

**PARLIAMENTARY MOTION BY MR EDWIN TONG, MINISTER FOR  
CULTURE, COMMUNITY AND YOUTH AND SECOND MINISTER FOR  
LAW ON 5 OCTOBER 2021**

1. Mr Speaker, I beg to move.
  
2. *“That this House congratulates our Team Singapore Olympians and Paralympians, in particular Ms Yip Pin Xiu, our 5-time Paralympic Gold Medallist, for their achievements at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games.”*
  
3. After a year of uncertainty and delays, we fielded our Team Singapore Olympians and Paralympians in Tokyo 2020 to compete with the best, and represent Singapore at the highest sporting showcase.
  - a. We sent a total of 23 athletes across 12 sports to the Olympics
  
  - b. 10 athletes across 6 sports to the Paralympics
  
  - c. Our athletes came home victorious with 2 gold medals and 5 national records, alongside numerous personal bests and many other inspiring team and personal stories
  
  - d. Beyond these tangible achievements, our athletes returned to a Singapore
    - i. uplifted by their sportsmanship,

- ii. touched by their moments of vulnerability,
  - iii. and, above all, inspired by their dogged pursuit of excellence as they fought tooth and nail, to put Singapore on the international sporting arena.
4. Together with :
- a. President of the Singapore National Olympic Council and Speaker, Mr Tan Chuan-Jin,
  - b. and Chairperson of the Singapore National Paralympic Council, Dr Teo-Koh Sock Miang, and our Chefs de Mission,
  - c. I had the privilege of supporting and cheering on our Olympians and Paralympians from the stands in Tokyo.
5. I wish to take this opportunity to share some snippets with this House - not just of the Games itself, but of the challenges which our athletes faced and overcame in the lead-up that was disrupted by the global pandemic.
6. I will also re-affirm our Government's commitment
- a. to supporting and enhancing sports in Singapore,
  - b. and to support Singaporeans at every level from grassroots participation, through to the very pinnacle of elite sporting achievement.

## **Celebrating the achievements of our athletes at the Olympics and Paralympics**

7. Let me start with our Olympians.
  - a. They competed on the world's biggest sporting arena, against the very best athletes in the world, competing for the highest honours.
  
8. To compete at this level
  - a. requires years, if not decades of dedication and discipline, hard work and sacrifice, and meticulous, thoughtful planning.
  
  - b. Even then, there are no guarantees of success.
  
  - c. Often, uncontrollable factors come into play – injuries, strokes of luck or misfortune.
  
  - d. And, as we witnessed, a pandemic intervened at the cruelest of times, just as many athletes began to work towards peaking for July 2020.
  
  - e. The pandemic had severely curtailed our athletes' training plans, and decimated opportunities to travel, either for qualification trials, or to hone their sporting instincts at competitions, to keep them primed and match sharp.

- f. But our athletes adjusted, adapted, and fought hard to reach their peaks again, after the postponement of the Games in 2020.
- g. We all heard how Joan Poh went from sculling back to nursing, serving in the front line of the battle against Covid-19, before taking time out again, to trial and then qualify for the Olympics a few months before the Games.
- h. Many of our athletes made adjustments :
  - i. Caroline Chew, Amita Berthier and Tan Sze En trained overseas, and went directly to Tokyo.
  - ii. Some others, like Cecilia, Kimberly and Ryan, in Sailing, chose to leave home comforts and stayed on the road for months so as to continue with their training in suitable competition environment, without having the down time of quarantine or isolation.
- i. Despite these challenges, Team Singapore made history at these Games.
  - i. For the first time, we had athletes represented in Equestrian, Marathon Swimming and Diving.
  - ii. Of our 23-athlete strong contingent, 17 were Olympic debutants.
- j. These are very encouraging figures, and a testament to the growth and potential of High Performance Sports in Singapore.

