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## **ASIAN BOXING CONFEDERATION IS PROUD OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS EACH PART OF THE CONTINENT**

Dear Asian Boxing Family,  
Dear Asian National Federations,

Asian Boxing Confederation is so proud of the efforts and development of each region of the continent in the first year of

the Tokyo 2020 Olympic cycle. The Asian boxers showed amazing development in all aspects of the sport in 2017.

The Asian men boxers delivered sensational performance in the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships

where our continent claimed record number of 15 medals. The best Asian boxers achieved these amazing 15 medals out of the possible 40 in Hamburg and at the very first time the continent took over the previously dominating Europeans.

We had a very successful and highest level tournament, the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent this May and further two successful continental events in Bangkok and in Puerto Princesa but this AIBA World Boxing Championships in Hamburg is our biggest achievement this year.

We are all proud of our Asian heroes here in Hamburg and the hard work of the National Federations paid off earlier than in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Asia is a big family in boxing and our National Federations proved their amazing future potential in all age groups and in both genders in 2017.

Asian Boxing Confederation and its whole management are working hard to support all Asian countries to develop their boxers and all aspects of the sport to be the leader in boxing among the continents in the upcoming years. Asian Boxing Confederation supported already 10 countries with boxing equipments and we are planning further donations in our upcoming events. Asian Boxing Confederation is promoting the activities of its National Federations and assists them in all topics.

Asian Boxing Confederation is making interviews with the Presidents of the National Federations to cooperate them and promote their hard work in the highest possible level. You can follow all daily ASBC activities in the website and the social media channels.

Do not forget our slogan: Together We Are Power.

Best Regards,  
ASBC Management





## MR. SERIK KONAKBAYEV WISHES HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PRESIDENT OF KAZAKHSTAN BOXING FEDERATION MR. TIMUR KULIBAYEV

President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and Vice-President of the International Boxing Association Mr. Serik Konakbayev, furthermore the whole ASBC management wishes Happy Birthday to President of the Kazakhstan Boxing Federation Mr. Timur Kulibayev who celebrates his 51th birthday today. Mr. Kulibayev was not only appointed as President of the one of the strongest boxing nation but as a businessman he is one of the most successful iconic people in Kazakhstan.

Mr. Timur Kulibayev was born in the former capital city of Kazakhstan in Almaty on September 10 in 1966 and after long studies he graduated from the Moscow State University named after Mikhail Lomonosov as an economist. He was director of the Research and Consultative Center and he was the Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Almaty Trade and Industry Bank. He is the most important business figure in Kazakhstan who is the son-in-law of Kazakh President Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev.

Following his business career and public activities he joined to the world of boxing which is also a key factor in Kazakhstan. Since 2009 he is the President of the Kazakhstan Boxing Federation and his team worked hard to the country's successes in the recent years under the leadership of Mr. Timur Kulibayev.

Since he joined as President of the Kazakhstan Boxing Federation the Central Asian boxing power could host the AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships in 2011, the AIBA World Boxing Championships in 2013 and the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships in 2016.

Kazakhstan topped the team rankings in several AIBA and ASBC events in the recent years while their boxers finally claimed five medals in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and six medals in the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships.

The Kulibayev Prizes Tournament has been holding each year in the city of Atyrau which is very active in the boxing map. He speaks Kazakh, Russian and English fluently and has got three children: Altay, Deniza and Alishya. He is also an avid fan of sports, especially golf, and often competes in strong golf competitions as well.





## MR. SERIK KON- AKBAYEV AND ASBC MANAGE- MENT CONGRATU- LATE TO THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE NEW ZEA- LAND BOXING AS- SOCIATION MR. KEITH WALKER

The President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and AIBA Vice-President Mr. Serik Konakbayev, furthermore the whole management of the Asian Boxing Confederation congratulate to the new President of the New Zealand Boxing Association to Mr. Keith Walker who is also Honorary AIBA Vice-President.

Mr. Keith Walker was the Supervisor of the 2015 ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Bangkok, Thailand two years ago and supported several other events in the Asian continent with his experiences as official.





## MR. YOUSUF ALI AL-KAZIM – BOXING SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM IS OUR STRATEGY IN QATAR

Mr. Yousuf Ali Al-Kazim is not only the President of the Qatar Boxing Federation but he is the Vice-President of the Asian Boxing Confederation who is very active in the international boxing events. Mr. Yousuf Ali Al-Kazim presented medals also in the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships.

Qatar Boxing Federation hosted the AIBA World Boxing Championships in Doha in October 2015 and two of their boxers qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. The Western Asian country has got great plans in the new Olympic era as well. Qatar sent boxers to the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships to Bangkok at the very first time which was a historical step in their road to the development. Mr. Yousuf Ali Al-Kazim replied our questions about Qatar's boxing life, background and possibilities for the future in our sport.

### - Could you please introduce your country's boxing life?

- Boxing was introduced in Qatar in the early '70s and it was practiced in the Army and Police sport clubs around the capital city of Doha. A few years later the first edition of the Qatari National Boxing Championships was held in 1974. Qatar's first ever appearance in the international level was in taking place 1984 when the first Arab Police Boxing Championships was held in Iraq.

Qatar Boxing Federation was established in June 13, 1998 and in the same year our organization was officially affiliated by AIBA and ASBC. Qatar hosted the Arab Youth Championships in 2003, the Asian Games in 2006, the Arab Games in 2011, the Doha International Tournament and the AIBA World Boxing Championships in 2015.

### - Would you like to tell us your strategic plans for the future and the key developments in your country?

- In order to increase its sport popularity and awareness among the local society Qatar Boxing Federation launched its "Development through sports". Our Federation introduced a variety of boxing promotion targeting different age groups in the local population. We are offering opportunities to come closer to boxing, learn about it and practice it with the Qatar Boxing Federation's facilities.

Our Boxing School Education Program are targeting the school's students, providing to them information about boxing, its rules and the easier way to learn it. Additionally boxing competitions amongst schools are taking place on a yearly basis, in order for talented kids to be identified and enrolled to boxing clubs' programs.

Our strategy is based on the following points:

1. Boxing expansion
2. Training and qualification (athletes, R&Js and officials)
3. Organizing international competitions in Qatar
4. ASBC and AIBA memberships

### - What are the main strengths and issues in your boxing life?

- Qatar National Olympic Committee is working closely with our Qatar Boxing Federation to promote boxing in the country, develop our athletes and ideas around our sport which is a great strength. Our weaknesses consists of the limited number of population and the possibilities for the young people who practice different sports and prefer football which is the most popular in Qatar.



## MR. PICHAI CHUNHAVAJIRA – WE ARE WORKING FOR OUR OLYMPIC GOLD IN THE TOKYO 2020 GAMES

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. Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira travelled to the main events in 2017 and followed the performance of the Thai boxers.

Thailand Boxing Association and their whole staff worked hard to make a memorable ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships this July after hosting the 2015 ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships for the elite men boxers two years ago.

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 era. Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira answered our questions about their developments and strategic plans.

### - Could you please introduce your country's boxing life?

- Thailand is the land of the Muay Thai, the self-defence of Thai people from the early ages until present day. Muay Thai became the human instinct of all Thais either men or women and currently it is the most effective business sport in the country. From old days Muay Thai became the most favourite sport of Thai people alongside with football. Besides to Muay Thai the Olympic boxing is also well-known in Thailand and it is one of among the favourite sports. Thailand achieved Olympic gold medals in 1996, 2000, 2004 and in 2008, our heroes were Kamsing Somluck, Wijan Ponlid, Manus Boonjumnong and Somjit Jongjohor. Thailand's best boxers achieved several medals in the Asian Games, AIBA World

Boxing Championships and other important international competitions.

### - Would you like to tell us your strategic plans for the future and the key developments in your country?

- We are in the beginning of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic era and we have got still three years until the start of the Games but our plans are clear about this. Our goal is to win a gold medal in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games therefore all of our efforts are a road to that success in all aspects of the sport. We have got developments plans for all age groups and both genders, also for coaches, R&Js and ITOs. Used to be Thailand did not focus well to the junior and youth age groups therefore we have got projects for these youngsters. The Thailand National Boxing Academy was established in the city of Saraburi this year where we hosted the ASEAN Youth Boxing Championships on March.

### - What are the main strengths and issues in your boxing life?

- Thailand Boxing could start a new era when the Thai Government gave the full and official support to our association. The Sport Authority of Thailand (SAT) set the four years plan the "Road to Tokyo 2020" to preparing the Thai team for the upcoming Olympic Games. Boxing is the first class sport in the "Road to Tokyo 2020" program with all support also with the private sectors and this project is our main strength right now.





## MR. SISOUPHANH SENGSAVANH – OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AIBA AND ASBC EVENTS

Mr. Sisouphanh Sengsavanh the President of the Lao Boxing Federation but he is also Executive Committee member of the Asian Boxing Confederation. As President of the Lao Boxing Federation the management of ASBC was asked him about the current situation in the Southeast Asian country and their future plans.

Laos sent boxers to the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships to Bangkok, Thailand this July and they are planning to compete also in the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Laos competed in the Southeast Asian Games where Bounpone Lasavongsy and Vilaysack Chansamone both achieved bronze medals.

### - Could you please introduce your country's boxing life?

- We have got 20 boxing clubs in each regions of our country and have got some future prospects in Laos. We have been hosting dual events together with Cambodia every Saturdays to raise the experiences of our boxers.

The number of our current boxers in different age groups is the followings: 120 juniors, 80 youth and 120 elite boxers. We have got also approximately 100 women boxers in the junior, youth and elite levels as well.

It is important to mention about our background that one of our Referee & Judge is AIBA 2-stars while two of our coaches are AIBA 1-star currently. We competed well in the last edition of the Southeast Asian Games in Kuala Lumpur where two of our experienced boxers achieved bronze medals. We are focusing now to the next edition Asian Games which will be held in Indonesia in 2018.

