian country.

Mr. Jusubaliev replaced Mr. Adylkan Bekbolotov in the national team who worked from 2009 in Kyrgyzstan until the end of the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent. We asked him about his thoughts about Kyrgyzstan's boxing life, their strengths and main issues during the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.

*"First of all I would like to thank you the support of the Asian Boxing Confederation for Kyrgyzstan which was important for us. I signed my new contract as head coach of the Kyrgyz national team until the Tokyo 2020*

*Olympic Games but I hope I will be able to continue my job after the event.*

*Previously I worked as coach in the boxing school of the National Federation therefore I know well our young talents in Kyrgyzstan. We have got excellent traditions in boxing e.g. Orzubek Nazarov, Andrey Kumyavka, Kenzhebek Akelbayev, Almazbek Raimkulov, Aybek Abdymomunov and Nurbek Kassenov therefore we are planning to develop our present to get similar results as our heroes in the past.*

*We are really satisfied with the level of the organization here in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok. I am satisfied also with our drawing in the event and Rustam Muratov began his campaign in the event with a success in the opening day in Bangkok. Hopefully we will perform well in this important Asian youth competition in Thailand.*

*Rustam Muratov, who achieved silver medal in the Pavlyukov Youth Memorial Tournament in Russia on March, is our main hope in the current event while our next favourite AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships quarter-finalist Aybek Akylbek Uulu had to miss the event in Bangkok.*

*We are facing mainly with financial problems in Kyrgyzstan to get funding and support to our teams to travel to more international competitions. The salaries of our coaches are also in low level but I hope we can develop this in the future,"* said Kyrgyzstan's new national head coach Mr. Daniyar Jusubaliev.





## INTERVIEW WITH KAZAKHSTAN'S BOXING ICON MR. YERMAKHAN IBRAIMOV

Mr. Yermakhan Ibraimov claimed gold medal in the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and after his boxing career he has been supporting Kazakhstan's youth and junior team. Kazakhstan's boxing icon is following the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in the venue in Bangkok, Thailand.

*"I am ready to travel anywhere where AIBA or ASBC hold an important boxing event. I am very welcome and treated well enough everywhere I follow the boxing competitions after my Olympic title in Sydney.*

*It is the second time when Thailand Boxing Association hosts the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships. I would like to send a message through this interview to the Thailand Boxing Association for their perfect organization.*

*Many people are asking for me which are the differences between the 90's and our present days. I saw many European, Kazakh and former Soviet youth and junior boxers in my career, I was Junior Champion in Rostov-na-Donu in Russia in 1988 and won a youth title in the USSR in Irkutsk in 1990. Personally I think the differences are not huge, the level is very high in our present days as well.*

*Kazakhstan's youth team was the leader of the recent editions of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships and I hope we can continue this road also in Bangkok with several gold medals.*

*The boys have been starting their boxing career at the age of 10 in Kazakhstan and began competing seriously from the age of 13. Most of them are in really good hands as there are more than 1500 coaches in Kazakhstan's boxing life nowadays.*

*The Tolstoyev brothers, Samatoli and Sanatoli, furthermore Aibek Dossanov are my favourites in the current youth team. To be honest they have got realistic chance to reach also the top level and join to Kazakhstan's elite squad in the upcoming years.*

*Kazakhstan claimed four gold medals at the welterweight (69kg) in the recent four editions of the Olympic Games and hopefully we will be able to continue this amazing success also in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. I hope we can get 5 medals in Tokyo which would be realistic from our team," said Kazakhstan's boxing icon Mr. Yermakhan Ibraimov in Bangkok.*





## INTERVIEW WITH KAZAKHSTAN'S YOUTH HEAD COACH MR. GALYMBEK KENZHEBAYEV

Kazakhstan's youth head coach Mr. Galymbek Kenzhebayev joined to the national youth team in 2013 and since then his efforts delivered top places for his country in the recent ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.

Mr. Kenzhebayev's teams achieved 4 gold medals in Subic Bay in 2013, further four titles in Bangkok in 2014 and six top positions in the last edition in Pavlodar one year ago. Their head coach is hoping the current youth Kazakh squad will be enough strong to be ranked No.1 in the current event in Thailand.

*"I think the organization is really good in this ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Thailand where we are satisfied with the accommodation, the meals, the transportation, the training venue*

*and luckily many Asian countries arrived to Bangkok to compete in the championship.*

*We want to challenge our young athletes in this important youth age group to compete as many events as possible to raise the boxers' experiences in the international level. We are managing 2-3 youth boxers in all weight classes to find the best options to each main international event.*

*We have selected our current national team in this age group based on the results of the international tournaments and the Kazakhstan Youth National Games which was held in Shuchinsk on May.*

*There are different boxers in the squad now in comparison to the last edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Pavlodar. We have got mainly younger hopes in the squad now and three experienced talents who competed already in the ASBC and AIBA levels in 2016.*

*We have to keep our eyes also on the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games and its qualification event and half of our team could be there in the next year's youth events including Timur Kabdeshov, Aibek Dossanov, Children of Asia Games winner Yermakhan Zhakpekov and strong Ayat Marzhikpayev. This event is a big step for them in the road to the preparations to the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games.*

*All of our current youth team members could be enough strong in the future to represent Kazakhstan also in the elite events but they have to work hard to reach their goals," said Kazakhstan's youth head coach Mr. Galymbek Kenzhebayev.*





## INTERVIEW WITH THE DEPUTY SUPERVISOR OF THE ASBC ASIAN CONFEDERATION YOUTH BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS MR. SYED ABDUL KADIR

The Deputy Supervisor of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships Mr. Syed Abdul Kadir is a well experienced boxing official who shared us his thoughts about Singapore's current boxing life and their plans.

As a light flyweight boxer he represented Singapore successfully in the international boxing level between 1971 and 1976. Mr. Syed Abdul Kadir claimed bronze medal in the 1974 Commonwealth Games and also in the 1975 Asian Boxing Championships, furthermore he was Olympian in Munich in 1972.