9. Beyond representation at the Olympics, the results that our 23 Team Singapore athletes achieved also made us proud.
10. I am sure that many in the House would have caught a glimpse of Team Singapore in action on screen – but allow me to share some highlights as a fortunate observer in the stands.
11. We had two Olympic badminton debutantes who did us very proud.
12. Yeo Jia Min was a match away from the knock out rounds, but fell short against her higher ranked Korean opponent. I know she was disappointed, but the pain of defeat will spur her on even more.
13. Loh Kean Yew came up against the reigning Asian Games champion and world number 7, Jonatan Christie, for a place in the knock out round.
  - a. Kean Yew rose to the occasion, and pushed his much favoured opponent to the brink.
  - b. There was really nothing to choose between Kean Yew and the Asian Games champion, and I am sure he will be back on court much stronger.
  - c. In fact, when I spoke to him shortly after his loss and asked about his plans, he gave me his customary wide grin and said – Paris 2024, for the Olympics!

- d. True to form, he came home after Tokyo, dusted down and went back straightway on the road to train.
  - e. He is not here today because he is now training in Europe.
  - f. He sent me a message over the weekend, and asked me to thank Parliament on his behalf for the honour of this recognition today, and assures us all that he is training hard towards his goal.
14. In table tennis, many would have seen Yu Mengyu battle hard, despite an old back injury flaring up.
- a. Mengyu had just about the toughest draw possible.
  - b. In her inspired run to 4<sup>th</sup> place, she was drawn against 4 of the world's top 10 ranked players, beating two of them along the way.
  - c. Mengyu may have missed a medal, but her dedication, grit and fighting spirit against the world's best inspired and united many Singaporeans.
  - d. The women's team, with Feng Tianwei and Lin Ye, had a tough draw, meeting world number one and eventual Gold medal winners China.
15. Our sailors too had a very good outing.
16. Kimberly and Cecilia made history as the first Singaporeans to compete in an Olympics Medal Race for sailing.

- a. They overcame great odds in all 12 of their races for the Women's 49er FX, navigating unpredictable weather and racing against well-seasoned teams.
  - b. they also emerged as the top Asian team.
  - c. In fact, no other Asian team even made it to the top 10 medal race.
17. Our fencers, Amita and Kiria, had a hard but exciting debut. They were pitted against higher-ranked, more experienced opponents.
- a. But their agility, speed and precision with their foil blades were a thrill to watch.
  - b. Amita held her own in the opening round against the eventual gold medalist while Kiria showed skill and poise beyond her years in her Olympic bow.
18. Our experienced trio of Joseph, Ting Wen and Zheng Wen put up a strong fight against a stacked field in swimming.
- a. It has been a difficult season for them. They know they are judged on high standards and would be the first to admit that they are capable of much better.
  - b. But they have mettle, and will be determined to bounce back much stronger.
19. Let me turn now to speak about our Paralympians.

- a. They have been an inspiration to all of us, showing us what it means to defy the odds and not be defined or constrained by physical limits.
  - b. I spoke earlier about how the pandemic disrupted the training and competition plans of all of our athletes.
  - c. But the impact of the pandemic on our Paralympians was perhaps far greater.
  - d. Whilst some could go online for training and instruction, this was not as easy for our visually impaired athletes when they were confronted with new modalities such as virtual trainings.
  - e. Despite these challenges, I heard no excuses or complaints from them when I “dropped in” on their training and preparation – just an unwavering desire to get on with it, shoulders to the grind, and give their best in Tokyo.
  - f. I would like to share a few stories from our Paralympic contingent.
20. Debutant tandem cyclist Steve and his competition partner Kee Meng clocked two personal bests in the Men’s B 1000m Time Trial and the Men’s B 4000m Individual Pursuit.
- a. But what’s even more amazing – both had suffered a crash just days before their event when their front tyre burst and they collapsed on the road at speed.



- b. Bruised, battered, but not beaten – they turned in a superb debut performance.
  - c. Steve is here in the House today. If he looks familiar, it is because in 2015, he was captain of the 5-a-side football team at the ASEAN Para Games in Singapore. He is such an inspiring sportsman.
21. Our contingent flag-bearer, Diroy Noordin, left his mark on the field. Quite literally.
- a. He threw a 9.85m and a 9.92m in the men’s F40 shot put final – shattering the national record on each occasion.
  - b. It is tough enough to break a national record
  - c. But Diroy did it twice, in a single event!
  - d. And the record which he broke – was none other than his own!
22. Our Equestrian team – Max, Gemma and Laurentia – put in some stirring performances. It warmed me up to see them compete with such joy, writ large across their faces.
23. Laurentia and her horse, Banestro came in 5<sup>th</sup> in the Individual Freestyle Test Grade I Finals.

