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APDSC LOGO



The design for the Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation (APDSC) logo comprises of the letters “AP” in the centre and illustrations of two hands underneath it.

The letters “AP” stand for Asia Pacific.

The letter “P” is in the form of a light bulb, symbolizing Deaf athletes’ aspirations towards the high standards and performance levels of the Deaflympics.

The logo is in blue which indicates the development and progress of Deaf athletes throughout Asia and the Pacific.

The illustrations of the hands mean “sports” in sign language.

The logo connects with the ideals of the Deaflympics movement –

“Equality Through Sports”

APDSC Mission

To promote awareness through Deaf Sports education that nurtures talented athletes and provides opportunities to realize their full potential in order to compete internationally at the highest level.

Foreword

This publication “Three Decades of Asia Pacific Deaf Sports: 1984 – 2017” is the culmination of the thirty-plus years of the Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation (APDSC)’s existence. Besides this being a historical record of the sporting achievements of APDSC and its members, it is also an opportunity to pay tribute to the founders, board members, athletes and volunteers who have dedicated their effort to the cause through the decades.

For the first time, within these pages, the significant highlights of APDSC’s journey are shown via detailed write-ups as well as archival photos and records. Readers will also be able to find out more about the history, events and milestones of APDSC.

Not only is it timely for us to reflect upon APDSC’s past accomplishments and acknowledge the pioneers’ contributions, it also serves as a source of inspiration to everyone in the Asia Pacific Deaf sports community, and sets the stage for us to do their legacy justice and carry the torch high into the future.

APDSC History Ad-hoc Committee



About Deaflympics

The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf, Inc. (ICSD) was founded as Comité International des Sports Silencieux (CISS) in Paris, France, on 24 August 1924 at a meeting of Deaf sports leaders from Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Great Britain, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Poland and Romania. At this inaugural meeting, Mr Eugène Rubens-Alcais of France was appointed the first President and Mr. Antoine Dresse was selected the founding General Secretary.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) at its 50th session in Paris, from 9 to 19 June 1955, resolved to admit the organization as an International Federation with Olympic standing.

In 1966 the IOC awarded the Coubertin Cup to the organization in recognition of its strict adherence to the Olympic ideal and its service to international sport.

Since 1985, the flag of the International Olympic Committee has flown next to that of the ICSD at the Summer and Winter Deaflympics.

On 16 May 2001, the IOC granted permission to replace the Deaf World Games with Deaflympics.

To celebrate the spirit of Deaf Sports where Deaf athletes come together as members of a cultural and linguistic minority to strive to reach the pinnacle of competition, the ICSD adopted the motto “PER LUDOS AEQUALITAS” (Equality Through Sports).



Deaflympics Hosts (from Asia Pacific)

- 1989 – 16th Summer Deaflympics Christchurch NEW ZEALAND
- 2005 – 20th Summer Deaflympics Melbourne AUSTRALIA
- 2009 – 21st Summer Deaflympics Taipei CHINESE TAIPEI

Deaflympics Medal of Honour (Awardees from Asia Pacific region)

- 1993 – Mr John M Lovett AUSTRALIA
- 1997 – Ms Wendy Homes AUSTRALIA
- 2001 – Ms Cindy-Lu Fitzpatrick AUSTRALIA
- 2005 – Mr Chou Kuo-tung CHINESE TAIPEI
- 2009 – Mr David F Peters AUSTRALIA
- 2017 – Mr Chao Yu-ping CHINESE TAIPEI

Asia Pacific region's milestones in CISS

- 1935 – Japan became the first member of CISS from Asia.
- 1953 – Australia was the first Oceania country to participate in the Summer Deaflympics.
- 1955 – Australia and New Zealand joined CISS as its first members from the Oceania region.
- 1957 – Iran was the first Asian country to participate in the Summer Deaflympics.
- 1981 – Mr John M Lovett from Australia became the first member from the Oceania region to be elected to the CISS Executive Board.
- 1993 – Mr Park In Gi from Korea was the first Asian to be elected to the CISS Executive Board.

Olympics Organization

International Olympic Committee



International Committee of Sports for the Deaf



International Paralympic Committee



The APDSC was founded on 27 March 1988 in Melbourne, Australia.

The APDSC is one of the regional confederations recognized by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) with specific responsibilities for the Asia and the Pacific region.

The APDSC is an international non-governmental, not-for-profit Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Organization recognized by the ICSD for an unlimited duration.

The APDSC shall consist of National Deaf Sports Associations in the region of the Asia Pacific, which are affiliated to and recognized by ICSD. Only one Association in each Asia Pacific country shall be accepted by the APDSC, unless otherwise directed by the ICSD.

The APDSC shall include all the countries of Asia and the Pacific, with its geographical boundaries being determined by ICSD. The six sub regions are East Asia, South East Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, West Asia and the Pacific.