*"Singapore is a developing boxing country in the Southeast Asian region and we are doing our best to make bigger impact in the Asian boxing life. We are here with one boxer who is a very talented one but he still needs more experiences in the competitions.*

*We have currently 10 clubs and altogether 200 boxers in Singapore from the lowest age groups up to the elite and*

*we have got women athletes as well. We are trying to give chance to all of our age groups in the international level. We have sent our elite team to the Strandja Memorial Tournament to Bulgaria to fight against different boxing cultures.*

*Our current elite national team will be travelling to India for a common training camp where they can sparring against strong boxers and we are hoping the upcoming weeks will be enough for them to develop their tactical skills and strengths before our main challenge, the Southeast Asian Games which will be held in Kuala Lumpur in the second part of August.*

*The boxing tournament of the Southeast Asian Games will be held in six men weight classes and we will be there in all of the categories in Kuala Lumpur. The Singaporean National Olympic Committee supports well only those sports which are in the world class level therefore we are facing always with difficulties to find sponsors and travel to the main international competitions.*

*We will try to develop our younger boxers therefore we are here in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships. Our best junior will have exams by the time of the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships therefore we are not able to attend in the Philippines event in August.*

*We formed our women's national team in 2013 and after their debut in the 2015 Southeast Asian Games we are focusing to their improvement. Following our decision 2-3 women boxers will be competing in the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam this November," said the President of the Singapore Boxing Association, Mr. Syed Abdul Kadir in Bangkok.*





## SYRIA'S COACH MAJD SAQER – WE ARE FIGHTING AGAINST OUR DIFFICULTIES AND WORK HARD IN THE COUNTRY

The Syrian Boxing Federation always send boxers to the main Asian and worldwide events in spite of the serious crisis which is affecting the country since 2011. Their squad achieved four quota places to the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships and currently their talents are competing in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.

Syria's coach Mr. Majd Saqer answered our questions and he shared his thoughts about his country's boxing life, Asia's improvement, ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships and the daily difficulties in Syria.

*"First of all I would like to underline our delegation is very satisfied with the organization and the environment in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok, Thailand.*

*I found a fast development in Asian boxing and this improvement has been clearly shown in the last Olympic Games in Rio where the continent's boxers achieved many medals. Asia's boxing life is totally organized but we have got a lot of areas where we have to improve our current skills, such as education of the R&Js, coaches, etc.*

*The war was affected all of our life but we decided to face against it, and we are thinking about good future in Syria. President of the Syrian Boxing Federation Mr. Issa Al-Nassar are working on a different way of training and these new aspects delivered for us great results in the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent and also in the Islamic Solidarity Games in Baku. Our concepts and future plans are to build up new generation of champions in Syria.*

*Trainings in Syria are always difficult nowadays but we are trying to come over them. The main difficulties are the absence of trainings with other Asian countries in camps and the oldness of the boxing equipments.*

*We have lack of money in boxing and hard to get visas to several countries to participate in the international events. Almost all of the coaches in Syria are national levels because the Coach Courses have been holding in foreign countries.*

*In spite of the crisis we are still going to train every day twice to keep the level and open the national gyms in Syria. Hopefully the international boxing community will be realizing our efforts and main issues and we can expect some support from them in the future in connection of the courses, camps, and equipments.*

*Currently we have got 2000 boxers in the country altogether and we can host all of our National Championships in each groups every year. Our next national event will be held for our best junior boxers. We will be holding an international tournament also in Damascus in July. Currently we have got women boxing in many cities alongside Syria and until the end of the year we can host our national event for the female talents," said Syria's experienced coach Mr. Majd Saqer.*





## MR. WAHEEDULLAH HAMEEDI – WE ARE WORKING ON AFGHANISTAN’S BETTER IMAGE IN BOXING

Mr. Waheedullah Hameedi is Afghanistan’s boxing official who arrived to Bangkok in the first competition day to visit the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok. The International Director of the Afghanistan Boxing Federation had negotiations also with the ASBC management and the Thai LOC. Afghanistan is planning to re-join fully to the Asian boxing map and Mr. Hameedi shared with us his thoughts, difficulties, strategic plans in Afghanistan.

*“It is amazing we are here in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok to develop the image of the Afghanistan Boxing Federation.*

*We have to build up our National Federation to be a professional organization as first step to our long road to be competitive in the future. We are negotiating with Thailand about the Memorandum of Understanding to cooperate in the future.*

*We are planning to discuss similar cooperation and coordination with several other countries in our region. Uzbekistan, India, and Iran are easy to reach for us from Afghanistan therefore cooperation with them hopefully will be successful in the near future.*

*Secondly we have to return to our basic elements in Afghanistan and develop our schoolboys and junior boxers. We will come back to the international elite level even stronger after our strategic plans were shown their first positive signs.*

*We are planning to start a discussion with our neighbouring countries to set up a South Asian Boxing Federation to support each other in the region and held common training camps and competitions. Our idea is a South Asian Boxing Championships every year in the region and hopefully all of the other countries will be found our initiative as a good one.*

*Currently we are collecting all details about our boxers, clubs and making a new database to know well all of our possibilities within the country. We have got boxing life in all of the 24 regions in Afghanistan. To be honest we have got at least 150 boxing clubs only in Kabul while we know our further strong regions are in Mazari Sharif, Herat, Kandahar and Kunduz.*

*We had national events for our junior boxers in 2017 as last competition and hopefully we can host more competitions this year. We knew there are several Afghan boxers who have been training abroad of the country. We are following the performance of the Afghan boxers in Germany, in Denmark, in Norway and in a few other countries as well.*

*Afghanistan formed its women’s boxing squad in 2007 and hopefully we will be able to join to ASBC Asian Confederation Women’s Boxing Championships to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in November.*

*We have to show ourselves in the upcoming events but our strength currently is not enough to get medals in the main international events. We have got AIBA certified coaches in Afghanistan and we are planning to host courses also to educate our coaches. To be honest currently we are facing with difficulties in the Refereeing & Judging part of the sport,” said Mr. Waheedullah Hameedi in Bangkok.*





## ASBC MANAGEMENT SENDS ITS SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE AFGHAN SPORT FAMILY

The President of the Asian Boxing Confederation Mr. Serik Konakbayev and the ASBC management are sending their sincere condolences to victims of Kabul bomb attacks which affected the Afghan sport family. The management Asian Boxing Confederation sends its sympathy and supportive to the Afghan sport and boxing family.

