

PRESS RELEASE

SJIS' Annual Sports Meet

Kuala Lumpur – The presence of St John's International School's (SJIS) very own Commonwealth Games triathlete and sports captain, Chong Xian Hao, together with assistant sports captain Kuan Juan Hao added to the sporting spirit of the 6th SJIS Annual Sports as he led the students in delivering the solemn Sportsman's Oath.

SJIS once again displayed a fine performance breaking their own previously held records for a variety of track and field events at their recent Annual Sports held at Arena Sukan, Universiti Malaya.

“This year SJIS will be maintaining records of times clocked for the various events as we want our students to break the records set by previous athletes as well as to compare the records held by other schools to promote competitive sports,” said Dr Inderjeet Singh, vice-principal of SJIS. He was referring to the new records for the Boys 100m at 14sec. held by Chun Jia Bao, 11.86 sec. held by Nicholas Patrick Boudville and 12.63sec. by Aaron Peter among others.

Officiating at the SJIS' Sports Meet, Guest of Honour, Yg. Bhg Dato' Seri Abdul Azim bin Mohd. Zabidi from the National Sports Institute, reminded participants and guests present how school sports is essential to cultivating the future greats of sports. “The promotion and development of sports is key to our National Institute, and early on we identified and targeted school sports as the foundation for sporting achievements and healthy living,” said Dato Seri Abdul Azim bin Mohd Zabidi.

The morning then saw the school students proudly representing their three sports houses, Cambridge, Glasgow and Oxford participating in the march-past while performing thematic routines inspired by the recent hit film, *Black Panther*, the timeless J.M. Barrie classic, *Peter Pan* and Queen of Hearts adapted from Lewis Carroll's endearing tale.

Glasgow won the first place for Queen of Hearts with artistically designed costumes, props and choreography with Cambridge coming in second with *Peter Pan* and Oxford in third place with *Black Panther*.

SJIS is an associate school of the global La Salle Brothers with centuries old traditions, and continues in a long distinguished culture of sporting achievements, encouraging students to excel in their chosen sports. "We want to bring back the spirit of sports that La Salle schools were once distinguished for, especially the Inter La Salle Sports Meet. Our Annual Sports meet is geared towards that objective," noted SJIS COO and Principal, Mr Suresh Dass.

Photograph Captions:

1. The oath of sportsman – SJIS's sporting pride Chong Xian Hao and Kuan Juan Hao leading the students with the solemn oath. Join in the lay – The Sports Houses marching with their colours and themes. The presence of SJIS' own Commonwealth Games representative and sports captain, Chong Xian Hao, together with assistant sports captain Kuan Juan Hao added to the sporting spirit as he led the students in delivering the solemn Sportsman's Oath.
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3. Beating records – SJIS Principal, Mr Suresh Dass urged students to challenge themselves and beat the existing records.
4. Guest of Honour – National Sports Institute chairman, Yg. Bhg. Dato' Seri Abdul Azim bin Mohd. Zabidi said the future of sports lay in school fields.
5. A hard act to follow – Cambridge House took the 2018 Championship Trophy.

6. Off they go – It was a nail-biting finish for competitors

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