APDSC Objectives

- To support the aims and objectives of the ICSD.
- To promote sports for Deaf athletes within the Asia Pacific Region, without discrimination due to political, religious, economic, racial, gender, disability or sexual orientation reasons.
- To promote the organization and development of Deaf Sports in Asia Pacific countries.
- To award, monitor and coordinate the Asia Pacific Deaf Games and APDSC Championships.
- To cooperate, collaborate with the ICSD or any other agency to ensure the fulfilment of the above objectives.
- To ensure audited accounts and all reports, including expenditure accounts, for the previous year be submitted to the Registry of Societies of Malaysia together with other reports.
- To organize any welfare works or any business in order to increase the fund of the APDSC, and according to the laws of the country where it is registered.
- To establish business organization and shall be allowed to own properties on the condition that all profits shall be directed to its fund.
- To liaise, in pursuance of these aims, objectives and principles, with Asia Pacific organizations and institutions.
- To do all things necessary or convenient to achieve or further any of these objectives.



APDSC Member Countries

1. Afghanistan
2. Australia
3. Bahrain
4. Bangladesh
5. China
6. Chinese Taipei
7. Timor Leste
8. Fiji
9. Guam
10. Hong Kong
11. India
12. Indonesia
13. Iran
14. Iraq
15. Japan
16. Jordan
17. Kazakhstan
18. Korea
19. Kuwait
20. Kyrgyzstan
21. Macau
22. Malaysia
23. Mongolia
24. Nepal
25. New Zealand
26. Pakistan
27. Philippines
28. Saudi Arabia
29. Singapore
30. Sri Lanka
31. Tajikistan
32. Thailand
33. Turkmenistan
34. United Arab Emirates
35. Uzbekistan
36. Yemen



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Collaboration between International Olympic Committee and International Committee of Sports for the Deaf

On 8 March 2016, IOC President Thomas Bach and ICSD President Dr. Valery Nikitich Rukhledev signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU). The IOC recognized the ICSD in 1955 and has granted patronage to the Deaflympics since 1985. The signing of the MOU was in line with the Olympic Agenda 2020, which aims to “strengthen relationships with organizations managing sport for people with different abilities, with a view to exploiting synergies in all possible areas including technical assistance, communication activities and promotion of events via the Olympic Channel”.

The IOC agreed to work with the ICSD in various ways, such as providing athlete support through the IOC Athlete Learning Gateway and Olympic Athletes’ Hub.

Of the collaboration, President Bach said, “Working with athletes of all abilities and helping to provide opportunities for all to benefit from sport is a fundamental part of the Olympic values.”



ICSD President Rukhledev added, “Promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities is my life. This is an important day for the ICSD, with the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding that formalizes the relationship that we have had with the IOC since 1955. We look forward to a strengthened relationship between our two organizations in the future.”



Pact Brings Together Two Disabled Sports Organizations

30 November 2004

Washington, DC—Officials from the DEAFLYMPICS and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in hopes of creating a collaborative landscape in international competition.

The ceremony, held on the campus of Gallaudet University, marks a landmark agreement between two of the leading organizations in multi-disability athletics.

DEAFLYMPICS oversees the Deaflympic Summer and Winter Games and the Deaf World Championships, while the IPC governs the Summer and Winter Paralympic Games and the multi-disability World Championships.

Thanks to this pact, deaf athletes with additional disabilities will be able to participate in various IPC events. Conversely, multi-disabled Paralympic athletes with at least 55 dB hearing loss in the better ear will be able to compete in the Deaflympic Games and the Deaf World Championships.

The agreement will provide the National Olympic Committees and the National Paralympic Committees with better awareness and understanding of DEAFLYMPICS and Paralympics as two separate organizations that manage their own quadrennial event – Deaflympic Games and Paralympic Games respectively.

Other stipulations of the MOU include:

- To mutually recognize and respect the autonomy of their organizations

- To cooperate in informing sports authorities of the international structures of both organizations.
- To cooperate in addressing conflicts between the affiliated organizations.



The first Deaflympic Games, known then as the International Silent Games, took place in 1924 in Paris. The first Paralympic Games took place in 1948 as a companion piece to the 1948 Summer Olympic Games in London. Paralympic events were geared toward World War II veterans with spinal cord injuries.

“This agreement illustrates our commitment to working together in sync,” Dr. Donalda Ammons, interim president of Deaflympics, said. “It will ensure that these athletes have a global stage to display their sporting spirit and dedication.”



President's Message



To nourish both the body and the spirit of human beings, sports has always had an crucial role to play, having been a common component of all civilizations through the past tens of thousands of years. To overcome the difficulties posed by hearing loss which millions of people have and to forge a fruitful life, it is

necessary to make them resilient, to enhance their physical and mental talents, and to make them aware of their God-given abilities.

Towards this end, sports is an invaluable way towards these goals. In the 21st century, peoples of all races, religions, and nationalities come together to take part in sports and, in doing so, they also engage with one another in other ways. Truly, sports can unite all countries and nations. It is also the belief of everyone at the Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation (APDSC).

This book has been compiled with the hard work of my colleagues at APDSC. It serves an avenue to raise awareness of APDSC, celebrate our three decades of existence and achievements, as well as reach out to the larger public in Asia Pacific countries. The book also pays tribute to my former colleagues who had contributed greatly to APDSC from its founding and through the early years, and to whom we owed a debt which can never be repaid. Lastly, it recounts the numerous past sporting events and milestones of the APDSC, as well as forthcoming plans to further develop Deaf sports in the Asia Pacific.

To reach this goal, we extend a hand of welcome to all nations in Asia to join us. We hope to enable them to take part in the growth and development of sports in our ancient continent as well as in the world. We also wish to witness the day all nations in the Asia Pacific become members of APDSC, as one big united family.