The attacks affected the buildings of the Afghanistan National Physical Directorate and the Afghanistan National Olympic Committee as well. The Afghan Junior National Boxing Championships was held in the recent weeks which show the excellent commitment to the sport in the South Asian country.



## THE TEAM DELEGATIONS HANDBOOK FOR THE HAMBURG 2017 AIBA WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS IS AVAILABLE

The team delegations handbook for the upcoming Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships with all competition details is available in the AIBA website. The whole schedule of the competition, the team list template, the AIBA Medical Certificate and the AIBA Technical Video Recording Agreement for the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships are also available in the relevant page of the AIBA website.

You can find all important documents here:  
<http://www.aiba.org/hamburg-world-boxing-championships/>

Altogether 60 Asian boxers from 17 countries are qualified for the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships following their performance in the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent. 280 athletes will be boxing for the medals in the German city which is located off the coast of the North Sea.





## AIBA CUTMAN CERTIFICATION COURSE WILL BE HELD IN ROHTAK

The International Boxing Association (AIBA) changed the rules regarding the use of the Cutman in the competitions therefore an important AIBA Cutman Certification Course will be held in Rohtak, India before the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships. The date of the upcoming AIBA Cutman Course is July 28-31 in India including the arrivals and the departures as well.

The AIBA Cutman Certification Course consists three parts as theoretical, practical and written examinations. The experienced instructor of the Course will be supporting the Asian doctors and other officials to adopt the new rules. AIBA certified coaches, team physios and team doctors are eligible to take part in the AIBA Cutman Course in India. The course fee is 300 USD/person and 20 places are available in Rohtak.



## TWELVE KAZAKH GOLD MEDALS AND PAALAM'S SURPRISE IN THE FINALS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN PRESIDENT'S CUP

The finals were held in the Republic of Kazakhstan President's Cup in Astana, Kazakhstan where the host nation claimed incredible 12 gold medals in the last competition day. Besides to the Kazakh successes Philippines' 19-year-old Carlo Paalam was able to get the 13th title in the President's Cup in Astana.

→ **Women's flyweight (51 kg):**

Kazakhstan's two-time AIBA Women's World Champion Nazym Kyzaibay decided to box at the Olympic flyweight (51kg) once again and following her national title she is in top form at the President's Cup in Astana. Following her first victories over Sevara Tadzhikulova and Ukraine's Rio 2016 Olympian Tetiana Kob, she had to meet with her teammate, another Rio 2016 Olympian, Zhaina Shekerbekova. Kyzaibay used her energetic style and won the first gold medal in the Republic of Kazakhstan President's Cup.



→ **Women's  
lightweight**  
(60 kg):

Kazakhstan's Karina Ibragimova joined to the elite age group in 2015 and she is getting even better and better results in the competitions. The 21-year-old boxer moved down to the lightweight (60kg) and advanced to the final after beating Russia's Lyudmilla Orlova in the last four. Ibragimova had to meet in the gold medal bout with Kazakhstan's Rimma Volosenko who received the right to box in the last edition of the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships in Astana but she was not able to qualify for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. The lightweight (60kg) boxer returned in top shape and defeated such strong rivals in the road to the finals but Ibragimova was able to stop her and the younger Kazakh talent won the second gold medal of the President's Cup.

→ **Women's  
middleweight**  
(75 kg):

Kazakhstan's Rio 2016 Olympic Games bronze medallist and defending ASBC Asian Women's Champion Dariga Shakimova was excellent in her debuting contest against Uzbekistan's Nafisakhon Askarova and defeated her teammate Akerke Bakhytzhan in her quarter-final. Shakimova was not enough satisfied yet and controlled her semi-final against India's Lavlina Borgohain who joined to the national team last year. Shakimova's final opponent was Russia's young Darima Sandakova in the women's middleweight (75kg) and she was able to solve that tactical issue in Astana.

→ **Men's light  
flyweight**  
(49 kg):

Philippines' Carlo Paalam claimed bronze medal in the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships in St. Petersburg and also in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Pavlodar one year ago. The 19-year-old Filipino light flyweight (49kg) talent did her very best in the final and defeated Kazakhstan's Ashkhat Zhussupov while AIBA Youth World Champion Shalkar Aikynbay claimed only bronze in Astana.

→ **Men's flyweight**  
(52 kg):

Kazakhstan's Bocskai Memorial Tournament winner Azat Makhmetov had a tough semi-final bout at the flyweight (52kg) but he was able to keep continuing his impulse in the final. The 25-year-old boxer met with Kazakh National Championships bronze medallist Olzhas Bayniyazov in the final and all of the judges picked him as the winner of the second men's weight class in Astana. Kyrgyzstan's three-time National Champion Zhanybek Musayev delivered also top performance in this category and claimed finally bronze medal.

→ **Men's  
bantamweight**  
(56 kg):

Philippines' defending Southeast Asian Games winner Mario Fernandez produced superb performance in the road to the finals at the bantamweight (56kg) in Astana. The Filipino boxer knocked out South Korea's ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships bronze medallist tall Han Young Hun in the quarter-final and defeated also Kazakhstan's Zhanbolat Kydyrbayev in the semi-final. He met for the title of the President's Cup with Kazakhstan's Incheon 2014 Asian Games winner Ilyas Suleimenov but he was not enough fresh to get Philippines' second title in Astana.

→ **Men's  
lightweight**  
(60 kg):

Kazakhstan's Sultan Zaurbek had a key contest in the road to the finals at the lightweight (60kg) but he was able to beat Uzbekistan's Sulaymon Latipov who also claimed silver medals in the 2014 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships in Sofia. Zaurbek, who claimed bronze medal in the Islamic Solidarity Games, was a bit effective also in the final of the event against defending Kazakh National Champion Adilet Kurmetov and won the title of the weight class in Astana.

→ **Men's light  
welterweight**  
(64 kg):

Kazakhstan's newly crowned National Champion Bekdaulet Ibragimov achieved bronze medal in the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent and qualified for the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships. The 21-year-old light welterweight (64kg) boxer delivered great performance in the President's Cup and defeated Pavlodar's Kuan Kuatov in the final which was a repeat match between them after the gold medal bout of the 2016 Kazakh National Championships.