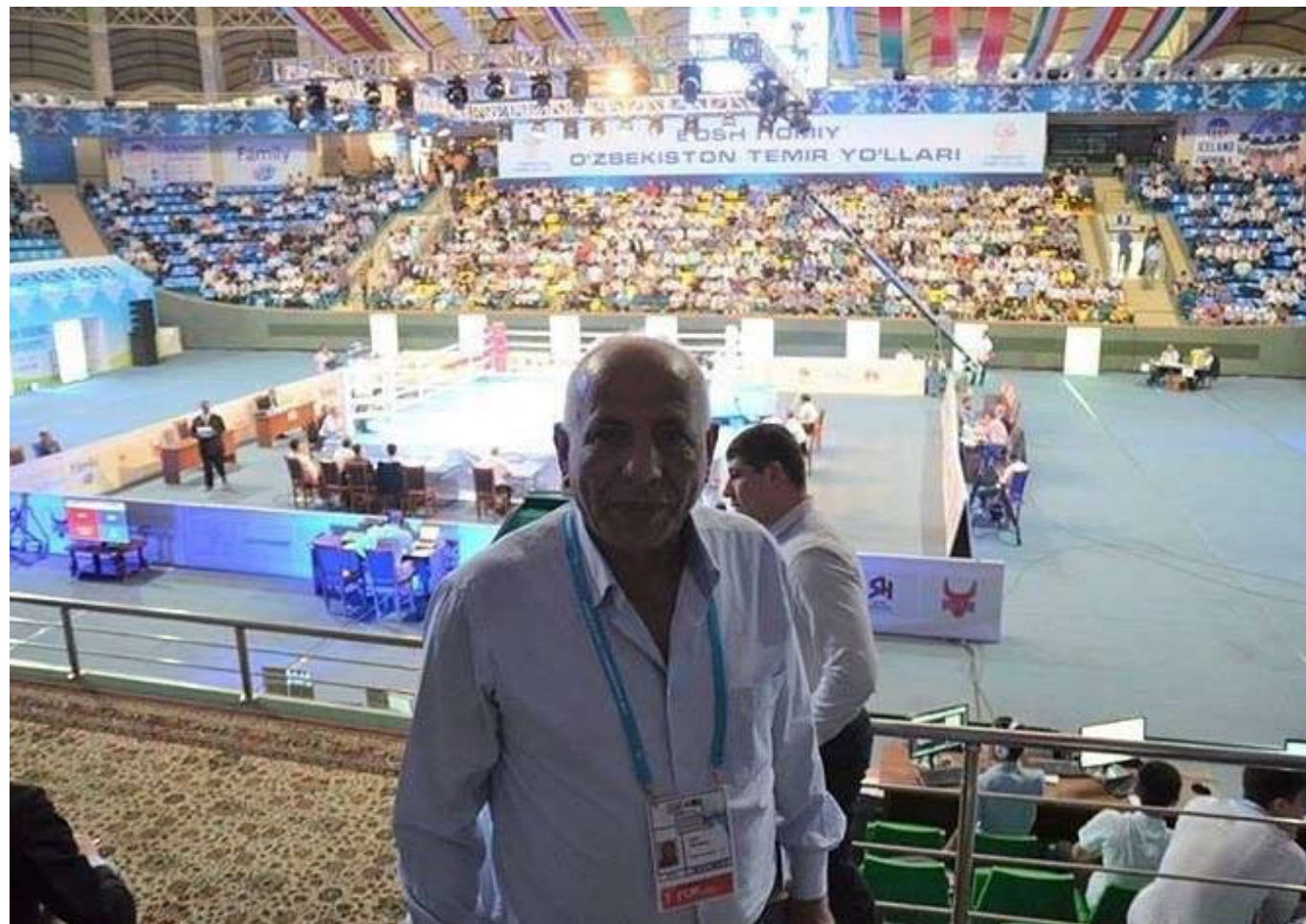
### - Would you like to tell us your strategic plans for the future and the key developments in your country?

- We are planning to establish 10 new clubs within the next three years to find new talents for our sport in countryside as well. Lao Boxing Federation is focusing mainly to the junior and youth age groups which could be our future. Developing our coaches and referees to different levels are also one of our key point in Laos. We need more 1-star, 2-stars and 3-stars coaches and referees in the upcoming years and we know we have to go ahead step by step. Participating in the AIBA and ASBC events more times than in the recent one decade is also among our main objectives. We are trying to build up our young talents to show their skills and I can tell you Laos would like to participate in the upcoming ASBC and AIBA events as well. We are trying to follow the ASBC international boxing calendar and send our boxers to the main events from 2018.

### - What are the main strengths and issues in your boxing life?

- Muay Thai boxing is very popular combat sport in Laos but it is a bit different martial art like the Olympic boxing which we want to improve. We are trying to source fighters from Muay Thai to raise our achievements in the near future. All of our issues are coming from our low possibilities of financing and the low popularity of Olympic boxing.





## MR. ISSA AL-NASSAR - WE HAVE PROVED SYRIA'S BOXING MOVED FORWARD IN ASIA THIS YEAR

Mr. Issa Al-Nassar is the President of the Syrian Boxing Federation who is Executive Committee member of the Asian Boxing Confederation shared with us his thoughts about boxing in Syria. Mr. Issa Al-Nassar and the whole ASBC management are proud of the performance of the Syrian boxers in spite of their serious difficulties in the country.

Syria achieved amazing performance in the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships and also in the Islamic Solidarity Games in Baku. Five of their boxers advanced to the quarter-finals in the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships and qualified for the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships but due visa issues they were not able to take part in Germany.

### - Could you please introduce your country's boxing life?

- Syria's boxing life developed in the last two years since we have been following the scientific training programs. We hosted the Syrian National Boxing Championships on February with a success while we have done also our Youth National Championships and sent four boxers to the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships. The Syrian Junior National Olympiad was also held this summer.

We achieved two medals in the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent and all of our participated five boxers went through to the quarter-finals and qualified for the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships. Furthermore we took four

medals in the Islamic Solidarity Games and among them one was gold in Baku so we proved Syria's boxing moved forward in the Asian ranking.

Unfortunately the German Embassy did not give the required visas our team in Beyrouth for the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships and our five boxers were unable to compete in the main event of the year.

### - Would you like to tell us your strategic plans for the future and the key developments in your country?

- Our main strategic plan is to keep continuing on our training for the main events in 2018 as we will have Mediterranean Games in Tarragona in June and Asian Games in Jakarta. We are planning to send full teams to the main events to get as many medals as possible in Spain and in Indonesia.

### - What are the main strengths and issues in your boxing life?

- The main strength in Syria's boxing life is our patience how we can handle the current situation in the country and our training programs. We are requiring a lot of support to be one of the most effective boxing country in Asia in the future.



## MR. ABDIBAKYT KHALMURZAEV - KYRGYZSTAN'S BOXING TURNED TO 90 YEARS THIS YEAR AND WE HAVE GOT A LOT OF TALENTS



Mr. Abdibakyt Khalmurzaev is the President of the Kyrgyz Boxing Federation and he is also President of the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic. Mr. Khalmurzaev is a public figure in Kyrgyzstan who works as prosecutor in their capital city in Bishkek. Previously he was Master of Sport of the USSR in boxing and became USSR National Champion among the schoolboys and juniors.

Kyrgyzstan has got excellent history in boxing and the country's leadership and management are trying to find the sources to regain their place among the Asian elite. Kyrgyzstan achieved one medal in the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent, also one medal in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok but their younger talents delivered five medals in the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships in Puerto Princesa this year.

### - Could you please introduce your country's boxing life?

- Kyrgyzstan's boxing turned to 90 years this year which is a great anniversary for us. We will celebrate this important milestone during the Kyrgyz National Boxing Championships in November. More than 8,000 people are involved to boxing in Kyrgyzstan in our present days and 162 coaches are working in the sport schools and private sport clubs. We have been hosting National Championships for schoolboys, juniors, youth and elite boxers in Kyrgyzstan every year. Two big international events are also taking part in Kyrgyzstan, the Duisenkul Shopokov Memorial Tournament in Bishkek and the Arziyev Brothers Tournament in Osh. In addition, further international events with participation of Kazakhstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, China and Mongolia are regularly holding in the regions of Kyrgyzstan. The Kyrgyz boxers

are taking part abroad in international events on a regular basis mainly in Russia, in Uzbekistan, in Kazakhstan, in Mongolia, in Ukraine, in China and in Tajikistan to raise the experiences of our talents.

### - Would you like to tell us your strategic plans for the future and the key developments in your country?

- We expect a very important for the country on October 15 when the Presidential election of the Kyrgyz Republic will be held. Our plans for the future are strengthening the material base of Kyrgyz boxing, paying special attention to the far regions and cities in the country. We need to train our coaches and we would be happy if ASBC could organize training for our coaches with advanced methods of work inviting the best coaches of the continent. We hope our boxers will be delivering for us honour in the Olympic Games, Asian Games, ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships and in the AIBA World Boxing Championships.

### - What are the main strengths and issues in your boxing life?

- There are a lot of talented boxers in Kyrgyzstan and our objective is to give them opportunity to realize their abilities in the Asian and World events. We have to significantly strengthen the material base of boxing, improve our funding and medical cares which are currently our main issues in Kyrgyzstan.





## MR. ZHANG CHUANLIANG – OUR 27 YEARS OF EFFORTS MEANS WE HAVE GOT POTENTIAL IN BOXING

Mr. Zhang Chuanliang is the President of the Chinese Boxing Federation who has been elected this July short after the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships. Mr. Zhang Chuanliang was the head coach of the Chinese national boxing team between 2004 and 2012 therefore he has got experiences in all areas of our sport.

China claimed medals in the recent editions of the Olympic Games and in the AIBA World Boxing Championships. On those events the country showed their women's boxing life is one of the best in the world. China launched its WSB team in 2015 and has got excellent potential for the future in boxing.

