

Banpu's Young Table Tennis Players Join a World-Class Tournament at Hong Kong as BTTC continues to equip its member potentials

To become top athletes on the national level or excel in international tournaments such as the ongoing SEA Games is the goal which requires a lot of difficulties to overcome. One of them is keep competing in more challenging tournaments in order to build up own profiles, learn about the opponent's tactics, explore one's own strengths and weaknesses, and sharpen athletic skills. Hang Seng Hong Kong Junior & Cadet Open (Golden Series) is one of internationally-renowned table tennis tournaments attracting the world's leading junior players to participate. **Banpu Table Tennis Club (BTTC)**, supported by **Banpu Public Company Limited**, sent its six members to join the tournament held from 2 - 6 August 2017 in Hong Kong. The team, competing in both Under 15 (Cadet) and Under 18 (Junior) age categories, includes Nawin Mekamporn, Anuwat Sangduang, Sitisak Nuchchart, Natkamon Khamkon, Naja Mekamporn and Pornkanok Moungwan.

Over the past 10 years, BTTC has placed great importance on encouraging and supporting youth athletes to compete in various tournaments, allowing them to continuously get hands-on practice. Moreover, BTTC has raised awareness among young players that winning alone is not sufficient to bring them long-term success. In fact, they need to broaden their worldview, accumulate experiences, and strengthen themselves morally and mentally.

Mrs. Udomlux Olarn, Head of Corporate Affairs, Banpu Public Company Limited and BTTC Manager said, "BTTC has continuously supported its members to compete in both national and international



tournaments as we firmly believe in Banpu's CSR philosophy: "Learning is the power of change and development." We are determined to empower our young athletes to gain hands-on athletic experiences from real competitions, which will strengthen them both physically and mentally. They will also learn how to handle tough situations and transform those experiences into self-development to become successful professional athletes in the long run."

BTTC not only aims at developing athletic skills among junior members, but also encourage senior members to move forward and exercise their full potentials besides winning competitions. In this Hong Kong tournament, BTTC assigned Suppakorn Wattanasirichaiporn, a former national youth athlete and current BTTC's member, to be the coach and trainer of the six players. Suppakorn took care of his juniors by observing and coaching them closely during competition, which is a more challenging role. This also corresponds to the BTTC's approach to encourage its senior members to transfer their knowledge, experiences and techniques to junior players.

Looking forward to their next steps, BTTC's junior athletes and coaches always hone their skills and prepare themselves for the challenging competitions to come by fighting the top players in world-class tournaments. Each step forward will strengthen them and get them closer to their goals.

Photo caption:



Mrs. Udomlux Olarn, Head of Corporate Affairs,
and Manager of Banpu Table Tennis Club (BTTC)



Master Nawin Mekamporn



Master Anuwat Sangduang



Master Sitisak Nuchchart



Miss Natkamon Khamkon



Miss Naja Mekamporn



Miss Pornkanok Moungwan



BTTT Athletes and Coaches

(Back – left to right – Mr. Suppakorn Wattanasirichaiporn, Miss Naja Mekamporn, Master Nawin Mekamporn and Mr. Pitchayapan Buntao

Front – left to right - Miss Pornkanok Moungwan, Master Sitisak Nuchchart, Master Anuwat Sangduang and Miss Natkamon Khamkon)



Mr. Suppakorn Wattanasirichaiporn (blue jacket)
coached and cheered BTTT athletes during competition



About Banpu

Banpu is a pioneering Asian energy company, operating business in coal, power generation, and integrated energy sectors in nine countries; Thailand, Indonesia, China, Australia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Singapore, Japan and the United States of America.

About Banpu Table Tennis Club (BTTC)

Banpu Table Tennis Club (BTTC) was established early in 2008. It serves the dual purpose of promoting young Thai talent in table tennis, as well as creating the CSR linkage between Banpu's headquarters in Bangkok and its Chinese subsidiary – 'Banpu Investment (China) Ltd.'(BIC). BIC has provided continuous support for table tennis in China and has now established a BTTC in China together with the Zhengding National Table Tennis Training Center (ZNTTTC). The move is aimed at using resources available in China for the benefit of Thai BTTC players through table tennis training and technique transfer.

"Learning is the Power of Change and Development"

Based on our firm belief that "learning" powers constructive change and sustainable development of "people" and "society", Banpu's CSR activities emphasize on the promotion and development of continued "learning" among young people and communities in various forms. Banpu supports sustainable development of communities and society through a number of learning opportunities, for both individuals and teams, ranging from learning through daily real-life experiences, and learning in-and-outside of the classrooms, to hands-on practices which enhance capabilities and skills.

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