→ **Men's  
welterweight  
(69 kg):**

Kazakhstan's defending AIBA Youth World Champion Sadreddin Akhmedov won the gold medal at the Thailand International Invitational Tournament two months ago and eliminated Philippines' promising hope, Joel Bacho and a Kazakh WSB boxer Bekzod Khalmetov in the road to the finals. The 19-year-old super talented boxer had to meet in a dream final with Uzbekistan's Islamic Solidarity Games winner Bobo-Usmon Boturov. Akhmedov was well prepared, his tactic worked well and his efforts delivered to him a gold medal in the President's Cup in Astana.

→ **Men's  
middleweight  
(75 kg):**

Kazakhstan's Saparbay Aidarov delivered his best ever performance in the current Season VII of the World Series of Boxing and his skills were enough to beat former Kazakh National Champion Manat Omirzakov in the semi-final of the middleweight (75kg) split decision. Aidarov tried to do his best in the final against Kazakhstan's star Abilkhan Amankul but his efforts were not enough to stop his 19-year-old rival for the title. Amankul, who has got perfect record also in the World Series of Boxing, amazed the crowd once again with his powerful combinations.

→ **Men's light  
heavyweight  
(81 kg):**

South Korea's Military World Champion Yang Hee Guen eliminated the main favourite of the light heavyweight (81kg) in Astana, namely Kazakhstan's Yerik Alzhanov and he defeated another host nation's pride, Nurdaulet Zharmanov in the semi-finals. Yang, who will be turning to 27 this year, had to meet with Kazakhstan's AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships silver medallist 19-year-old Bek Nurmagambet in the final but he was not able to find his younger opponent's weak points. Nurmagambet won his next international event while Kyrgyzstan's Rio 2016 Olympian Erkin Adylbek Uulu achieved bronze medal in the President's Cup.

→ **Men's  
heavyweight  
(91 kg):**

Kazakhstan's Rio 2016 Olympic Games silver medallist Vassiliy Levit arrived to Astana as ASBC Asian Champion and a fresh quota place for the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships. The Kazakh heavyweight (91kg) star dominated all of his contests in the Republic of Kazakhstan President's Cup and did not give any chance to India's Gaurav Chauhan in the gold medal bout.

→ **Men's super  
heavyweight  
(+91 kg):**

Kazakhstan's ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships silver medallist Kamshybek Kunkabayev is the country's top super heavyweight (+91kg) boxer who also qualified for the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships in Tashkent. Kunkabayev, who has got strong record in the World Series of Boxing, walked over to the last 13th title as his 19-year-old opponent Nurlan Saparbay was not able to fight against him.



**LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE REPUBLIC OF  
KAZAKHSTAN PRESIDENT'S CUP**

Women's 51 kg: Nazym Kyzaibay, Kazakhstan  
Women's 60 kg: Karina Ibragimova, Kazakhstan  
Women's 75 kg: Dariga Shakimova, Kazakhstan

Men's 49 kg: Carlo Paalam, Philippines  
Men's 52 kg: Azat Makhmetov, Kazakhstan  
Men's 56 kg: Ilyas Suleimenov, Kazakhstan  
Men's 60 kg: Sultan Zaurbek, Kazakhstan  
Men's 64 kg: Bekdaulet Ibragimov, Kazakhstan  
Men's 69 kg: Sadriddin Akhmedov, Kazakhstan  
Men's 75 kg: Abilkhan Amankul, Kazakhstan  
Men's 81 kg: Bek Nurmagambet, Kazakhstan  
Men's 91 kg: Vassiliy Levit, Kazakhstan  
Men's +91 kg: Kamshybek Kunkabayev, Kazakhstan





# SIX NATIONS SHARED THE TITLES IN THE ULAANBAATAR BOX CUP

The Asian highlight of the week, the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup finished with its final competition day in the Mongolian capital city where ten new champions have been crowned. Host Mongolia, DPR Korea, Chinese Taipei, India, Indonesia and Philippines claimed the gold medals in the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup.

The competition was held in the currently three Olympic women's weight classes at the flyweight (51kg), lightweight (60kg) and middleweight (75kg). Furthermore the men boxers were able to box in seven weight categories from the light flyweight (49kg) up to the middleweight (75kg).



→ **Women's flyweight**  
(51 kg):

DPR Korea's Bang Chol Mi is a new Women's National Champion in her country at the flyweight (51kg) and she was selected to take part in the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup. The North Korean boxer was amazing against such a tough rival India's five-time AIBA Women's World Champion Chungneijang Mary Kom Hmangte in Mongolia in the quarter-final. Bang eliminated her star rival and continued her winning path against Mongolia's No.1 Altantsetseg Lutsaikhan in the semi-final. The young North Korean talent was too strong for another Mongolian boxer in the final, Jargalan Ochirbat.

→ **Women's lightweight**  
(60 kg):

DPR Korea's Choe Hye Song was too strong for India's new surprise Priyanka Chaudhary in the semi-final of the second Olympic women's weight class. The young North Korean met for the title with Russia's National Champion Natalia Shadrina who has been competing in the international events since 2012. Choe looked energetic and powerful in the final and she launched her attacks in the right moments. The North Korean pride was brave and effective also which delivered for her a gold medal in the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup. Russia's defending EUBC European Women's Champion Aleksandra Ordina also attended in the event in Mongolia but she was not able to get any medal in Ulaanbaatar.

→ **Women's middleweight**  
(75 kg):

Chinese Taipei's women's No.1, AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships bronze medallist and Rio 2016 Olympian Chen Nien Chin eliminated in the first round another gold medal contender at the women's middleweight (75kg), DPR Korea's National Champion Pak Un Sim. Taiwan's young national hero triumphed over Mongolia's Myagmarjargal Munkhbat in the quarter-final and advanced to the gold medal bout also following her win over Russia's Darima Sandakova. Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games silver medallist Chen had to meet with Mongolia's Erdenetuya Enkhbaatar in the final of the event and she was able to win all of the rounds in each scorecards.

→ **Men's light flyweight**  
(49 kg):

Philippines' AIBA World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Rogen Ladon claimed two medals in the recent two editions of the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships. The Filipino light flyweight (49kg) boxer needed to do his very best to beat India's Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympian Shyam Kumar Kakara in the semi-final and met with Mongolia's Gan-Erdene Gankhuyag for the gold which will be their repeat match after the previous events. The Mongolian boxer, who claimed silver at the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent, was slightly better and won their close bout by split decision.