### - Could you please introduce your country's boxing life?

- Boxing was brought into China in the early 20th Century, called «Western boxing» in that period. After the founding of People's Republic of China, some boxing competitions were held in 1953, 1956, 1957 and 1958 but then this sport was stopped until 1993 when we could return in the 7th Chinese National Games.

The first Chinese national boxing team was built in 1988 and their opening mission was the Beijing 1990 Asian Games where Bai Chongguang claimed a gold medal at the 81kg. The first Chinese gold medal in the Asian Boxing Championships was achieved by Tao Jiang in 1994. China hosted the Mianyang 2005 AIBA World Boxing Championships where Zou Shiming claimed our first gold medal.

Zou Shiming won bronze medal in the Athens 2004 Olympic Games and after that he won two Olympic titles in Beijing in 2008 and in London in 2012. In the history of the AIBA World Boxing Championships Zou Shiming is one of the most successful boxer, he took 3 gold and 1 silver medal. The Beijing 2008 Olympic Games was a glory for the Chinese boxing with the result of 2 gold medals, 1 silver and 1 bronze.

Meantime, women's boxing in China made a great progress. Since our first gold medal of the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships in Scranton where Zhang

Maomao achieved the title, the Chinese ladies won several gold medals in the big events. Chinese women boxers acquired 2 silver medals and 3 bronze totally in the 2012 and 2016 Olympic Games.

### - Would you like to tell us your **strategic plans for the future and the key developments in your country?**

- Response to the «Belt and Road Initiative», Chinese Boxing Federation is planning to establish the «Belt and Road Boxing League» and the host the competition in the near future. We would like to invite boxers from those countries which are members of the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road to China for training and for competitions. We hope the Asian countries will play more important role in the World's boxing with exchanging the experiences and increase the cooperation. Meanwhile, we hope we can propagandize the Chinese culture and sport art through the «Belt and Road Boxing League». Secondly we are planning to develop grassroots in boxing in China promoting our sport more actively in the lower age groups. Our program, «Boxing enters into school» is a plan to involve more 9-11 year-old boys and girls.

### - What are the main strengths and issues in your boxing life?

- The Governmental support, the society involvement and the good boxing atmosphere are our main strengths in China. Following our 27 years of efforts, we have got a lot of potential in all aspects of the sport. Our athletes, coaches and officials are experienced and we have got good relationships with the international organizations and other national boxing associations.



## MR. ABDULLAH SATTARI – THE BIGGEST STRENGTH IS OUR HIGH NUMBER OF BOXERS AND FANS IN AFGHANISTAN

Mr. Abdullah Sattari is the President of the Afghanistan Boxing Federation who was born in Kabul and graduated in the Kabul University short after his successful boxing career in 2005. The President of the Afghanistan Boxing Federation shared with us his thoughts about his country's future potential, cooperation and strategic plans.

Mr. Abdullah Sattari began his career at of age of 16 and competed in several international events including the Busan 2002 Asian Games. Following his General Secretary and CEO experiences, he was elected as President of the Afghanistan Boxing Federation in 2015 for a period of four years.

### - Could you please introduce your country's boxing life?

- We have great boxing fans in Afghanistan as there are a lot of boxers all over the country not only in Kabul but in countryside as well. Afghanistan has got also history in boxing, our best result was a fantastic silver medal in the 1995 Asian Boxing Championships and we had Olympians in the recent editions.

Our elite men team competed in the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan this year. We will be sending our boxers to Rohtak, India to train there in October where the possibilities are the bests in our region. We will be holding a 1-star R&J Course in Kabul on November 5 which is a great step in our boxing life. Meeting with the US boxing team will be also important for our youngsters. We have been cooperating with the neighbouring countries and especially with the Indian Boxing Federation's President Mr. Ajay Singh.

### - Would you like to tell us your strategic plans for the future and the key developments in your country?

- Afghanistan Boxing Federation simply tries to be more professional than ever and we are developing all aspects of boxing.

We are building up boxing talents from the grassroots now to be more competitive in the upcoming years.

We are thinking about to invite a great foreign coach to Afghanistan to manage our elite boxers but it depends on the financial availabilities. Developing the ability of the Afghan coaches and Referees & Judges are also among our key points. Opening a new Boxing Academy in Afghanistan is also among our plans in the near future.

Cooperation with neighbouring countries have already started to give chance to our boxers to raise their international experiences. Finding Afghanistan's refugee boxers and the Afghan people who are living abroad is also among our strategies. The NSB Boxing League will be starting in 2018 while the South Asian Junior Championships will be held in our capital city in Kabul next June.

### - What are the main strengths and issues in your boxing life?

- We are faced with a lot of financial issues but we are doing all of our best to solve these problems in Afghanistan. The number of the boxers and our boxing fans are our biggest strength in Afghanistan and we know that our hard work will deliver a success in the upcoming years.





# CHINESE TAIPEI'S BOXING REACHED THE TOP ASIAN LEVEL WITH MR. LEE WU NAN'S LEADERSHIP

Mr. Lee Wu Nan is the President of the Chinese Taipei Boxing Association who worked hard to develop boxing in the country in the recent years. Chinese Taipei did finally a sensational breakthrough in the world's boxing life in 2016 when two of their young boxers qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Mr. Lee Wu Nan was born in Pingtung and as a boxer he won the National Championships in Chinese Taipei six times. When he retired from boxing as an athlete he served Chinese Taipei as coach with great successes. Mr. Lee Wu Nan is member of the Chinese Taipei National Olympic Committee and Vice-President of the Chinese Taipei Sports Association.

Chinese Taipei developed well in the recent years and their women boxers joined to the bests in the Asian continent. Lin Yu Ting and Chen Nien Chin claimed gold medals in the 2013 AIBA Women's Youth & Junior World Boxing Championships in Albona and since then Chinese Taipei achieved medals in all of the important women events.

## - Could you please introduce your country's boxing life?

- Chinese Taipei has got history in boxing but our most successful era has come in the recent years when our developing programs were delivered for us medals in the main AIBA and ASBC events as well. We have got several national events for all of the age groups and for both genders every year in order to develop the sport in Chinese Taipei.

We hosted the Asian Junior Boxing Championships in 1995 which was our first big international event in the country. In that event we claimed one gold, four silver and three bronze medals and following that we hosted the next edition of the Asian Junior Boxing Championships as well.

Starting from 2004 Chinese Taipei Boxing Association promoted women's boxing and hosted several events for the female boxers to strengthen national diplomacy: International Women's Boxing Invitational Tournament in 2004, Asian Women's Boxing

Championships in 2005, the Asian Youth Boxing Invitational Tournament in 2006 and the AIBA Women's Youth & Junior World Boxing Championships in 2015.

We achieved medals in all of the previous important women events including the 2016 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships. We had an Olympian boxer in Atlanta in 1996 and after 20 years of hiatus two of our boxers qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Our qualified athletes, Lai Chu En and Chen Nien Chin both are still young boxers and their best years are still to come.

## - Would you like to tell us your strategic plans for the future and the key developments in your country?

- We sent big delegations to all of the continental events this year to the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships to Tashkent, to the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships to Bangkok and record number of boxers to the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships to Puerto Princesa.

We are planning to continue to compete in the international competitions with as many boxers as possible to raise the number of the international bouts of our athletes, especially in the ASBC events and also in the Asian Games in 2018.

## - What are the main strengths and issues in your boxing life?

- We have not got enough boxers in Chinese Taipei and hard to keep them in the sport after their high school and university studies but we are working hard to manage our programs and strategic plans in all aspects of boxing.



## MR. DASHDEMBEREL BATERDENE – BOXING IS SUITABLE FOR THE MONGOLIANS

Mongolia is one of the key boxing nation in the Asian continent which country showed amazing development in the recent 10 years in spite of the fact the number of the boxers are very low in the Central Asian power. The Asian Boxing Confederation asked the President of the Mongolian Boxing Federation Mr. Dashdemberel Baterdene about their boxing life, potentials, main goals and issues.

Their currently best boxer Dorjnyambuu Otgondalai was gold medallist in the 2014 Asian Games and achieved bronze medals in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and also in the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships. It is important to underline all of the four qualified Mongolian boxers advanced to the Top8 in the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships which is a good start for the Central Asians in the first year of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic era.

### - Could you please introduce your country's boxing life?

- The Mongolian Boxing Association is the oldest sports federation in the country which was established in 1948. From 1948 until 2017 our association is developed to the Top3 sport federations in Mongolia. Throughout this time the Mongolian Boxing Association has won more than 6,000 gold, silver and bronze medals in the international competitions.

The first gold medal for Mongolia was achieved by Kh. Altankhuyag in the Asian Boxing Championships in Tehran in 1971. The Mongolian boxers claimed 40 medals total in the history of the Asian Boxing Championships while we have got 9 medals from the AIBA World Boxing Championships and seven podium places from the Olympic Games.

Our first Olympic gold medallist was Enkhbaatar Badar-Uugan in Beijing in 2008 who won the Val Barker Trophy as well. Afterwards Purevdorj Serdamba won Mongolia's first gold medal in the history of the AIBA World Boxing

Championships in Milan in 2009. In the last three editions of the Olympic Games, the Mongolian boxers achieved five medals out of our total seven medals.

There are 85 registered coaches in all over the country and about 2,000 athletes train every week in our sport. Currently we have got 30 clubs in the capital city in Ulaanbaatar and 25 other clubs in countryside.

### - Would you like to tell us your strategic plans for the future and the key developments in your country?

- We have to develop the coaches and referees in Mongolia, this is our key point in the future developments. We are planning to host AIBA 1-star Coach Course in Mongolia soon and we have got several strategic plans for 2018. We will be holding four national events next year and the Ulaanbaatar International Box Cup in 2018. Our main goals in 2018 are the Asian Games and also the Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games.

### - What are the main strengths and issues in your boxing life?

- Our main problem in our association is the lack of the instrument and equipment. Clubs have got usually lack adequate instruments and equipment which become one of the underlying causes of not being able to enrol the youth and next age groups to the sport. In the other side of the story is that boxing is a sport that suitable for the physical and anthropological attributes of the Mongolians.