- a. This is despite being stuck in Britain for over a year due to travel restriction, and separated from her coach and Banestro after what was meant to be a two-week break.
24. Our swimmers :
- a. Wei Soong came - oh so close – a mere 0.16 seconds away from medalling in the Men’s 50m S7 Butterfly event.
  - b. He too broke his own national record - twice!
25. Sophie Soon held off her competitors to finished fourth in the Women’s SB12 100m Breaststroke.
26. A very impressive debut, all round, and I am sure we will see them on the podium soon, at this rate.
27. Last, but certainly not least.
- a. Yip Pin Xiu
  - b. We warmly welcome Pin Xiu back to this Chamber
28. It is hard to find words to describe our most decorated Paralympian.
- a. At the age of 29, Pin Xiu has blazed her own path both in and out the pool.

- b. At the 2008 Beijing Paralympics, Pin Xiu brought home her and Singapore's first ever Paralympic gold and silver medals.
- c. She went on to clinch 2 more gold medals and also set 2 world records at the 2016 Rio Paralympics. These records continue to be unmatched today.
- d. This year, she dominated the pool yet again, defending her title in the women's S2 50m and 100m backstroke events, with some devastating performances. She won the 100m with a margin of more than 9 seconds.
- e. That's a total of 6 medals, of which 5 are golds, over 13 years, across 4 Paralympic Games.
- f. It shows that Pin Xiu, or PX as she is more affectionately known, has tremendous longevity and staying power.
  - i. Each time her rivals try and make a move on her, to close the gap, she has found that something extra.
  - ii. whether it's more power in her angled strokes, greater rotation of her shoulders or just the sheer courage of conviction and determination to pull away and be the first to touch the wall.
- g. Many Singaporeans will remember vividly the two medal ceremonies in Tokyo, the moment as our national anthem reverberated through the Tokyo Aquatics Centre, and broadcast around the world.

- h. We celebrated her victory, took pride in her triumph, and savoured the moment as our flag rose high, and rose first.
  - i. How many of us had wet eyes as we watched Pin Xiu fight back her own tears of pride and elation as her achievements brought the nation together. I felt an immense sense of pride. I have goosebumps just thinking about that moment now.
  - j. I thank Pin Xiu for gifting such precious moments of national pride and inspiring Singaporeans over the years.
29. Outside of the pool, Pin Xiu has made extensive contributions to our nation.
- a. As a former Nominated Member of Parliament, Pin Xiu was the voice of her generation.
  - b. She was a passionate advocate on issues such as sports and inclusion, and spoke out articulately against campus sexual violence and workplace harassment.
  - c. Today, she continues to impact the lives of many through her service and contributions on the Purple Parade's working committee, Singapore Disability Sports Council Executive Committee, World Para Swimming High Support Needs Group, National Youth Council, and the Safe Sport Task Force.

- d. These are not just names of committees to Pin Xiu. She uses each as opportunities and platforms to make positive and enduring changes to our society.
  - e. In 2008, Pin Xiu was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for her accomplishments at the 2008 Beijing Paralympics.
30. Pin Xiu,
- a. your trophy cabinet must be packed by now
  - b. But I hope you can find space for one more way for us to honour and recognise you
31. Your innate quality to inspire other Singaporeans,
- a. your consistency in sporting achievement at the highest level,
  - b. your contributions in so many areas away from sport
  - c. and your quiet, unassuming personality, which hides a deep personal conviction to be positive change-maker.
  - d. each - amazing in its own right
  - e. but taken together - you and your achievements have served to unite us as Singaporeans, and inspire us deeply.
32. My Cabinet colleagues and I discussed how we could appropriately recognise Pin Xiu's achievements.