→ **Men's flyweight**  
(52 kg):

Indonesia's Aldoms Suguro competed already at the 2012 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships and after a few years of trainings in the elite age group he was involved to the national team. Suguro, who competed at the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent, has done great job against Russia's Bato Sidenov and continued his winning path against Mongolia's Tsendsuren Bat-Ireedui. His final opponent was India's London 2012 Olympian and Commonwealth Games silver medallist Laishram Devendro Singh. Suguro exceeded the expectations with his strong punches and delivered a sensational 3:2 triumph against his star Indian rival.

→ **Men's bantamweight**  
(56 kg):

DPR Korea's Jo Hyo Nam robbed into the world of boxing this year with his silver medal at the Thailand International Invitational Tournament. The North Korean bantamweight (56kg) boxer eliminated Philippines' Jorge Rey Edusma and continued his winning path against Mongolia's Rio 2016 Olympian Enkh-Amara Kharkhuu. Jo Hyo Nam's amazing success was a big sensation in the fourth competition day and for the title against Mongolia's Tumurkhuyag Bat-Ochir he was able to repeat that strong performance. India's Strandja Memorial Tournament silver medallist Mohamed Hussamuddin achieved bronze this time.



→ **Men's  
lightweight**  
(60 kg):

India's Ankush Dahiya claimed silver medal in the 2016 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Pavlodar and joined to the national squad elite squad this year. Currently he is India's No.2 at the lightweight (60kg) behind their star Shiva Thapa but he proved excellent style of boxing in the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup. The 19-year-old talent eliminated Russia's Radna Tsybikov in the semi-final and he was still enough motivated in the final to beat DPR Korea's Choe Chol Man.

→ **Men's light  
welterweight**  
(64 kg):

Mongolia's ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships silver medallist and Rio 2016 Olympian Chinzorig Baatarsukh was the main favourite of the light welterweight (64kg) but after his road to the finals he was not able to get the title of the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup. The Military World Champion injured in the first round of the final against Bayarkhuu Ganbaatar who achieved an unexpected title in the event. Philippines' Southeast Asian Games winner Charly Suarez moved up to the light welterweight (64kg) since the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and finally claimed bronze medal in the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup while China's new face Ye Erlan also get a podium place in Mongolia.

→ **Men's  
welterweight**  
(69 kg):

Mongolia's young hope Otgonbaatar Byamba-Erdene was excellent in the road to the finals at the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup. He defeated India's Duryodhan Singh and Mongolia's Bayarmunkh Munkh-Ireedui with his tough combinations. Byamba-Erdene was not the favourite in the final against his teammate, ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships silver medallist Batzorig Otgonjargal but finally his hand was raised after the final gong.

→ **Men's  
middleweight**  
(75 kg):

Philippines' ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships silver medallist and former AIBA Junior World Champion Eumir Felix Marcial is now a strong middleweight (75kg) boxer and recovered from his injuries. The 21-year-old Filipino eliminated his main rival China's veteran Hu Richabilige in the quarter-final and dominated his semi-final against another Chinese athlete, Zhan Chaofeng. Marcial's gold medal opponent was his third Chinese rival, Jan Xoja in the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup but his strength and speed were enough to win the tournament title in Mongolia.



**LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE ULAANBAATAR BOX CUP**

- Women's 51 kg: Bang Chol Mi, DPR Korea
- Women's 60 kg: Choe Hye Song, DPR Korea
- Women's 75 kg: Chen Nien Chin, Chinese Taipei

- Men's 49 kg: Gan-Erdene Gankhuyag, Mongolia
- Men's 52 kg: Aldoms Suguro, Indonesia
- Men's 56 kg: Jo Hyo Nam, DPR Korea
- Men's 60 kg: Ankush Dahiya, India
- Men's 64 kg: Bayarkhuu Ganbaatar, Mongolia
- Men's 69 kg: Otgonbaatar Byamba-Erdene, Mongolia
- Men's 75 kg: Eumir Felix Marcial, Philippines





# INDIA'S FIVE-TIME AIBA WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPION CHUNGNEIJANG MARY KOM HMANGTE RETURNS TO THE WORLD OF BOXING

India's five-time AIBA Women's World Champion, Asian Games winner and four-time ASBC Asian Women's Champion Chungneijang Mary Kom Hmangte decided to return to the world of boxing. She is planning to take part in the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships in Vietnam in November.

Mary Kom was born in 1983 and joined to the national team in 2001 when women's boxing was officially launched with world and continental events. Since then she achieved 10 big titles during her career but after her bronze in the London 2012 Olympic Games she could not qualify to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games which was a big upset for the Indian icon.

«My next target is the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships in November. I want to give myself a chance to be in the team and give my best and win a medal for India. I have no plans to turn professional as I still love to play for India. I am still dreaming for another year in boxing,» said the 34-year-old living legend, Chungneijang Mary Kom Hmangte.



# MR. MUKHTAR BERDIMBETOV IS NEPAL'S NEW NATIONAL COACH

The President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and AIBA Vice-President Mr. Serik Konakbayev together with the ASBC management supported the Nepal Boxing Association during the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent and the next step to develop the country's boxing life will be Mr. Mukhtar Berdimbetov who will be the head coach of the Nepali boxers in the upcoming years.

Mr. Mukhtar Berdimbetov is honoured coach of Kazakhstan and arrived to Kathmandu today where the officials of the Nepal Boxing Association welcomed

him warmly in the Tribhuvan International Airport. Mr. Berdimbetov will be supporting Nepal's boxers in the preparations to reach the level of the Asian countries in the future.





# BHUTAN'S HISTORICAL PARTICIPATION IN THE ULAANBAATAR BOX CUP

Bhutan Boxing Federation has done a big step in their road to the further developments as the country will be sending their first ever woman boxer to an international event in the upcoming days. Bhutan is very active in the international boxing map and their new female boxer Tandin Lhamo, who won their national selection tournament, received the right to show her skills at the flyweight (51kg) in the Mongolian capital city.

Bhutan is the 32nd Asian country which will be sending female boxer to an international event since women's boxing was launched in 2001. The young Lhamo will be turning 21 only later this year and focusing to her first ever international competition. The Thimphu-based boxer needs experiences in the international level before the forthcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships.