## MR. RAM AWALE - WE ARE FIT FOR BOXING AND NEPAL'S BOXERS HAVE GOT BREAHEART IN THE RING

Mr. Ram Awale is the President of the Nepal Boxing Federation who has been working hard to develop all aspects of the sport in the South Asian country. Mr. Ram Awale and the other key persons in Nepal's boxing such as Mr. Bishnu Gopal Shrestha and Mr. Sabin Bhattacharya are focusing to their international connections well enough.

Nepal is a developing boxing country in our continent which needs support in the future but in spite of their difficulties the South Asian nation are sending boxers to all AIBA and ASBC events in all age groups. Nepal registered record number of five female boxers to the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships following their participation in Tashkent, in Bangkok and in Puerto Princesa.

### - Could you please introduce your country's boxing life?

- Nepal had taken part in the Tokyo 1964 Olympic Games, all though the boxers were from Nepalese Soldiers from the British Army. This was our first time participation in the Olympic Games. Nepal became the member of the IOC only in 1963. Boxing is one of the popular sport in Nepal.

Nepal's boxing performances in the international tournaments has not been the top but we have got some good results. We have got 5 bronze medals in Asia Games, 6 gold medals in the South Asian Games and one bronze medal in Asian Boxing Championships. The 1980's were our nation's golden era in boxing when the best boxers like late Dal Bahadur Rana, Puskar Djoj Shahi, Prabin Tuladhar, Nar Bahadur Yonjan, Umesh Maskey and myself kept history in Nepal's boxing. Later from that era our new boxing generation was Chitra Bahadur Gurung, Prakash Thapamagar, Ram Chandra Thapamagar and Asian Games bronze medallist Deepak Maharjan kept the nation's pride high. Nepal is one of small and mountain country in South Asia with one of lowest national GDP in the whole world. Nation's investment in boxing counts very low and provides less facilities and equipments. Although with these

limited facilities in our boxing life, Nepal's performances were satisfactory.

### - Would you like to tell us your strategic plans for the future and the key developments in your country?

- Since I became President of Nepal Boxing Association 15 months ago, we are focusing on the following long term projects:

- 1) School in Boxing
- 2) Envisioning boxing in new district and clubs
- 3) Talent hunt events for the junior, youth and elite boxers
- 4) To gain more experiences allowing boxers to participate in the international tournaments
- 5) Preferring foreign coach for the best training possibilities in Nepal
- 6) Working with the government and the international associations for the training facilities and better equipments
- 7) Development of good personal relationship with the global boxing family

### - What are the main strengths and issues in your boxing life?

- Here are some of the main strengths and issues of boxing life in Nepal:

- 1) Naturally, we live in high altitude and in the mountains, therefore normally we are fit for any kind of sports.
- 2) Nepalese are with a Brave heart. They won't back even there is tough ahead.
- 3) We have good advisers with our team.
- 4) We are anticipating different International support as well
- 5) We have high chances in Women's boxing too in addition of Men's Boxing.
- 6) This moment we are in search of new boxing coach, boxing equipments, IOC Solidarity course, and Heads up program from AIBA.

## MR. CHHEUNG YAV YEN - OUR VISION IS TO BE AMONGST THE TOP POPULAR SPORT IN CAMBODIA



Mr. Chheung Yav Yen is the President of the Cambodian Boxing Federation who attended in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok with his General Secretary Mr. Sophoan Buy to negotiate with the neighboring countries and the ASBC officials. Mr. Chheung Yav Yen answered all of our questions about Cambodia's boxing life and strategic plans.

Cambodian Boxing Federation separated from the traditional Khmer boxing this year which was the first step to develop the Olympic boxing in the Southeast Asian country. Cambodia will be sending three boxers to the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships which could be a historical participation for their ladies. Cambodia will be hosting the 2023 Southeast Asian Games in Phnom Penh and the country has been preparing to that multisport event with long term projects to develop boxing.

### - Could you please introduce your country's boxing life?

- Boxing was firstly introduced to Cambodia during the French Colonization. It was very popular and became one of the potential sports in the country which brought countless successes and medals in both regional and international sporting competitions. The most remarkable success of Cambodia boxing was the first historic Bronze Medal won by Mr. You Chen Hong

(56kg) in the 1962 Asian Games, Indonesia. Additionally, Chen Hong was the first boxer to participate in the Tokyo 1964 Olympic Games that no other boxer has ever taken part in this World Class Multi-Sports Event. Between 1960s-1970s, Cambodia produced many talented boxers that we were one of the tough boxing teams in Southeast Asia and Asia. However, during the Genocide Regime of Khmer Rouge (1975-1979), most educated people in the country, including prominent boxers and coaches were killed with all sporting infrastructures were completely destroyed. After the collapse of Khmer Rouge, boxing was restored in the 1980s by the former boxers and coaches who survived from Genocide regime.

After Boxing was restored, it was governed by Cambodia Boxing Federation which administered both Olympic Boxing and Khmer Traditional Kickboxing "Kun Khmer". During this period, the CBF Governing Body focused more on developing and promoting Kun Khmer Kickboxing which made Olympic Boxing unpopular among Cambodian fans

and practitioners. There are almost hundreds bouts of "Kun Khmer" kickboxing every week that are live broadcasting on Television Channels, jointly organized by TV Channels and CBF. However, Olympic Boxing has only one or two bouts. In term of international sport events, Cambodian boxers rarely have a chance to participate in the regional and international competitions due to lack of communication between CBF and boxing international governing bodies.

### - Would you like to tell us your strategic plans for the future and the key developments in your country?

- After the Olympic Boxing was completed separated from Kun Khmer Kickboxing in February 2017, the newly elected governing body of Cambodian Boxing Federation has developed clear Visions and Missions of its 2017 – 2021 Mandate which can be described as follow:

- Our Vision:
  - To develop boxing to be amongst the top popular and well-resourced sports in the Cambodia
  - To create hero to inspire the nation
- Our Mission:
  - Promoting, marketing and sanctioning quality boxing events and tournaments to increase the sport's popularity with athletes, supporters and sponsors,
  - To provide fair competition.
  - To provide equal opportunities at all levels.
  - To be committed to the development of all facts of Boxing.
  - To further the safety and welfare of all participants.
  - To increase the membership base.
  - To put structured development programs in place at grass root levels.
- Priorities of the Cambodian Boxing Federation:

- To seek medal at the 2019 & 2021 SEA Games.
- To seek at least one gold medal in 2023 SEA Games.
- To increase association & club membership.
- To stabilize provincial structures.
- To become financially self-sufficient.
- To promote women boxing at all levels.

### - What are the main strengths and issues in your boxing life?

- Our main strengths are the followings:
  - Numerous Boxing clubs and associations are operating in the country
  - Abundance of talented boxers with the potential to achieve at the highest level.
  - Boxing competition is being broadcasted in many TV Channels
  - Olympic Style boxing is the safest, best medically controlled contact sport in the world. (Johns Hopkins University studies)
  - Support from Ministry of Education Youth and Sport & NOC of Cambodia
- Our main issues are the followings in Cambodia:
  - Inadequate infrastructure at Regional and Provincial level.
  - No permanent office staff.
  - Insufficient administration financial support.
  - Insufficient media coverage.
  - Insufficient fund from government.
  - Unqualified national coaches.
  - Inadequate management and administration.
  - Inadequate training program.
  - No talent identification program.
  - Inadequate systematic process of selecting national team and coach.





## MR. JOHNI ASADOMA - THE EQUALITY OF WOMEN BOXERS AND OUR COMPETITIONS WILL DELIVER SUCCESSES FOR THE ASIAN TALENTS

Dr. Johni Asadoma is the President of the Indonesian Boxing Federation who underlined the changes of the boxing world which happened in the recent two years. The equality of women boxers and the more competitions for the athletes will deliver successes for the Asian talents in the final stage of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic era.

Indonesia competed well enough in the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan where four of their boxers advanced to the quarter-finals. Aldoms Suguro won the gold medal in the Southeast Asian Games which was a great step for the further top results before the Jakarta 2018 Asian Games. The Indonesian boxers have been preparing with full speed to their important Asian Games which is schedule next August.

### - Could you please introduce your country's boxing life?

- The Indonesian National Boxing Association was established on October 30 in 1959 and participated firstly in the Rome 1960 Olympic Games. Our boxers could compete in the Olympic Games last time in Athens in 2004.

The Indonesian boxers started to compete in the Asian Games in 1962 in Jakarta where two of our boxers advanced to the finals. Since then the Indonesian boxers competed in all of the editions of the Asian Games. Indonesia is a strong member of the Southeast Asian Games which holds every two years.

Aside from these multisport events, the Indonesian boxers also have been

participating in the AIBA World Boxing Championships, in the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships and some other competitions as well. We have got 34 provincial boards and among them 90% are active members.

### - Would you like to tell us your strategic plans for the future and the key developments in your country?

- We have initiated by conducting National Boxing Championships from elite level all the age groups down from the youth, junior and now even for school kids as well. We are implementing to upgrade our trainers, coaches and R&Js both from regional, national and even for the international level by holding workshops, inviting international coaches and R&Js for group sessions, sharing knowledges and experiences. We are taking part in the courses to upgrade the stars of our coaches and R&Js.

### - What are the main strengths and issues in your boxing life?

- Our biggest obstacle is the investment in Indonesia, especially when it comes to athletes, coaches, R&Js, and other ring official upgrading of knowledge, technique and certification.



## MR. OMAR AL-GHAMDI – WE ARE BUILDING UP BOXING FROM THE GRASSROOTS IN SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Arabia is a developing boxing nation in the Western Asian region where the former Syrian Boxing Federation's President Mr. Mohamed Kamel Shbib did new impulse to the further projects and the country returned to the Asian boxing map in the recent two years. The country organized new events from the lowest age groups and hosted international competitions to raise the experiences of their boxers.