However, to make this come true, we need to gain the support of our governments and other stakeholders, sponsors, volunteers and the Deaf communities in every country. Investment in sports has a ripple effect – it improves the health of the general population, forges ties of friendships across borders, and boosts cultural understanding.

I warmly offer my hand in friendship and gratitude to all those who have cooperated and striven together with APDSC for Deaf sports in the Asia Pacific. I also wish to express my sincere appreciation to all governments who have given their support and assistance in various forms through the decades.

With the help of all stakeholders and with our APDSC team's dedication, I am positive we will be able to achieve our goals and attain greater heights in the years to come.

Once again, thank you very much.

Mohammad Pargar

President

Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation

Chairman's Message

The seed was planted in 1983.

In the end, a vision by Mr Chou Kuo-tung for Deaf athletes in the Asia Pacific region to participate in a major regional sporting event became a reality. This was also possible thanks to the immense support from Mr John Lovett, the 1st Vice-President of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD).



I also wish to convey my heartfelt appreciation to the Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation (APDSC) History Ad-hoc Committee for embarking upon this project. To ensure the publication met its objectives of presenting a comprehensive history of APDSC, the team worked hard to unearth the following information which might otherwise have been lost: The

World Federation of the Deaf Regional Secretariat - Asia Pacific (WFDRSAP) had worked with the Kyoto Prefectural Association of the Deaf to organize the 2nd AP Games 1986 and 1st WFDRSAP Conference 1986, both held in Kyoto, to attract Deaf leaders around the world to attend. As a result, WFD President Yerker Andersson and ICSD 1st Vice-President John Lovett were present to witness the football matches during the Games and attend the WFDRA Conference in 1986. For the AP Games 1988 in Melbourne, the Australian Association of the Deaf and Australian Deaf Sports Federation organized the Games and the 2nd WFDRSAP Conference. After the Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation (APDSC) was formed in 1988 during the conference in Melbourne, the APDSC and the WFDRSAP would go on to organize the Games and Conferences separately.

Thirty years on, APDSC has much to be proud of regarding its many achievements and in hosting major Deaf sporting events, such as the Asia Pacific Deaf Games, Asia Pacific Deaf Badminton, Bowling, Football, and Futsal Championships, as well as the Education and Training Seminars on Sports.



Despite setbacks and difficulties, APDSC will honour the legacy of our founder and past Executive Committees and carry on our mission to strive to nurture and educate the Deaf athletes in the Asia Pacific. APDSC will continue to work with the Deaflympics, the WFD Regional Secretariat – Asia (WFD-RSA) and the WFD Regional Secretariat – Oceania (WFD-RSO) to promote Deaf sports awareness and development in the Asia Pacific region.

We are here today because you believed in us, you shared our vision, and you walked the long road with us all these years for a noble cause.

Best wishes to all!

Dennis Tan
Chairman
APDSC History Ad-hoc Committee

The Man Who Had A Dream

A tribute to the founder of APDSC: Mr Chou Kuo-Tung (1936 – 2009)

The beginning of Deaf sports development in the Asia Pacific region can be traced to one man, Mr Chou Kuo-Tung from Chinese Taipei. During the summer of 1981, Mr Chou attended the 14th World Games for the Deaf in Cologne, Germany, as an observer.

There, he witnessed deaf athletes from more than 40 countries participating in this world-class event. But to his surprise and disappointment, only three countries from Asia – India, Iran and Japan – participated in the World Games, despite the fact that Asia was the continent with the largest population.

The lack of Asian representation in the top-level sporting realm spurred him to do something about it. His relentless determination to promote and improve the level of Deaf sports development in the Asia Pacific region paid off over the following years, eventually leading to the establishment of the APDSC.



Humble Beginnings



As a start, in 1983, Mr Chou obtained the support of the Taipei Grand Lions Club District 300-A in hosting the 1st Taipei Soccer Invitational Tournament (Far Eastern Football Championship).

The four participating countries were Chinese Taipei, Japan, Korea and Hong Kong, and there was a total of about 100 participants. This pioneering tournament marked the beginning of the growth of deaf sports awareness and developments in the Asia Pacific region.



1st International Sporting Competition for the Deaf 1984 HONG KONG



1984 saw the Mr Chou's efforts bearing fruit – the 1st International Sporting Competition for the Deaf – Soccer (1st Asia Pacific Deaf Games – Football) was held in Hong Kong from 18 to 22 December 1984. It was officiated by Mr John Lovett, CISS Vice President.

The participating countries for this inaugural edition, organized by the Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf, were Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, Indonesia, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia and Chinese Taipei. Korea eventually emerged as the champions.

The tournament turned out to be the forerunner of the full-fledged Asia-wide Games, which was to come about years later.





2nd Asia Pacific Deaf Soccer Championship 1986

Kyoto JAPAN

The 2nd Asia Pacific Deaf Football Championship (2nd Asia Pacific Deaf Games – Football) was held in Kyoto, Japan, from 27 October to 1 November 1986. It was sponsored by the Japanese Athletic Association of the Deaf, and organized by the Kyoto Prefectural Association of the Deaf.

The five participating countries were Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea and Malaysia. Korea repeated their feat and was once again the champions for this second edition.