The Ulaanbaatar Box Cup will be one of the highlight in the Asian boxing map next month which will be held in the Mongolian capital in June 20-26. The competition will be held in the currently three Olympic women's weight classes at the 51kg, 60kg and 75kg. Furthermore the men

boxers will be able to box in seven weight categories from the 49kg up to the 75kg.

The boxers who will be reaching the semi-finals will be getting not only medals but money prizes as well in the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup. Among the top boxing countries host Mongolia, China, Russia, Philippines, India, Kyrgyzstan and DPR Korea all will be there in the upcoming Ulaanbaatar Box Cup.

During the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup a 2-star AIBA Refereeing & Judging Course is scheduled. Ulaanbaatar Cup is the new name of the previous Chinggis Khan Cup which was held last time in October 2016. The 2-star AIBA R&J Course will be held in June 18-26 including with the dare of the arrival and departure.





## ASIA'S LEADING WOMEN BOXERS LE THI BANG AND VUONG THI VY WON THE VIETNAMESE NATIONAL CUP

The Vietnamese National Cup for the elite women and elite men boxers was held in Can Tho which is located in the most Southern part of the country. Vietnam's strong woman duo Le Thi Bang and Vuong Thi Vy won their weight classes in Can Tho which city saw several surprises in the female and male parts as well.

Women's boxing in Vietnam is in developing stage while their male boxers are also trying to reach the level of the top Southeast Asian athletes. Vietnam ranked

as second in the boxing tournament of the last edition of the Southeast Asian Games in Singapore two years ago ahead of boxing power Thailand.

Ho Chi Minh City will be hosting the 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships in November therefore the event was their first selection for the women's elite boxers to that important continental event. Vietnam is planning to compete with maximum number of 10 female boxers in the forthcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships.

Altogether 111 women boxers competed in the Vietnamese National Cup which was record in the history of the event. Quan Doi's Trinh Thi Diem Kieu is an experienced female boxer in Vietnam who advanced to the final of the women's light flyweight

(48kg) and defeated Thanh Binh's teenage talent Le Thi Huong in the final of the event.

Hanoi's Nguyen Thi Tam was the favourite at the women's flyweight (51kg) and she was able to realize her golden chances after beating Quan Doi's Le Thuy Kieu in the final. Incheon 2014 Asian Games bronze medallist Le Thi Bang moved up to the bantamweight (54kg) and dominated all of her contests in the National Cup.

Former AIBA Women's Junior World Champion 21-year-old Vuong Thi Vy is an experienced boxer also in the international level in spite of her young age. She has been competing out of Vietnam since 2011



and Bac Ninh's pride was able to win her final against Binh Duong's Tran Tuyet Nga at the featherweight (57kg).

Can Tho's teenage talent Do Hong Ngoc attended in the Olympic lightweight (60kg) in the National Cup and defeated all of her rivals including more experienced Nguyen Thi Ngoc which was a big surprise in the National Cup. Vietnam's technician Incheon 2014 Asian Games bronze medallist Luu Thi Duyen moved up to the light welterweight (64kg) but Ho Chi Minh City's pride was able to win her category in Can Tho.

Dinh Thi Phuong Thanh delivered host Can Tho's next gold medal who defeated Quan Doi's Le Thi Hong Dao in the final of the welterweight (69kg). Nam Dinh's Luu Diem Quynh used her strength to win her contests in the National Cup and celebrated her first national elite title following her success over Thanh Hoa's Tran Thi Linh at the Olympic middleweight (75kg).

National team member and AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships competitor Ngo Thi Chung of Hanoi moved up to the light heavyweight (81kg) following her participation in several international events and dominated her bouts. Hanoi's 21-year-old Ca Thi Huyen is Vietnam's best female boxer at the heavyweight (+81kg) who claimed national title in 2016 and repeated that strong performance in Can Tho where she was able to win her final against Tien Giang's Tran Thi Oanh Nhi.

Men's boxing also developed well in Vietnam and some of their national team member athletes proved tough performance in the National Cup. Huynh Ngoc Tan is Vietnam's male No.1 at the light flyweight (49kg) since 2012 therefore

his success over five years younger Le Van Cuong was not a surprise in the event.

Bui Trong Thai dominated the national events at the flyweight (52kg) in the recent two years but this time he lost to Hanoi's veteran Nguyen Kia Gien in the final. Nguyen Van Duong eliminated teenage talent Dao Van Quan in the semi-final of the bantamweight (56kg) and continued his winning series against Hanoi's Tran Van An in the gold medal bout.

Nguyen Van Chung will be turning to 22 only later this year but Ho Chi Minh City's pride defeated Quan Doi's Tran Quang Tan in the final of the lightweight (60kg). Can Tho's 20-year-old Bui Phuoc Tung eliminated veteran national team member Nguyen Van Hai which was one of the biggest surprise of the men's part of the National Cup. Following that incredible success Bui was able to beat Vu Thanh Dat in the final of the light welterweight (64kg) as well.

Quan Doi's Nguyen Van De moved up to the welterweight (69kg) but he adopted the strength of the punches quickly and won that category after beating Ho Chi Minh City's Tran Duc Tho. Quang Doi's next top boxer Huynh Ngoc Vien also did successful debut in his new category at the middleweight (75kg) in the National Cup and did not give any chance to An Giang's teenager Tran Thanh Vy in the final of the event.

Southeast Asian Games winner 27-year-old Truong Dinh Hoang was the favourite of the light heavyweight (81kg) but he was defeated by Hai Phong's Dang Anh Thinh in the first preliminary round. The gold medal of this category was surprisingly won by Bac Ninh's 20-year-old Nguyen Manh Cuong.



## LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE VIETNAMESE NATIONAL CUP

Women's 45 kg: Nguyen Thi Thu Nhi

Women's 48 kg: Trinh Thi Diem Kieu

Women's 51 kg: Nguyen Thi Tam

Women's 54 kg: Le Thi Bang

Women's 57 kg: Vuong Thi Vy

Women's 60 kg: Do Hong Ngoc

Women's 64 kg: Vu Thi Ngoc Huyen

Women's 69 kg: Dinh Thi Phuong Thanh

Women's 75 kg: Luu Thi Diem Quynh

Women's 81 kg: Ngo Thi Chung

Women's +81 kg: Ca Thi Huyen

Men's 46 kg: Pham Cong Hung

Men's 49 kg: Huynh Ngoc Tan

Men's 52 kg: Nguyen Kia Gien

Men's 56 kg: Nguyen Van Duong

Men's 60 kg: Nguyen Van Chung

Men's 64 kg: Bui Phuoc Tung

Men's 69 kg: Nguyen Van De

Men's 75 kg: Huynh Ngoc Vien

Men's 81 kg: Nguyen Manh Cuong

Men's 91 kg: Vo Van Que

Men's +91 kg: Ta Van Thi





# LHAMO, WANGDI, SAMDRUP AND DRUGYEL ARE THE NEW HOPES AFTER THE BHUTAN YOUTH & JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Bhutan Youth & Junior National Championships was held in Thimphu where 14 new champions have been crowned. Tandin Lhamo won the first ever woman bout in Bhutan while their experienced boxers such as Tashi Wangdi, Tshering Samdrup and Tenzin Drugyel won their weight classes also in the event.

Bhutan is a developing boxing country in the South Asian region and their management is doing their best to compete as many international events as possible. Bhutan had one boxer in the Top8 at the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent which was a sensational performance from the country.

The country is planning to send one boxer to the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand in July 1-7. Furthermore Bhutan Boxing Federation is arranging a 6-strong squad to the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing

Championships which will be held in the Philippines in August.

The first ever woman bout was held in the event where Tandin Lhamo won that historical contest against a younger rival in the championships. Tandin Lhamo will be making her international debut at the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup in the upcoming days and following her success over against 17-year-old Dechen Wangmo she is the country's first ever woman boxing champion.

Tashi Wangdi is a top talent in Bhutan who competed in the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships and also in the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships. The experienced Wangdi moved up one

category this time and defeated Sarpang's 17-year-old Tsheltrim Losel in the final of the flyweight (52kg). In spite of his loss the younger Losel was selected to take part in the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok.

Pemagatshel's Tshering Samdrup is also an experienced boxers among Bhutan's young talents who defeated Dagana's Sonam Rinzin in the final of the U22 light flyweight (49kg). Among the other winners in the national event Kinley Dorji (junior 42kg), Jigme Wangdi (junior 48kg), Tandin Wangchuk (junior 50kg) and Tenzin Drugyel (youth 49kg) proved their best and won their weight classes.



## LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE BHUTAN YOUTH & JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Kids 26 kg: Tashi A. Dorji
- Schools 26 kg: Ugyen Penjor Rigsel
- Schools 30 kg: Jamyang Dorji
- Schools 33 kg: Passang
- Schools 34 kg: Dorji Tsheten
- Schools 36 kg: Sangay Thinley
- Junior 42 kg: Kinley Dorji
- Junior 48 kg: Jigme Wangdi
- Junior 50 kg: Tandin Wangchuk
- Women's Youth 48 kg: Tandin Lhamo
- Youth 49 kg: Tenzin Drugyel
- Youth 49 kg: Purna Pardhan
- Youth 52 kg: Tashi Wangdi
- U22 49 kg: Tshering Samdrup





## NEPAL BOXING ASSOCIATION LAUNCHED ITS BOXING IN SCHOOL PROGRAM

Nepal Boxing Association launched its new Boxing in School Program which is the next phase of their development projects. President of the Nepal Boxing Association Mr. Ram Awale and Honorary Life President of the Nepal Boxing Association Mr. Bishnu Gopal Shrestha together with their new Kazakh coach are the engine of the program.

The President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and AIBA Vice-President Mr. Serik Konakbayev together with the ASBC management supported the Nepal Boxing Association during the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent. Mr. Serik Konakbayev sent a Kazakh trainer Mr. Mukhtar Berdimbetov to Nepal who will be the head coach of the local boxers in the upcoming years.

Altogether 17 boxing schools from Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur were involved to the new project where the Nepal Boxing Association is focusing to the 10-18 year-old boxers. Lalitpur will be holding a boxing event on June 24 while Bhaktapur on June 25 to find talents in the developing country.

Mr. Mukhtar Berdimbetov will observe the events in Lalitpur and Bhaktapur and he is confident about Nepal's future possibilities. Nepal has got 10,000 registered boxers and among them 500 are women athletes. They are building up their future from the grassroots and as second step Nepal Boxing Association is planning to develop their coaches' skills with courses and Mr. Berdimbetov's support.





# PODI ARACHCHIGE RUKMAL PRASANNA IS THE NO.1 IN THE SRI LANKAN YOUTH NATIONAL SELECTION TOURNAMENT

Sri Lanka is a developing boxing country in the South Asian region but their Boxing federation has got great potential and future hopes. Their next national event, the Sri Lankan Youth National Trials was a successful competition in the country and their biggest future star Podi Arachchige Rukmal Prasanna claimed the gold medal.

Sri Lanka has got great plans to increase the level of their athletes in the upcoming years. President Mr. Dian Gomes decided to send boxers to all main international competitions and training camps to strengthen their team while their long term strategic project until 2024 is under progress.

The Sri Lankan Youth National Selection Tournament was held in five weight classes to decide their squad to the upcoming Bangkok event. The event was their last selection for the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand in July 1-7.

Podi Arachchige Rukmal Prasanna competed in the last edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Pavlodar, Kazakhstan. He attended in the Emil Jechev Youth Memorial Tournament in Sofia one year ago where he defeated also a tough Kazakh boxer. The 18-year-old light flyweight (49kg) boxer is now more powerful and defeated his main local

rival S.M.K.S. Bandara in the final. Kuda Vithanage Lasindu Eranda is also a super talented boxer in Sri Lanka who has been preparing to the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships. He has got also international experiences and dominated his semi-final and final contests against his younger rivals. Both of his bouts ended by the referee by RSC therefore Sri Lanka's youth flyweight (52kg) No.1 received the right to box in the national team.

Following H.M.K.C. Ekanayake's success at the bantamweight and K.D. Jayalath's close triumph at the lightweight (60kg) another remarkable performance was delivered by a young talent in the Youth National Selection Trials. Weerasekara Mudiyanseelage Dhananjaya Madushanka B. Jayarathne will be turning to 18 only in September but his skills were enough to beat P. Vishnu in the final of the light welterweight (64kg) and his efforts delivered for him a ticket to the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.



## LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE SRI LANKAN YOUTH NATIONAL SELECTION TOURNAMENT

- 49 kg: Podi Arachchige Rukmal Prasanna
- 52 kg: Kuda Vithanage Lasindu Eranda
- 56 kg: H.M.K.C. Ekanayake
- 60 kg: K.D. Jayalath
- 64 kg: Weerasekara Mudiyanseelage Dhananjaya Madushanka B. Jayarathne





## AL AMIN AND ABDUR RAHIM WERE THE BESTS IN THE BANGLADESH ARMY BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The new edition of the Bangladesh Army Boxing Championships for the male elite soldiers was held in Dhaka where the experienced national team members dominated their final fights. Gregory Hasda, Mohammad Al Amin, Mohamed Abdur Rahim and Mohamed Suruj Bangali all claimed the gold medals in the national event.

Dhaka is a busy city and its boxing life is in developing stage with a lot of national competitions in all levels. Bangladesh has got potential in the South Asian region which hosted its Inter-Unit Boxing Championships in April and now their Army Boxing Championships in the capital city.

Gregory Hasda competed at the 2015 ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing

Championships in Bangkok and has been boxing in the national level since many years in spite of the fact he is only 23 now. The light flyweight (49kg) boxer dominated his final fight against Mohamed Alomgir and secured his next national title.

Sohel Chakma moved up to the flyweight (52kg) following his successes at the light flyweight (49kg) and the

Army boxer was too strong for Mohamed Mohashin in the gold medal bout. South Asian Games competitor Mohamed Khorshed Alam is an experienced boxer who controlled the final of the bantamweight (56kg) against Mohamed Ahasan.

Muhammad Faysal Mollah competed in the South Asian Games in 2010 where he claimed silver medal and after so many years in the national events he was able to win the title once again at the lightweight (60kg). The 26-year-old Army boxer was too strong for Mohamed Pulumong in the final of the national event.

AIBA World Boxing Championships competitor Mohammad Al Amin has got nearly 100 bouts during his career and won the last six national events as well. The Commonwealth Games competitor amazed the crowd with his superb

combinations against Mohamed Riaz in the final and proved he is Bangladesh's No.1 at the light welterweight (64kg).

South Asian Games winner Mohamed Abdur Rahim is also an international boxer who attended already in the Milan 2009 AIBA World Boxing Championships where he won his opening bout and lost to only to a European star. He moved up to the middleweight (75kg) and did not give any chance to Mohamed Sahed in the final of the event.

Army boxer Mohamed Suruj Bangali attended in the Asian Games and has got more than 15 years of experiences in the sport which was enough to beat all of his rivals at the heavyweight (91kg). The last gold medal was achieved by veteran Mohamed Alomgir who defeated Mohamed Korim in the final of the super heavyweight (+91kg).



### WINNERS IN THE BANGLADESH ARMY BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

49 kg: Gregory Hasda

52 kg: Sohel Chakma

56 kg: Mohamed Khorshed Alam

60 kg: Muhammad Faysal Mollah

64 kg: Mohammad Al Amin

69 kg: Mohamed Roni

75 kg: Mohamed Abdur Rahim

81 kg: Nur Islam

91 kg: Mohamed Suruj Bangali

+91 kg: Mohamed Alomgir





## 14-YEAR-OLD OM PARIYAR WAS THE BEST BOXER IN THE NEPAL JUNIOR NATIONAL SELECTION TOURNAMENT

Nepal is a developing boxing country in the South Asian region but the Nepal Boxing Association has got great strategic plans to increase the level of their athletes in the upcoming years. Their Junior National Selection Tournament was held in the recent days to select their best boxer who will represent the country at the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships.

President of the Nepal Boxing Association Mr. Ram Awale decided to send boxers to all main international ASBC and AIBA competitions therefore a selection competition was held for their men's junior athletes in Kathmandu.

The Nepal Junior National Selection Tournament was held in two weight classes to select their best talents for the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships which will be held in the island of Palawan in Puerto Princesa, Philippines in August 1-7.

Chitwon's Om Pariyar will be turning to 15 only in the second part of August but he was able to deliver the best performance in the Nepal Junior National Selection Tournament. He defeated Yeman Shrestha in the semi-final and Central Boxing's Rojit Maharjan in the final of the light bantamweight (52kg).

Central Boxing's No.1 Sayaj Bahadur Shrestha triumphed over Naxal Boxing's Sonam Shrestha in the final of the light welterweight (63kg) in the event but finally the 15-year-old talent was not selected to take part in the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships in Puerto Princesa.



### LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE NEPALI JUNIOR NATIONAL SELECTION TOURNAMENT

52 kg: Om Pariyar

63 kg: Sayaj Bahadur Shrestha





## UPCOMING EVENTS IN JULY 2017

**JULY 12-18, 2017**

Indian Junior National Championships,  
India

**JULY 23-28, 2017**

Chinese Women's Junior National  
Championships, China

**JULY 15, 2017**

World Series of Boxing Season VII Finals,  
Astana, Kazakhstan

**JULY 25-30, 2017**

Malaysia Cup, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**JULY 17-21, 2017**

Philippine National Games Luzon Leg,  
Isabela Province, Philippines

**JULY 28-31, 2017**

Sri Lankan Junior & Schoolboys National  
Championships, Colombo, Sri Lanka

**JULY 17-22, 2017**

Kapolri Cup, Jambi, Indonesia

**JULY 2017**

Aytenov Brothers Youth Tournament,  
Shuchinsk, Kazakhstan

**JULY 17-22, 2017**

Damascus International Championships,  
Damascus, Syria

**JULY 2017**

Dildabekov Prizes Junior Tournament, Shymkent, Kazakhstan

**JULY 19-23, 2017**

Commonwealth Youth Games, Nassau,  
Bahamas

**JULY 2017**

Bir Ganesh Memorial Tournament, Kathmandu, Nepal

**JULY 21-28, 2017**

Jordan National Championships, Amman,  
Jordan

**JULY 29 - AUGUST 8, 2017**

ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing  
Championships, Puerto Princesa,  
Philippines