Saudi Arabia launched its new strategic program which starts in the upcoming months and its end point is the next edition of the Asian Games which will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia in 2018. The Saudi Arabians are planning to join to more competitions in the next months and years after their international training camps. Saudi Arabia did a historical participation in the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships in Puerto Princesa this August.

Saudi Arabian Boxing Federation has got great relationships with the neighboring countries, also with Egypt and Kazakhstan. The Saudi Arabians have program for their youth, junior and schoolboys boxers in the upcoming years. Their strategy also contains developments in the national level, international competitions, and seminars for coaches and R&Js also. About their developments Asian Boxing Confederation asked the President of the Saudi Arabian Boxing Federation, Mr. Omar Al-Ghamdi.

### - Could you please introduce your country's boxing life?

- Saudi Arabia is in the grassroots of the sport, our Boxing Federation is working hard to spread this game through the country. As a start, Saudi Arabian Boxing Federation established two training centres in Riyadh and in Makah. In the Arab level we work collectively and intensively to have more possibilities and skills to compete in the Asian continental events.

Saudi Arabia hosted the region's top boxing event, the important Gulf Countries Tournament in April 2016 in Riyadh where our new management proved the direction of the country's boxing life which is on the best way to the further successes. Saudi

Arabia claimed five gold medals in the Gulf Countries Tournament in the front of our crowd which was record in our boxing history.

### - Would you like to tell us your strategic plans for the future and the key developments in your country?

- Saudi Arabian Boxing Federation has got strategic plan which is affecting all areas of the sport including the organizational, administrative, technical, media, public relations, equipments, finances and training aspects.

Saudi Arabian Boxing Federation has been concentrating all of its available capabilities to prepare the national teams for the main international events: Gulf Countries Championships, Arab Boxing Championships, ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships, Asian Games and other important competitions.

Currently we have got only 12 coaches in the country, among them 6 are from Saudi Arabia therefore we are planning to add 3 new coaches every year in the future. We will send 6 national coaches to the upcoming AIBA 1-star Coach Course to Khartoum, Sudan. Our key factor is to develop the technical skills of our national team members with training camps in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

### - What are the main strengths and issues in your boxing life?

- Boxing is one of the submerging activity in Saudi Arabia, even though it does not receive direct support from a very big number of sport clubs. Saudi Arabia is a new in the boxing map therefore we have got several issues but the preliminary procedures of the development were successful in the country.





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## LOGO OF THE ASBC ASIAN CONFEDERATION WOMEN'S BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS OFFICIALLY APPROVED

The official logo for the upcoming 8th edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships which will be held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in November 2-8, are approved and we are sharing with you in all of our communication channels. The official colours of the Asian Boxing Confederation are all involved to the new logo of the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships.

The registrations for the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships are open in the AIBA Database and all National Federations must enter their athletes and delegation members until October 1. The Referees & Judges also have to be registered in the AIBA Database at latest until October 1.

## UZBEKISTAN'S SHAKHRAM GIYASOV WAS NAMED AS BEST BOXER IN THE HAMBURG 2017 AIBA WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Uzbekistan's Shakhram Giasov was named as the Best Boxer in the AIBA World Boxing Championships in Hamburg where our continent took two titles and 15 medals. Shakhram Giasov was silver medallist in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and following his Asian title he defeated all of his rivals by large margin of difference in the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships.

Besides to Uzbekistan's welterweight (69kg) star Shakhram Giasov, Kazakhstan's Kairat Yeraliyev also achieved a title in the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships. Asia achieved amazing number of 15 medals in the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships. Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, South Korea, Mongolia and India won the medals for our continent in Hamburg.

Uzbekistan's Shakhram Giasov was seeded as No.1 in the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships but he had such a hard road to the finals in Germany. The 24-

year-old defending ASBC Asian Champion triumphed over Ukraine's Ievgenii Barabanov as first, defeated England's EUBC European Confederation Boxing Championships silver medallist Pat McCormack in the quarter-finals and in the last four he was too quick for Kazakhstan's Abilaikhan Zhussupov which was the repeat match of the gold medal bout of the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships.

Giasov had to meet in the final of the competition with Cuba's London 2012 Olympic Champion Roniel Iglesias who defeated the Uzbek hope in the WSB Quarter-final in Havana on May. The Uzbek boxer enjoyed the contest from the second round and played with his Cuban opponent using his tricky style and quick counter-attacks. Giasov dominated all of the rounds in the final of the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships in their re-match with his attacking style and celebrated his gold medal after the confirmation of the bout.





## REGISTRATIONS FOR THE AIBA WOMEN'S YOUTH WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER 8

Please be informed that the registrations for the AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships, which will be held in Guwahati, India in November 21-30, are open in the AIBA Database until October 8. The event will be the first qualification event for the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games.

The Asian Boxing Confederation is proud of the fact the next AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships will be held in our continent. The event will be the second AIBA championship this year after the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships which was held for the men's elite boxers and Asia achieved record number of 15 medals.

Boxers who were born in 1999 and in 2000 are eligible to compete in India in the 10 official women's youth weight classes: 48kg, 51kg, 54kg, 57kg, 60kg, 64kg, 69kg, 75kg, 81kg and +81kg. The AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships will be held by 3x3 minutes contests according to the new AIBA rules.

The best boxers in the four Youth Olympic Games weight classes, who were born in 2000, will be qualified automatically for the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games. Following this first chance to our continent's best women's youth talents, the second qualification event will be the 2018 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.



## AIBA 1-STAR COACH COURSE WAS HELD IN ROHTAK

Boxing Federation of India hosted AIBA 1-Star Coach Course in their National Boxing Academy which is located in the Haryana region in the city of Rohtak. This coach course is hosted by the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) with the assistance from the Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC) for the future developments.

The AIBA 1-Star Coach Course was held in the Rajiv Gandhi Sports Complex in Rohtak, Haryana which region is the best in boxing in India. The courses contained also theoretical and practical classes in Rohtak. India has got new President Mr. Ajay Singh since last

October and also new management with General Secretary Mr. Jay Kowli. Their new Federation is working hard to find the way back to the success and the country could be competitive in all parts of boxing once again in the new Tokyo 2020 Olympic cycle.

Following their AIBA 1-Star Coach Course India will be hosting the AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships in Guwahati in November 21-30 and another success of the South Asian country, Delhi will be welcoming the best men's elite boxers in the 2021 AIBA World Boxing Championships which was announced by the AIBA EC in July.



# KIMEP TURNS 25

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This year the Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Forecasting (KIMEP) celebrates its 25th anniversary, Kazinform reports. Created on behalf of the President, KIMEP is considered the flagship of Kazakhstan's higher education. Today we are confident to tell that KIMEP is a well-established brand whose graduates firmly occupy their niche on the national labour market.

- KIMEP has become not only an educational institution that gave me academic knowledge. Our Institute is a world with its own traditions and atmosphere. It is noteworthy that in a relatively short time a spirit has been formed here that is characteristic of world universities with a much longer history. We were lucky to learn from the professional teachers since the faculty here is a symbiosis of the best of the national and foreign pedagogical schools. KIMEP graduates are in demand on the market, and many of us have continued studies under the Bolashak presidential program abroad and, having returned to Kazakhstan, are working in major positions in the public and private sectors, says Bagdaulet Turekhanov, executive director of the Asian Boxing Confederation. The Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Forecasting is the largest



university of the North American model in the Central Asian region. The University's educational programs are highly valued in national and international rankings. According to the Bologna Process and Academic Mobility Center of the Ministry

of Education and Science of Kazakhstan, three programs of the University are ranked first nationally. All KIMEP programs were accredited internationally by the Austrian Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agency (AQAAA).

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Thailand produced superb performance in the prestigious Boxam Youth Tournament where their young team was able to get gold and silver medal as well. Atichai Phoemsap defeated all of his rivals in the city of Finestrat while his teammate Thitisan Panmod bagged silver medal for Thailand in the strong event.

The host nation of the 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships competed in Boxam Youth Tournament in Spain with six tough boxers last week. Thailand's current youth squad is among Asia's best and their coaches have been preparing the team to the 2018 Asian Youth Olympic Qualification Event.

Five out of the six participated Thai youth boxers were born in 2000 and have got the chance also to compete in the important year of 2018 when the Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games and its Asian qualification events will be held. Before those tasks their young talents showed their excellent technique in the prestigious Boxam Youth Tournament in Spain.

Atichai Phoemsap returned to the squad after a few months and proved his talent in the Boxam Youth Tournament in Finestrat. The 17-year-old boxer competed successfully in the main junior events in 2015 including in the AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships in St. Petersburg. Thailand's lightweight (60kg) sensation eliminated Russia's tough Ilia Popov and



## THAILAND ACHIEVED GOLD MEDAL IN THE PRESTIGIOUS BOXAM YOUTH TOURNAMENT IN SPAIN

France's Jeremie Dupetitmagneux in the road to the finals in Finestrat. His final opponent could be Russia's AIBA Junior World Champion Nikita Piskunov but his rival was unable to fight in the title contest therefore Phoemsap walked over to the gold medal in Spain.

Thailand has got always great traditions at the light flyweight (49kg) where their new sensation is Thitisan Panmod who is the youngest boxer of their current team delegation. He will be turning to 17 only in December but he has won four major national titles in the recent three years and achieved bronze in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok. Panmod eliminated Ireland's Diarmuid Toland and Russia's Dmitriy Dvaliy before losing his narrow final to Russia's youth No.1 Daniil Lysenko.

Chonnati Yodyoi, who is also member of the national team since 2015 and achieved silver at the ASEAN Youth Boxing Championships in Saraburi, proved excellent technique in the Boxam Youth Tournament and he lost to only Russia's Youth National Champion Aleksei Kiselev in the quarter-final of the bantamweight (56kg). Sattawat Srisung, ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships silver medallist Peerapat Yeasungnoen and Bannaphon Pannon also competed in the Boxam Youth Tournament and raised their international experiences.