3rd Asia Pacific Deaf Soccer Championship 1988 Melbourne AUSTRALIA



Continuing the biannual tradition, the 3rd Asia Pacific Deaf Soccer Championships (3rd Asia Pacific Deaf Games – Football) was held in Melbourne, Australia, from 26 March to 3 April 1988.

Hosted by the Australian Association of the Deaf and Australian Deaf Sports Federation, the five participating countries were Australia, Japan, Korea, Kuwait and Malaysia. The championship was won by Kuwait.





The Birth of Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation

On 27 March 1988, the Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation (APDSC) came into formal existence. On that day, in the presence of representatives from Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Kuwait and Malaysia, the formation of the APDSC was discussed. The APDSC Status Ad-hoc Committee was set up with the assistance of the Comité International des Sports des Sourds (CISS) President, Mr John Michael Lovett (Australia), Ms Wendy Homes (Australia) and Mr Park In Gi (Korea) to promote Deaf sports awareness and developments in the Asia Pacific region. Ms Wendy Homes was appointed administrator of the APDSC and tasked to look into the status of the organization and work with the CISS. The APDSC Status was then tabled for approval at the following APDSC Congress in Seoul, Korea, in 1992.

Following the formation of APDSC, a resolution was passed to change the name of the Asia Pacific Deaf Soccer Championships to the Asia Pacific Deaf Games, reflecting the expansion of the event to include other sports.

Asia Pacific Deaf Games

The Asia Pacific Games for the Deaf, held every four years in a host country in the Asia Pacific region, aim to advance the development of sport, culture and education in the Asia Pacific countries. The Games also promote international respect, friendship, goodwill and peace through the sporting realm.

In addition, these Games also provide a platform for qualifying rounds for countries which aim to participate in the Deaflympic Games. With the rising popularity of sports in the Asia Pacific, an increasing number of countries has been participating in the Games over the decades.

It was also decided that for the fourth edition of the Asia Pacific Deaf Games in 1992, to be held in South Korea, one new event was added – table tennis. The two sporting events for the 1992 Games would be football and table tennis.

APDSC Status Ad-hoc Committee

Mr John Michael Lovett Australia

Ms Wendy Homes Australia

Mr Park In Gi Korea

4th Asia Pacific Deaf Games 1992

Seoul KOREA



Under its new name, the 4th Asia Pacific Deaf Games was held in Seoul, Korea from 18 to 26 April 1992.

Organized by the Korean Deaf Sports Federation, the participating countries for this Games were Australia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Malaysia and Chinese Taipei.

There were about 300 participants for the two included sports – football and table tennis. In terms of number of countries and participants, this was a leap from previous editions of the Games. Iran won the football championship, while Japan triumphed in both the men's and women's table tennis competitions.



4th APDSC Congress 1992 Seoul KOREA



During the 4th APDSC Congress, it was decided that two new events were to be added – athletics and badminton. These would be in addition to existing events table tennis and football for the following Games to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

At the Congress, Mr Chou Kuo-tung was re-elected APDSC President for the following four years from 1992 to 1996.

The APDSC logo was also formally adopted at the Congress. It was created and designed by Mr Park In Gi.



APDSC Executive Board 1992 – 1996

President **Mr Chou Kuo-tung** Chinese Taipei

Secretary-General **Ms Wendy Homes** Australia

Treasurer **Mr Tse Ping Kee** Hong Kong

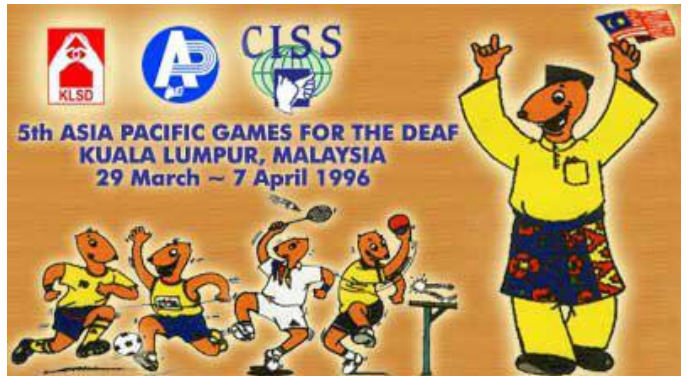
Executive Committee **Mr Park In Gi** Korea

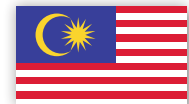
5th Asia Pacific Deaf Games 1996

Kuala Lumpur MALAYSIA

The 5th Asia Pacific Deaf Games was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 29 March to 7 April 1996.

The participating countries were Australia, Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Kuwait, Macau, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore and Chinese Taipei. With four sports, a total of 16 countries and about 500 participants, this was yet another significant increase from previous Games.





5th APDSC Congress 1996 Kuala Lumpur MALAYSIA



The 5th APDSC Congress saw another four new events added to the Games – basketball, bowling tenpin, swimming and volleyball. These complemented the existing events – athletics, badminton, table tennis and football – for the 6th edition of the Games to be held in Chinese Taipei.

Once again, Mr Chou Kuo-tung was re-elected APDSC President to lead the organization for the four-year term from 1996 to 2000.