# CHINESE TAIPEI AND KAZAKHSTAN TOOK FOUR GOLD MEDALS FOR ASIA IN THE SILESIAN WOMEN'S OPEN TOURNAMENT

The 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Silesian Women's Open Tournament was held in Gliwice, Poland where the Asian female boxers finally claimed four gold, three silver and five bronze medals. Chinese Taipei, Kazakhstan and Mongolia used the competition as active preparations before the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships.

The Silesian Women's Open Tournament was established with its first edition in 2006 and Gliwice is the host of the competition in Poland. The Silesian Women's Open Tournament was held for elite, youth and junior boxers as in the previous years. Altogether three continents and record number of 21 nations competed for the medals with 205 female boxers in this prestigious women's tournament in Gliwice where Chinese Taipei ranked as No.3 among the countries.

Chinese Taipei's Pin Meng Chieh was excellent in the 2014 edition of the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships where she was near to get a medal in Jeju. The 30-year-old experienced boxer used her virtuoso style in the final against Romania's two-time EUBC European Women's Champion veteran Steluta Duta and claimed the gold medal in Gliwice.

Chinese Taipei's AIBA Women's Youth World Champion Lin Yu Ting almost qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games at the flyweight (51kg) but this time she

competed at the bantamweight (54kg) in Poland. The 22-year-old boxer eliminated Azerbaijan's No.1 Anna Alimardanova and Russia's strong Karina Tazabekova in the final stages of the event.

Chinese Taipei's AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships silver medallist Huang Hsiao Wen had to meet also with four strong European rivals as her teammate, Lin Yu Ting. The 20-year-old featherweight (57kg) boxer used her longer hands to keep the best fighting range against Poland's Kinga Szlachcic and celebrated her gold medal.

Following Chinese Taipei's three gold medals, a Kazakh boxer Madina Nurshayeva won the fourth title for Asia in the Silesian Women's Open Tournament. Nurshayeva, who competed in the last edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships, defeated Norway's 19-year-old Madeleine Angelsen, Russia's defending EUBC European Women's Champion Aleksandra Ordina and England's Claudia Havranek at the light welterweight (64kg).



Kazakhstan's two-time AIBA Women's World Champion Nazym Kyzaibay moved up to the Olympic flyweight (51kg) and defeated three tough European opponents in Gliwice. The 24-year-old star advanced to the final where she lost to only Russia's experienced National Champion Svetlana Soluyanova in a close contest.

Chinese Taipei's first ever medallist in an AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships Chen Nien Chin controlled her semi-final against Finland's sensation Elina Gustafsson and advanced to the

gold medal bout. The Rio 2016 Olympian boxer had to meet with her old rival from the youth age group, Poland's Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games winner Elzbieta Wojcik and suffered only a close defeat in the final.

Mongolia's best junior female talent Esugen Oyuntsetseg advanced to the final of the bantamweight (54kg) in Gliwice where she was beaten by only Hungary's EUBC European Confederation Women's Junior Boxing Championships silver medallist 16-year-old Bettina Kiss and took a silver medal.



# FUTURE STARS WON IN THE AKELBAYEV PRIZES TOURNAMENT IN KYRGYZSTAN

The new edition of the Akelbayev Prizes Tournament was held in the city of Balykchi in Kyrgyzstan to give chance to the youngest boxers to represent their countries in an international boxing competition.

The competition was held for the kids and schoolboys age groups and the country showed its amazing future potential. Tajikistan's Mekhrodj Zoidov is only a schoolboy but he was able to win several tournaments already in the recent two years and he won the gold medal also in the Akelbayev Prizes Tournament in Kyrgyzstan.

Mr. Kenzhebek Akelbayev was silver medallist in the 1997 edition of the Asian Boxing Championships in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and he was member of their national team in the whole '90s. Mr. Kenzhebek Akelbayev was the head coach of the Kyrgyz junior national team which achieved one silver and four bronze medals in the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships in Puerto Princessa, Philippines.

The 2004-2005 born boxers could compete in the schoolboy level of the Akelbayev Prizes Tournament which age group will be schoolboy only in 2018 but the Kyrgyz Boxing Federation has been managing them for the future. Aged 10-11 boys, 2006-2007 born boxers attended in the kids age group of the competition.

The first gold medal of the whole event was achieved by Artur Dzhumayev of Kyrgyzstan who is only 10 but he was able to beat all of his four opponents in the kids age

group. Kyrgyzstan's next big hope Temirkhan Daniyarov showed excellent potential of boxing in the kids 30kg where he defeated three rivals by RSC in the first round.

Kyrgyzstan's Renat Shar was amazed the crowd with his great combinations and defeated Tajikistan's Isfandiyr Khoshimov in the final of the kids 32kg weight class. The fourth gold medallist in the kids age group was Kyrgyzstan's Kayrat Kalmuratov who defeated his teammate Nursultan Asanakulov in a close final.

Tajikistan's Mekhrodj Zoidov won the gold medal in the Children Day Tournament in Khudjand in June and repeated his top performance in his next international competition in Balykchi where he was too smart for Kyrgyzstan's Tokmak-based Aleksandr Martinyuk in the final of the schoolboys 30kg.

The further winners in the schoolboys age group at the Akelbayev Prizes Tournament were the following boxers: Akbolot Baktybekov, Chyngyz Sultanov, Aidar Ydyrysov, Vadim Baurin, Maksat Arykbayev, Bekbol Murasbekov and Zhanbolot Syrtbayev from Kyrgyzstan. Kazakhstan achieved also two titles in the Akelbayev Prizes Tournament, their Abzal Saiyn and Baatyrkhan Seitenov won their weight classes in Balykchi.



## LIST TO THE WINNERS IN THE AKELBAYEV PRIZES TOURNAMENT

- Kids 28kg, Group A: Artur Dzhumayev, Kyrgyzstan
- Kids 28kg, Group B: Kayrat Kalmuratov, Kyrgyzstan
- Kids 30 kg: Temirkhan Daniyarov, Kyrgyzstan
- Kids 32 kg: Renat Shar, Kyrgyzstan
- Schoolboys 30 kg: Mekhrodj Zoidov, Tajikistan
- Schoolboys 32 kg: Akbolot Baktybekov, Kyrgyzstan
- Schoolboys 34 kg: Chyngyz Sultanov, Kyrgyzstan
- Schoolboys 36 kg: Abzal Saiyn, Kazakhstan
- Schoolboys 38 kg: Aidar Ydyrysov, Kyrgyzstan
- Schoolboys 40 kg: Vadim Baurin, Kyrgyzstan
- Schoolboys 42 kg: Maksat Arykbayev, Kyrgyzstan
- Schoolboys 50 kg: Baatyrkhan Seitenov, Kazakhstan
- Schoolboys 54 kg: Bekbol Murasbekov, Kyrgyzstan
- Schoolboys 57 kg: Zhanbolot Syrtbayev, Kyrgyzstan



## RIO 2016 OLYMPIAN YODGOROY MIRZAEVA IS AMONG THE WINNERS IN THE UZBEKISTAN WOMEN'S ELITE & YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Uzbekistan Women's Elite & Youth National Championships delivered sensational bouts in the last two competition days. Uzbekistan's first ever Olympian woman boxer Yodgoroy Mirzaeva and the new wave of their girls as Fotimakhon Tursunboyeva, Gulnoza Rakhmatova and Maftunakhon Melieva all achieved the titles in the event.

Uzbekistan's women's boxing life is not in the same level as their men's results yet but their ladies developed well in the recent four years. The number of the women boxers significantly increased since the Incheon 2014 Asian Games. Ferghana hosted the event at the very first time where eleven youth and ten elite boxers were crowned in the Nationals.

The winners in the youth part of the Uzbekistan Women's National Championships have got the chance to represent the country in the upcoming AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships. The National Championships was a selection event for their elite boxers to the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships which will be held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in November.

Nigina Mirzayeva was born only in 2000 but she is already an experienced lady who competed already in the 2015 and 2016 national events. The 17-year-old light flyweight (48kg) boxer launched powerful punches against Dilnozakhon Nematullayeva in the final and her opponent's ringside abandoned their contest in the third round.

Khursandoy Kholmatova is also an experienced youth talent in Uzbekistan who was too strong for all of her opponents in the women's youth flyweight (51kg). Further top boxers in the youth age group in Ferghana were Maftuna Fayzullayeva, Dildora Rakhmatova, Makhliyo Rakhimova and three-time National Champion Mavluda Mavlonova.

Fotimakhon Tursunboyeva is Uzbekistan's best light flyweight (48kg) boxer who had hard road to reach the final of the event but she defeated her main rivals such as Maftuna Muzaffarova and Natalia Kadirova. The 22-year-old Tursunboyeva is focusing to the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships following her triumph in Ferghana.

Aziza Yokubova delivered one of the main sensation of the whole Uzbekistan Women's Elite & Youth National Championships when she defeated Chingghis Khan Cup winner Tursunoy Rakhimova in the semi-final and continued her winning path against Ugiloy Satimova in the gold medal bout of the flyweight (51kg).

Farangiz Khoshimova is not an experienced boxer at the elite bantamweight (54kg) but she did



sensations as dark horse in the event where the 20-year-old talent defeated AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships competitor and defending National Champion Dilnozakhon Odiljonova and Khilolakhon Sobirova in Ferghana.

Yodgoroy Mirzaeva is the first ever Uzbek woman boxer who could qualify for an Olympic Games before her 20th birthday and proved her best in Ferghana against Incheon 2014 Asian Games competitor Muhayyohon Esenboyeva in the final of the featherweight (57kg). Gulnoza Rakhmatova is only 20 now but she is another prospect in Uzbekistan's woman boxing life who triumphed over Nigina Solieva and Raykhona Kodirova in the national event.

Maftunakhon Melieva competed already in the 2013 edition of the AIBA Women's Junior World Boxing Championships and moved up to the light welterweight (64kg) to secure her place in the national team and after her performance in Ferghana, she will be definitely there in the upcoming continental event. Gaukhar Mirzaeva moved down to her original welterweight (69kg) and stopped her opponents in Ferghana.

Ezozakhon Melieva has got experiences from the Astana 2016 AIBA Women's



### LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE UZBEKISTAN WOMEN'S ELITE & YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Youth 46 kg: G. Sultanaliyeva, 1999
- Youth 48 kg: Nigina Mirzayeva, 2000
- Youth 51 kg: Khursandoy Kholmatova, 2000
- Youth 54 kg: Maftuna Fayzullayeva, 2000
- Youth 57 kg: Dildora Rakhmatova, 1999
- Youth 60 kg: M. Jamilova, 1999
- Youth 64 kg: Makhliyo Rakhimova, 2000
- Youth 69 kg: Yu. Kakhramanova, 2000
- Youth 75 kg: Mavluda Mavlonova, 1999
- Youth 81 kg: S. Tukhtasinova, 2000
- Youth +81 kg: Aziza Nishanova, 1999
- Elite 48 kg: Fotimakhon Tursunboyeva, 1995
- Elite 51 kg: Aziza Yokubova, 1994
- Elite 54 kg: Farangiz Khoshimova, 1997
- Elite 57 kg: Yodgoroy Mirzaeva, 1996
- Elite 60 kg: Gulnoza Rakhmatova, 1997
- Elite 64 kg: Maftunakhon Melieva, 1997
- Elite 69 kg: Gaukhar Mirzaeva, 1990
- Elite 75 kg: A. Jabbarova, 1998
- Elite 81 kg: Ezozakhon Melieva, 1995
- Elite +81 kg: Guzal Ismatova, 1994

World Boxing Championships therefore her title at the light heavyweight (81kg) was not a surprise in Ferghana. Guzal Ismatova claimed silver medal in the last edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships in Wulanchabu and walked over to the title in Ferghana as Shakhnoza Badalova was unable to compete against her.

## AL-MATBOULI BROTHERS DOMINATED THE JORDAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Jordan National Boxing Championships was held in Amman for their elite women and men athletes who competed in 16 different weight classes in the event. ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships silver medallist Ihab Darweish Al-Matbouli and several young talents won the titles in the Jordan National Championships.

Jordan's best elite male boxers achieved medals in the Tashkent 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships, in the Islamic Solidarity Games and two of their athletes qualified for the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships. Jordan's new management launched new programs and the country is planning to host the next edition of the Arab Boxing Championships later this year.

Jordan's elite women boxers joined to the international level last year when their talents have done their debut in the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan one year ago. The first gold medal in the women's part of the Jordan National Boxing Championships was achieved by Hanan Ayed at the light flyweight (48kg).

Reem Hamdan is one of the most experienced Jordan woman boxer who joined to the national team two years ago and competed in the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships in Astana. The young talent dominated her contests in Amman and celebrated her national title while Hanadi Abdalnaser and Rand Sultan both delivered gold medals in the event.

The first gold medal of the men's part of the Jordan National Boxing

Championships was delivered by Hamza Al-Wadi who subdued Mohammed Sami in the final of the light flyweight (48kg). The flyweight (52kg) delivered a big battle in the Jordan National Championships where young hopes were produced great fighting spirit. Youth National Champion Youssef Eshaish eliminated Hassan Al-Kasbeh in the semi-final and continued his winning path against Abdullah Daraghme in the final.

Adel Darweish Al-Matbouli joined to the national team in 2012 but in the recent years he lost his chances to fight for Jordan in the international competitions. The 23-year-old boxer moved up to the bantamweight (56kg) and defeated a teenage rival, Mohammed Adnan Abu Jajeh for the title. The lightweight (60kg) gold medal was acquired by Ahmad Al-Matbouli who produced successful youth career previously and won his second elite national title against Ibrahim Al-Adawi.

Obada Al-Kasbeh had to miss the competition therefore in his absence Osama Khamees was able to get the gold



medal of the light welterweight (64kg). He defeated Salahaldeen Ali in the final by unanimous decision and achieved his first elite title in Jordan. Another teenage hope Mohammed Al-Matbouli moved up to the welterweight (69kg) and he defeated veteran National Champion Rami Al-Khawaldeh in Amman.

Seif Emad Qraish put himself to the spotlight when he won the gold medal in the 2011 Arab Boxing Championships at the age of 18. The 24-year-old boxer moved up to the middleweight (75kg) and controlled all of the rounds against Mohammed Ahmed in the final. Nedal Al-Wadi is also another young talent who had great results in the youth level but this time he won his elite competition as well.

ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships silver medallist and Incheon 2014 Asian Games bronze medallist Ihab Darweish Al-Matbouli is a veteran boxer who is trying to regain his place in the top team and as a first step he dominated all of his contests in the national event. The last title, the gold of the super heavyweight (+91kg) was achieved by Mohammed Al-Nadi who stopped a newcomer, Mohammed Al-Shaqran in the final.



### LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE JORDAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women's 48 kg: Hanan Ayed  
 Women's 51 kg: Hanadi Abdalnaser  
 Women's 54 kg: Reem Hamdan  
 Women's 60 kg: Alaa Maher  
 Women's 75 kg: Rand Sultan  
 Women's +81 kg: Haneed Nafiz

Men's 49 kg: Hamza Al-Wadi  
 Men's 52 kg: Youssef Eshaish  
 Men's 56 kg: Adel Darweish Al-Matbouli  
 Men's 60 kg: Ahmad Al-Matbouli  
 Men's 64 kg: Osama Khamees  
 Men's 69 kg: Mohammed Al-Matbouli  
 Men's 75 kg: Seif Emad Qraish  
 Men's 81 kg: Nedal Al-Wadi  
 Men's 91 kg: Ihab Darweish Al-Matbouli  
 Men's +91 kg: Mohammed Al-Nadi





## SELAY SOY IS THE STAR IN THE INDIAN JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Indian Junior National Championships was held in Guwahati which will be the host of the AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships in November. Finally 13 new winners have been crowned in the Indian Junior National Championships where more than 300 young athletes competed for the medals and prizes.

India competed with maximum number of 13 boxers in the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships in Puerto Princesa, Philippines and among them two of their talents claimed silver medals besides to their plenty of bronzes. India proved its potential in the elite, women, youth and junior competitions this year which is the

first in the new Tokyo 2020 Olympic cycle. Selay Soy is an incredible talent in the Indian boxing who won all of his national contests and competitions in the recent six years. The 16-year-old pinweight (46kg) talent dominated all of his fights in the Indian Junior National Championships and did not give any chance to Sai Swaroop in the gold medal bout.

Siddhartha Malik is a strong light flyweight (48kg) hopeful who achieved bronze medal in the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships in Puerto Princesa. The 16-year-old talent had to meet in the final with Anil Singh but his speed was the difference between them in the title bout in Guwahati.

Swapnil Anil Shinde has got huge experiences from the Indian national and regional events therefore his gold medal was not a surprise at the flyweight (50kg) where he defeated Naoba Singh in a superb contest. Another experienced junior talent, Bhavesh Kattimani achieved the title at the light bantamweight (52kg) defeating Ajay Kumar in the final.

Aman Singh was not enough experienced as the previous winners but his combinations landed on his opponent's face and defeated Tehon Kong Kang in the final of the bantamweight (54kg). India's new junior sensation Ankit Narwal will be turning to 15 only later this year but his energetic style was enough to beat all of his rivals including Akash Gorkha in the final of the featherweight (57kg).

Akshay Kumar has got strong family connections to boxing, his brothers are also successful boxers and he was able to continue their tradition in the Indian Junior National Championships in Guwahati where he defeated Rajat Punia in the final of the lightweight (60kg). Vijay Deep, who also competed in the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships, was too strong for Bobosana Singh in his respective final.

Aakash Sai Jaat won the important gold medal at the welterweight (66kg) following his victory over Bhupendra

Rawat. Ish Pannu delivered a small surprise in the final of the light middleweight (70kg) where he defeated junior national team member Aman. Vinit Dahiya was born only in 2002 but his skills are enough good to beat elder rivals such as Shiwam Pawar in the final of the middleweight (75kg).

ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships silver medallist Mohit was enough strong to beat Lakshay Chahar in the final of the light heavyweight (80kg) in Guwahati and proved his talent once again. Another silver medallist from the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships Satender Singh was amazing in the final of the heavyweight (+80kg) and demonstrated his powerful punches against Harsh Rana.



### LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE INDIAN JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 46 kg: Selay Soy
- 48 kg: Siddhartha Malik
- 50 kg: Swapnil Anil Shinde
- 52 kg: Bhavesh Kattimani
- 54 kg: Aman Singh
- 57 kg: Ankit Narwal
- 60 kg: Akshay Kumar
- 63 kg: Vijay Deep
- 66 kg: Aakash Sai Jaat
- 70 kg: Ish Pannu
- 75 kg: Vinit Dahiya
- 80 kg: Mohit
- +80 kg: Satender Singh





# VIETNAMESE YOUTH & JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WAS A GREAT SUCCESS IN DAK LAK

The Vietnamese Youth & Junior National Championships was held in Dak Lak which is located in the Southern part of the country near to Ho Chi Minh City. Vietnam's top future hope in women's boxing Do Hong Ngoc impressed the crowd and all of the coaches with her superb development in the competition.



Women's and men's boxers were also able to attend in the Vietnamese Youth & Junior National Championships in Dak Lak. More than 350 young female and male boxers competed for the medals in the Vietnamese Youth & Junior National Championships which is record in the history of the competition.

Vietnam is a developing boxing country in the Southeast Asian region and their management is doing their best to compete as many international events as possible. Vietnam will be hosting the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships in Ho Chi Minh City later this year which is a great commitment from the Southeast Asian developing boxing country.

Vietnam's best women youth boxers competed in the ASEAN Youth Boxing Championships in Saraburi, Thailand where they were the lone one which could get gold besides to the host of the event. The best Vietnamese female youth boxers are preparing to the AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships which will be held in Guwahati, India later this year.