APDSC Executive Board 1996 – 2000

President **Mr Chou Kuo-tung** Chinese Taipei

Secretary-General **Ms Wendy Homes** Australia

Treasurer **Mr Tse Ping Kee** Hong Kong

Executive Committee **Mr Mohd Sazali Shaari** Malaysia

6th Asia Pacific Deaf Games 2000 Taipei City CHINESE TAIPEI



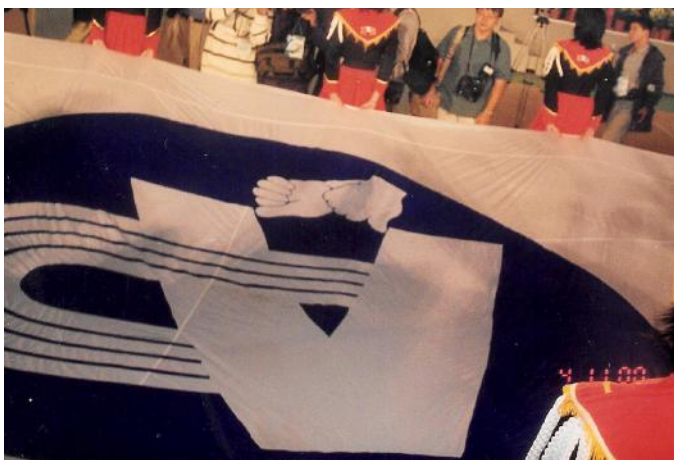
The 6th Asia Pacific Games for the Deaf was held in Taipei City, Chinese Taipei, from 30 October to 8 November 2000.

More countries joined the Games, which featured eight sports, for the first time. The record 19 participating countries were Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Kuwait, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Thailand and Uzbekistan.

The number of participants hit a milestone high of about 1,000.



6th Asia Pacific Deaf Games 2000 Taipei City CHINESE TAIPEI



6th APDSC Congress 2000 Taipei City CHINESE TAIPEI



During the 6th APDSC Congress, one more event was added – wrestling. This was to make its maiden appearance in the 7th Games in Kuwait in 2004.

The Asia Pacific Championships were also introduced at the Congress. For badminton, it would be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and bowling in Jeju, Korea. Both championships were to start in 2002, and be held every four years.

Mr Chou Kuo-tung was, once again, re-elected APDSC President for a new term from 2000 to 2004.



APDSC Executive Board 1996 – 2000

President **Mr Chou Kuo-tung** Chinese Taipei

Secretary-General **Mr Mohd Sazali Shaari** Malaysia

Treasurer **Mr David F Peters** Australia

Executive Committee **Mr Ismail Essa Karam** Kuwait

Asia Pacific Championships

During the 6th APDSC Congress in 2000, the Asia Pacific (AP) Championships was introduced. The badminton tournament was to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and the bowling tournament in Jeju, Korea. Slotting in between the larger-scale Asian Pacific Games and Dealympics, the Championships are single-sports tournaments which aim to encourage participation from Asia Pacific countries by:

- Providing opportunities for more athletes from Asia Pacific countries to gain competitive sporting experience and exposure.
- Making it more accessible and convenient for Asia Pacific countries to participate in intra-regional Deaf sports.
- Maintaining and sharpening regional standards through regular competitions at various competitive levels

1st AP Deaf Badminton Championship 2002 Kuala Lumpur MALAYSIA 15-21 December



1st AP Deaf Bowling Championship 2002 Jeju Island KOREA 1 - 4 October



This championship was considered to be the 1st Asia Pacific Deaf Bowling Championship. Six teams participated: Malaysia, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Macau and Korea.

7th Asia Pacific Deaf Games 2004 Kuwait City KUWAIT (Postponed)

Due to the unexpected eruption of the Gulf War, the 7th Asia Pacific Games 2004, supposed to be held in Kuwait, was postponed. During the 2004 APDSC Congress, the decision was made to postpone it to 2007, two years before the Deaflympic Games in 2009 to be held in Taipei. However, later on, Kuwait appealed for a further postponement to April 2008 and again to June 2008. As a result of the numerous postponements, the Kuwait Sports Club for the Deaf was fined and suspended by the APDSC.

7th APDSC CONGRESS 2004 Kuala Lumpur MALAYSIA 22-23 May



Malaysia hosted the 7th APDSC Congress as well as the qualifying round for football for the 20th Deaflympic Games Melbourne 2005.

During the 7th APDSC Congress, Mr Chou Kuo-tung stepped down from his position as President of the APDSC Executive Committee Board after 16 years' faithful and dedicated service. In recognition of Mr Chou's expertise and experience, he was appointed APDSC Advisor.

Mr Chen Chih-ho, from Chinese Taipei, was elected President to lead APDSC for the 2004 – 2008 term.



APDSC Executive Board 2004 – 2008

President **Mr Chen Chih-ho** Chinese Taipei

Secretary-General **Mr Tommy Jung** Korea (2004-2007)

Secretary-General **Mr Dennis Tan** Singapore (2007-2008)

Treasurer **Mr Dennis Tan** Singapore

Executive Committee **Mr Ismail Essa Karam** Kuwait

Executive Committee **Mr Lim Heng Tuck** Malaysia

APDSC Education & Training 2005-2008

In 2005, the APDSC Secretariat decided to form an Education & Training Commission. As a result, the first Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Leadership Seminar was held in Singapore in 2005. The goals of this seminar, and the ones which followed, were to:

- Provide leadership training programmes for Asia Pacific countries to enhance awareness and understanding of international Deaf sports events such as the Asia Pacific Games for the Deaf and the Deaflympics.
- Generate opportunities for Asia Pacific countries to learn from one another, and mutually push their sports administration and management to be on par with the standards of the International Olympic Committee.

- Consult developing countries on setting up their own deaf sports associations, and create more opportunities for deaf people to participate in APDSC Education and Training activities pertaining to Youth, Technical and Women issues.
- Mentor their deaf youth athletes to acquire sports leadership skills.

This program was supported by an annual USD\$5,000 Fund for Regional Sports Development from Deaflympics.

1st AP Deaf Leadership Seminar 2005 SINGAPORE 15 - 18 December

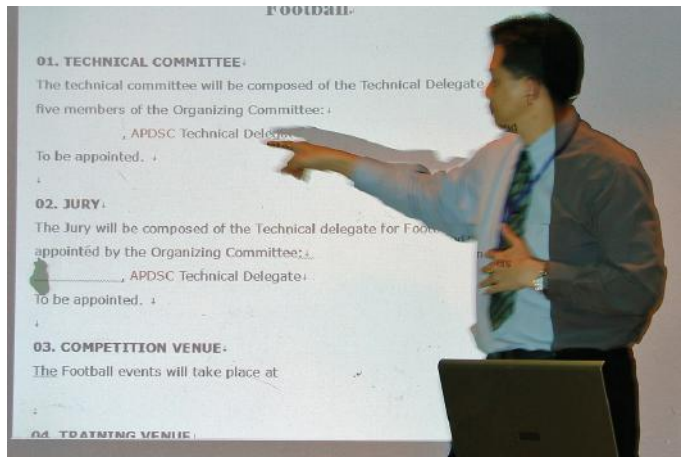




1st AP Deaf Technical Sports Seminar 2006

Taipei City CHINESE TAIPEI 2 - 4 June





1st AP Deaf Youth Sports Conference 2006

Kuala Lumpur MALAYSIA 3 - 7 December





2nd AP Deaf Leadership Seminar 2008

Phnom Penh CAMBODIA 3 - 5 December





2nd AP Deaf Badminton Championship 2006

New Delhi INDIA 1 - 6 November



1st AP Deaf Football Championship 2006

Bangkok THAILAND 8 - 15 December



2nd AP Deaf Bowling Championship 2007

Jeju Island KOREA 27 April - 4 May



2nd ICSD Sports Leadership for Deaf Women Seminar

Kuala Lumpur MALAYSIA 25 - 27 September 2008



8th APDSC CONGRESS 2008

Phnom Penh CAMBODIA 4 - 5 December



APDSC chose Cambodia for both the 2nd Asia Pacific Deaf Leadership Sports Seminar and 8th APDSC Congress to enable the Deaf community in Cambodia to gain exposure to international Deaf sporting events. This was also meant to inspire the formation of a Deaf Sports Club in Phnom Penh.

During the 8th APDSC Congress, APDSC members expressed their disappointment over the previous Games, which was to be held in Kuwait, being postponed and cancelled in 2004 and 2008 respectively. They also expressed the hope that subsequent Games and Congresses would be run smoothly.

Mr Dennis Tan from Singapore was elected President of APDSC for the 2008 – 2012 term.



APDSC Executive Board 2008 – 2012

President **Mr Dennis Tan** Singapore

Secretary-General **Mr Kang Chen** Chinese Taipei (stepped down in 2011)

Treasurer **Mr Lim Heng Tuck** Malaysia

Executive Committee **Mr David F Peters** Australia

Executive Committee **Ms Jun Zhang** China

3rd AP Deaf Badminton Championship 2010 Samarinda INDONESIA 7 - 10 November



1st Asia Pacific Deaf Futsal Championship 2010 SINGAPORE 21 - 24 November



3rd AP Deaf Bowling Championship 2010 Manila PHILIPPINES 30 November - 7 December



2nd AP Deaf Football Championship 2011 Changwon KOREA 14 - 26 May



7th Asia Pacific Deaf Games 2012 Seoul KOREA



After a 12-year absence, the 7th Asia Pacific Deaf Games was finally held from 19 to 26 May 2012 in Seoul, Korea.

Organized by the Korean Deaf Sports Federation, this edition of the Games was the fruit of the efforts of the Deaf sporting community in the Asia Pacific countries over the preceding years. A record 13 sports were featured, as well as a demonstration sport, baseball, one of the popular sports in Korea. About 1,208 participants from 25 countries showed up for the Games, which set another record.



7th Asia Pacific Deaf Games 2012 Seoul KOREA





7th Asia Pacific Deaf Games 2012 Seoul KOREA



9th APDSC Congress 2012 Seoul KOREA



During the 9th APDSC Congress, it was decided the 2015 Games would be awarded to Taoyuan, Chinese Taipei. The sporting events would remain the same as for the 2012 Games. It was also announced that APDSC's application with the Registry of Societies Malaysia had been filed and was being processed.

At the Congress, Mr Byun Seung-il from Korea was elected APDSC President for a three-year term from 2012 to 2015.