Le Thi Ngoc Hanh achieved the gold medal at the women's youth light flyweight (48kg) in the event and proved she is a top talent in the country following her performance against Nguyen Thi Thanh Hao in the final. Nguyen Thanh Thanh Thom was the first boxer in the women's youth level who could get a gold medal in an Olympic category, she defeated Do Xuan Yen in the final of the flyweight (51kg).

Do Hong Ngoc is Vietnam's top woman future hope who is well-known also in the international level who achieved gold medal in the ASEAN Youth Boxing Championships this March. The 17-year-old young talent was too strong for Pham Thi Mai in the final

of the women's youth lightweight (60kg) in Dak Lak. Another national team member boxer, ASEAN Youth Boxing Championships silver medallist Hoang Ngoc Mai also proved well in the competition in her new welterweight (69kg) which she won with dominated performance.

Vietnam's female junior boxers also proved their talents in the National Championships in Dak Lak where some of them will have the potential to be tough athletes in the elite level as well. Nguyen Thi Tham (44kg), Nguyen Thi Dan (46kg), Dang Thi Ninh (48kg), Nguyen Thanh Thi (50kg) and Nguyen Thi Dung (54kg) are only 15-, or 16-years-old talents but their performance surprised the crowd in the event.

The country was sent three boxers to the upcoming ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships which was held in Bangkok, Thailand in July. Among their top men's youth talents some exceeded the expectations in the busy Youth National Championships where Vietnam's all regions participated with their talents.

Vietnam's best talent in the male youth age group, Vo Xuan Hai competed in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok, Thailand and those experiences paid off in Dak Lak. The 2000-born boxer controlled all of his contests in the flyweight (52kg) including his final against Tran Minh Tien.

Another ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships competitor Dao Van Quan proved top performance in the event which was a preparation for him for the Qualification Event of the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games. Diep Minh Toan did the biggest surprise in the men's youth section while Tran Viet Anh and Tran Chi Hieu also demonstrated their talents in Dak Lak.



LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE VIETNAMESE YOUTH & JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women's Junior 40 kg: Nguyen Thi Anh Thu  
Women's Junior 42 kg: Dong Ngoc Thuy  
Women's Junior 44 kg: Nguyen Thi Tham  
Women's Junior 46 kg: Nguyen Thi Dan  
Women's Junior 48 kg: Dang Thi Ninh  
Women's Junior 50 kg: Nguyen Thanh Thi  
Women's Junior 52 kg: Do Thi Linh Chi  
Women's Junior 54 kg: Nguyen Thi Dung  
Women's Junior 57 kg: Nguyen Thi Ngoc Mai  
Women's Junior 60 kg: Ha Thi Le  
Women's Junior 63 kg: Pham Thi Nhung

Women's Youth 42 kg: Nguyen Thi Anh  
Women's Youth 45 kg: Vuong Thi Huong  
Women's Youth 48 kg: Le Thi Ngoc Hanh  
Women's Youth 51 kg: Nguyen Thanh Thanh Thom  
Women's Youth 54 kg: Vu Doan Thi Hong Cham  
Women's Youth 57 kg: Mai Nguyen Kim Huong  
Women's Youth 60 kg: Do Hong Ngoc  
Women's Youth 64 kg: Tran Thi Giang  
Women's Youth 69 kg: Hoang Ngoc Mai  
Women's Youth 75 kg: Luong Thi Ngoan

Men's Junior 40 kg: Le Tien Dat  
Men's Junior 42 kg: Le Quang Khai  
Men's Junior 44 kg: Huynh Doan Tuan Thanh  
Men's Junior 46 kg: Truong Van Vien  
Men's Junior 48 kg: Lu Huu Thien  
Men's Junior 50 kg: Ha Van Quynh  
Men's Junior 52 kg: Nguyen Ngoc Gia Phat  
Men's Junior 54 kg: Dam Ngoc Duc  
Men's Junior 57 kg: Lu Vu Hoang Huy  
Men's Junior 60 kg: Nguyen Duc Ngoc  
Men's Junior 63 kg: Bao Van That  
Men's Junior 66 kg: Bui Van Len

Men's Youth 44 kg: Nguyen Tran Gia Bao  
Men's Youth 46 kg: Nguyen Linh Phung  
Men's Youth 49 kg: Le Van Luan  
Men's Youth 52 kg: Vo Xuan Hai  
Men's Youth 56 kg: Dao Van Quan  
Men's Youth 60 kg: Diep Minh Toan  
Men's Youth 64 kg: Tran Viet Anh  
Men's Youth 69 kg: Tran Chi Hieu  
Men's Youth 75 kg: Doan Ngoc Minh Hieu  
Men's Youth 81 kg: Nguyen Van Huy



## SAJAD ALI AL-JASSAS PROVED HIS TALENT IN THE SAUDI ARABIAN OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Saudi Arabian Open National Championships was held in Riyadh in their capital city where Sajad Ali Al-Jassas became the best boxer proving his talent once again in a national elite competition. The competition was open for the boxers who have been training in Saudi Arabia but does not have citizenship in the country yet.

Riyadh hosted the 2016 edition of the Gulf Countries Tournament where Saudi Arabia ranked as No.1 in the regional event at the very first time. AIBA Supervisor Mr. Mohamed Kamel Shbib has been working for the country's successes and future developments. The Saudi Arabian Boxing Federation has got strategic plans for long term and signed with Egyptian and Cuban coaches as well.

The Saudi Arabians competed in the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships in Puerto Princesa with five boxers which meant the country returned to the continental boxing map after a long hiatus. Saudi Arabia is focusing to the grassroots of the sport and trying to build up teams in all age groups.

The first gold medal in the Saudi Arabian Open National Championships was achieved by Abdul Rahman Abo Salamah of the Tiger Sport who defeated Hasan Doubibi Al-Zaeed in the final of the light flyweight (49kg) in Riyadh. Salamah achieved his first ever Saudi Arabian national title which gives him a great motivation for the future.

Promising young talent, 20-year-old Sajad Ali Al-Jassas is one of the biggest talent in Saudi Arabia who won the title in the Gulf Countries Tournament in 2016. Al Taraji's best boxer dominated all of the rounds against Hussein Zakaria Abdulrahman in the Saudi Arabian Open National Championships and kept his No.1 place at the bantamweight (56kg).

Sporting's Haytham Aoud Salim has got experiences from previous events therefore he was able to control all of the rounds against Abdulrahman Al-Harthi in the final of the lightweight (60kg). Nayef Moushal Al-Noufaie delivered his best

ever performance during his career and defeated Majdi Taher in the gold medal bout of the light welterweight (64kg).

Abdullah Al-Dayani of Fitness Club was too strong for Zaki Iyad Sadaqa of Riyadh in the final of the welterweight (69kg) and celebrated his gold after the title bout. Salem Ahmed Faqihi is an experienced boxer who competed already in the international events in 2011 including an AIBA World Boxing Championships as well therefore his success over Housin Sadiq Housen Abou was not a surprise in Riyadh.

Mohamed Ahmad Moqdaq of Arina Club achieved his first ever national title at the light heavyweight (81kg) following his triumph over Mahmoud Aqel Issam. The remaining two gold medals were taken by Ahmad Ali Al-Sief at the heavyweight (91kg) and Naser Talal Bawazer at the super heavyweight (+91kg).



### LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE SAUDI ARABIAN OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 49 kg: Abdul Rahman Abo Salamah
- 56 kg: Sajad Ali Al-Jassas
- 60 kg: Haytham Aoud Salim
- 64 kg: Nayef Moushal Al-Noufaie
- 69 kg: Abdullah Al-Dayani
- 75 kg: Salem Ahmed Faqihi
- 81 kg: Mohamed Ahmad Moqdaq
- 91 kg: Ahmad Ali Al-Sief
- +91 kg: Naser Talal Bawazer





## UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER 2017

**OCTOBER 1-6, 2017**

Valentin Zolotarev Memorial  
Tournament, Andizhan, Uzbekistan

**OCTOBER 2-7, 2017**

Shokhr Boltekuly Memorial  
Tournament, Aktau, Kazakhstan

**OCTOBER 3-10, 2017**

Uzbekistan Youth National Cup,  
Almalik, Uzbekistan

**OCTOBER 11-16, 2017**

Tajikistan Schoolboys National  
Championships, Asht, Tajikistan

**OCTOBER 17-21, 2017**

Bishkek City Championships, Bishkek,  
Kyrgyzstan

**OCTOBER 17-23, 2017**

Darkhan Youth & Junior Cup,  
Darkhan, Mongolia

**OCTOBER 18-22, 2017**

Tajikistan Youth National Cup, Asht,  
Tajikistan

**OCTOBER 19-28, 2017**

Philippine Batang Pinoy National  
Championships Luzon Leg, Vigan  
Ilocos Sur, Philippines

**OCTOBER 21-26, 2017**

Chinese Taipei National Games, Yilan,  
Chinese Taipei

**OCTOBER 22-27, 2017**

Abdaliev Memorial Tournament,  
Shymkent, Kazakhstan

**OCTOBER 24-30, 2017**

Zhetysu Youth Cup, Taldykorgan,  
Kazakhstan

**OCTOBER 25-30, 2017**

Moldagulova & Dospanova &  
Mametova Women's Memorial  
Tournament, Atyrau, Kazakhstan

**OCTOBER 30 -  
NOVEMBER 9, 2017**

ASBC Asian Confederation Women's  
Boxing Championships, Ho Chi Minh  
City, Vietnam

**OCTOBER, 2017**

Japanese National Sports Festival,  
Ehime, Japan

**OCTOBER 2017**

Tuleybayev Junior Tournament,  
Almaty, Kazakhstan

**OCTOBER 2017**

Indonesian National Elite  
Championships, Indonesia

**OCTOBER 2017**

Sri Lankan National Sports Festival,  
Colombo, Sri Lanka