APDSC Executive Board 2012 – 2015

President **Mr Byun Seung-il** Korea

Secretary-General **Mr Dennis Tan** Singapore

Treasurer **Mr Lim Heng Tuck** Malaysia

Executive Committee **Mr David F Peters** Australia

Executive Committee **Vacant**



7TH ASIA PACIFIC DEAF GAMES
SEOUL 2012

2nd AP Deaf Futsal Championship 2014

Tehran IRAN 28 August - 6 September



2nd AP Deaf Football Championship 2014

Kish Island IRAN 18 - 29 November



4th AP Deaf Badminton Championship 2014 Kaohsiung CHINESE TAIPEI 6 - 14 November

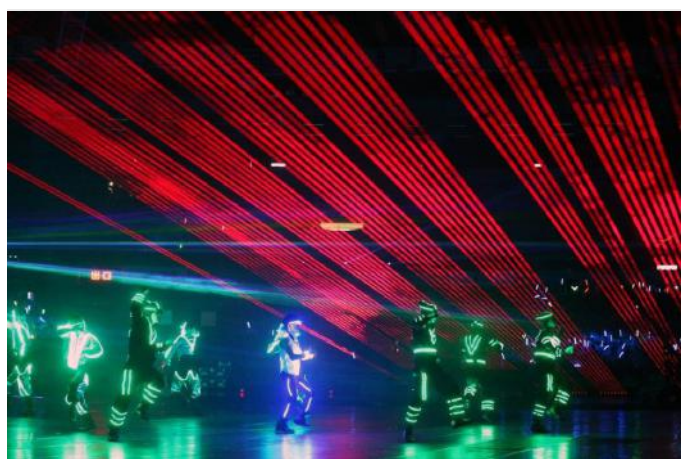


8th Asia Pacific Deaf Games 2015 Taoyuan CHINESE TAIPEI

The 8th Asia Pacific Deaf Games 2015 Taoyuan was successfully held from October 3 to 11.

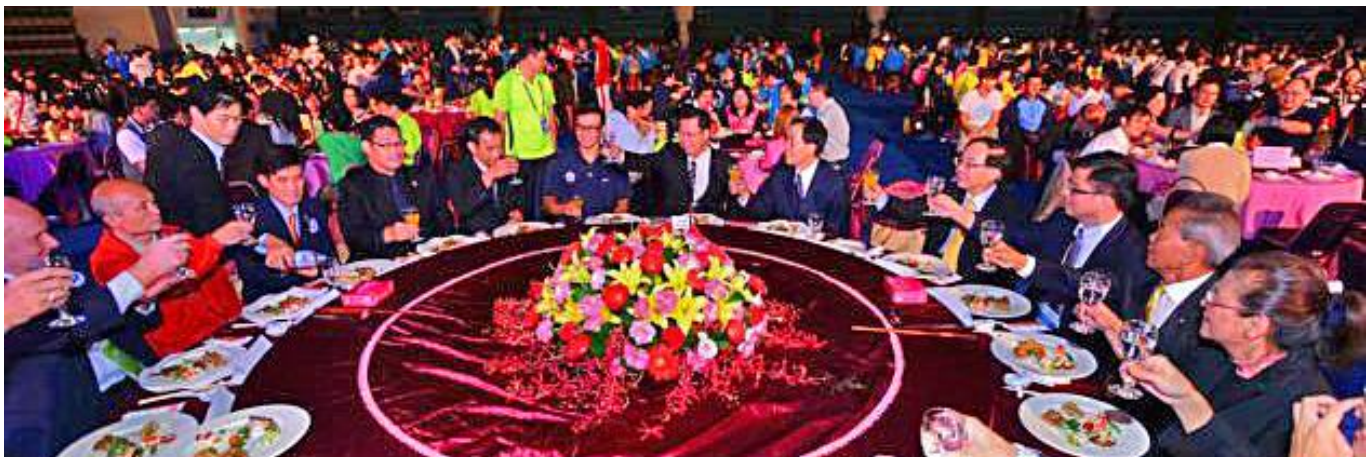
Organized by the Chinese Taipei Association Sports of the Deaf, this Games featured 12 different sports, one less than the previous edition. There were about 1,170 participants from 23 Asia Pacific countries.





8th Asia Pacific Deaf Games 2015 Taoyuan CHINESE TAIPEI





10th APDSC Congress 2015 Taoyuan CHINESE TAIPEI



During the 10th APDSC Congress, good news was announced – APDSC’s application to the Registry of Societies Malaysia had been approved in July 2012. ICSD President Mr Valery Rukhledev, invited as a special guest, also shared more information about the Deaflympic movement. It was also made known the host of the 2019 Games would be announced at a later date.

At the Congress, Mr Mohammed Pargar from Iran was elected APDSC President for the following four years from 2015 to 2019.



APDSC Executive Board 2015 – 2019

President **Mr Mohammed Pargar** Iran

Secretary-General **Mr David F Peters** Australia

Treasurer **Mr Lim Heng Tuck** Malaysia

Executive Committee **Mr Haider Majeed Shafi** Iraq

Executive Committee **Mr Janchiunyambo Enkhbayar** Mongolia



World Federation of the Deaf Regional Secretariat Asia Pacific



In 2006, APDSC made the decision to work with the World Federation of the Deaf Regional Secretariat Asia Pacific (WFDRSAP) based in Tokyo, Japan, in the following ways:

- To find out whether any deaf association or federation has sports activities.
- To help build deaf sports awareness and development.

APDSC aimed to share more information about the Asia Pacific sports movement and, at the same time, gain more understanding of the work of the WFDRSAP. In this way, both organisations would mutually benefit and demonstrate unity of the Deaf community.

• 18th WFDRSAP Representative Meeting MACAU 2006



• 20th WFDRSAP Representative Meeting Pokhara NEPAL 2008



• 21st WFDRSAP Representative Meeting Gyeongju-si KOREA 2009

• 22nd WFDRAP Representative Meeting Tagaytay City PHILLIPPINES 2010

• 28th WFDRSA Representative Meeting SINGAPORE 2016

4th AP Deaf Football Championship 2018

Changwon KOREA 23 April - 6 May



4th Asia Pacific Deaf Football Championships in Changwon South Korea 2018

1		South Korea	
2		Japan	
3		Iran	

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5th AP Deaf Badminton Championship 2018

Kuala Lumpur MALAYSIA 28 October - 4 November





3rd AP Deaf Futsal Championships 2019

Bangkok THAILAND 15 - 24 February





9th AP Deaf Games 2019 Hong Kong CHINA



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7th Executive Committee Meeting 2019 Hong Kong CHINA



**ASIA PACIFIC DEAF SPORTS CONFEDERATION
7th EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**
Royal View Hotel, Hong Kong
on 30th & 31st October 2019



Official Registration of APDSC

On 27 June 2012, the APDSC successfully registered as an official entity with the Registry of Societies Malaysia. This was done to facilitate APDSC's functioning as an organization which is officially recognized and possesses international legal status.

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Table of Asia Pacific Deaf Games

Year	Edition	Host City	Nation	Sports	Countries	Athletes	Date
1984	1st	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	1	6	150	December 18 - 22
1986	2nd	Kyoto	Japan	1	5	120	October 27 - November 1
1988	3rd	Melbourne	Australia	1	5	120	March 26 - April 3
1992	4th	Seoul	Korea	2	10	300	April 18 - 26
1996	5th	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	4	16	500	March 29 - April 7
2000	6th	Taipei	Chinese Taipei	8	19	1000	October 30 - November 9
2004		Kuwait City	Kuwait	Cancellation			
2008		Kuwait City	Kuwait	Cancellation			
2012	7th	Seoul	Korea	14	25	1208	May 26 - June 2
2015	8th	Taoyuan	Chinese Taipei	12	23	1170	October 3 - 11

APDSC Long Service Awards (as at 2015)

16 years **Mr Chou Kuo-tung** CHINESE TAIPEI 1992 – 2008

11 years **Mr David Francis Peters** AUSTRALIA 2000 – 2004, 2008 – 2015

Mr Lim Heng Tuck MALAYSIA 2004 – 2015

Mr Tan Lian Seng Dennis SINGAPORE 2004 – 2015

8 years **Mr Mohd Sazali Shaari** MALAYSIA 1996 – 2004

Ms Wendy Homes AUSTRALIA 1992 – 2000

Mr Tse Ping Kee HONG KONG 1992 – 2000

Mr Ismail Essa Karam KUWAIT 2000 – 2008

4 years **Mr Park In Gi** KOREA 1992 – 1996

Mr Chen Chih-ho CHINESE TAIPEI 2004 – 2008

Ms Jun Zhang CHINA 2008 – 2012

3 years **Mr Byun Seung-il** KOREA 2012 – 2015

Tommy Jung KOREA 2004 – 2007

Kang Chen CHINESE TAIPEI 2008 – 2011

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Malaysia Federation of the Deaf
Singapore Association for the Deaf
Kuala Lumpur Society of the Deaf

Facts about Asia Pacific Deaf Games

Asia Pacific Deaf Games is a deaf multi-sport event established in 1984. It is held every four years in the Asia Pacific region.

It is the successor to the “Far Eastern Deaf Football Championship” which was held in Chinese Taipei in 1983.

The inaugural games was held in 1984 in Hong Kong.



At that time, the games was known as the Asia Pacific Deaf Football Championship which was held biennially until 1988. In 1988, the games’ governing body, Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation, was formed during the 3rd Championship in Melbourne, Australia.



First AP Deaf Games logo in Seoul 1992

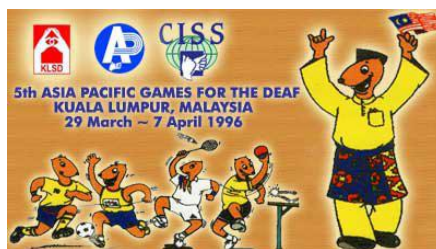


Modified AP Deaf Games logo in Kuala Lumpur 1996



Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation logo launched in conjunction with the 1st Asia Pacific Deaf Badminton Championships Kuala Lumpur 2002

The games obtained its present name, the Asia Pacific Deaf Games, when it was held in Seoul, South Korea in 1992. This occurred after Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation passed a resolution to change its name then. It has since been held once every four years.



The Games was not held in 2004 and 2008.



7th ASIA PACIFIC DEAF GAMES SEOUL 2012



8th ASIA PACIFIC DEAF GAMES TAOYUAN 2015

Notes





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Venue of Badminton Games

國際聾人足球
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