- a. I am very happy to announce that we intend to create a new President's Award for Inspiring Achievement, and to make the inaugural presentation of this award to Pin Xiu. President Halimah Yacob has agreed to this proposal.
- b. This new award will sit alongside the other awards which are presented by the President for outstanding accomplishments.
- c. This award will recognise Singaporeans who have overcome personal adversity and led inspiring lives.
- d. Through their outstanding and wide-ranging achievements and contributions to society, they are role models who instill a sense of national pride in fellow Singaporeans.
- e. This prestigious award will be conferred by the President, to deserving recipients who meet its high qualifying criteria. It will be presented to Singaporeans with fitting achievements, and may not be given out every year.
- f. Pin Xiu has demonstrated these exceptional qualities. She has stared adversity in its face, and overcome it, time and time again. She is truly an inspiration to Singaporeans, and it is only appropriate that she will now become the inaugural recipient of this award.
- g. I am certain that she will trailblaze a path for many more to follow in her footsteps.

h. And I believe this is what will give Pin Xiu the biggest satisfaction – to see other Singaporeans rise above adversity, take on challenges and be positive change makers.

33. On behalf of this House, let me offer my warmest and deepest congratulations to Pin Xiu, as well as all to all our Olympians and Paralympians.

**All-rounded support given to athletes by all stakeholders**

34. At this juncture, I would like to take some time to acknowledge and thank the many others who have stood tall and stood behind our Team Singapore athletes.

a. You have given your unstinting, selfless support for our Team Singapore athletes.

b. It takes a village. And each one of you is a valued member of that village.

35. First, I thank the families, caregivers, and friends of our Team Singapore athletes.

a. These are the unseen and unsung heroes whose enduring love, sacrifice and belief give our athletes the courage and strength to turn aspiration into reality.

36. Second, I am very grateful to the coaches of our athletes, the various National Sports Associations (NSAs) and National Disability Sports Associations (NDSAs), as well as the Singapore Disability Sports Council (SDSC)
- a. for believing in the power of the possible in our athletes.
  - b. And being there for them, supporting them, on their journey at every training and competition.
  - c. We recognise their collective efforts in grooming our sportspersons into the world-class athletes they are today,
  - d. from the tangible work of providing the best training environment
  - e. to the intangible value of being the mentors and role models that our athletes look up to.
37. Third, I would also like to extend thanks to the
- a. Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) and Singapore National Paralympic Council (SNPC),
  - b. as well as our Chefs-de-Mission for the Olympics and Paralympics, Dr Ben Tan and Ms Shirley Low, for leading our contingent of athletes to Tokyo and bringing them home safe and sound.



- c. They were completely invested in our team, and their presence and leadership made a significant difference.
38. Finally, my appreciation goes to the Singapore Sport Institute and the National Youth Sports Institute.
- a. The work of the SSI and NYSI is unseen and often underrated.
  - b. But it has been a key ingredient in our High Performance Sport (or HPS) system, and a real value add when milliseconds, and mere millimetres can make all the difference.
  - c. Working alongside other partners in the sports ecosystem, SSI and NYSI put the athlete at the centre of what they do, supporting them in a variety of ways.
  - d. This includes sports medicine, sports science, physiotherapy, nutrition, and psychological support before, during and after the Games so that our athletes can focus on giving their very best.
    - i. Take for example SSI's Bio-mechanist Marcel Rossi. Marcel supported our Para swimmers in Tokyo. He would take a video of them at each race, and then analyse each motion, each stroke, and on that basis guide them in making real time adjustments to optimize performance in the next race.
    - ii. Our sports scientists studied para-archer Syahidah's gait and posture, and custom built her seat from which she

would have stability and comfort, with each arrow she dispatched.

- iii. A specially designed year-long nutrition programme was also made for Aini so that she could get into competition weight while building up sufficient strength. This paid off, and she attained her personal best lift in her qualification event leading up to Tokyo and a very credible performance at her first Paralympics with a 77kg effort.
  
- e. To ensure the mental well-being of our athletes, SSI also sent sport psychologists to support our team on the ground in Tokyo.
  
- f. Our sailors, Kimberly and Cecilia were accompanied by their team psychologist, Joyce Koh whose task was to keep them focused and in positive spirits during the Games.
  - i. I saw for myself how critical this was – Kim and Cecilia had an intuitive bond and an outstanding chemistry between them. When you are out at sea, battling the wind, the waves and your opponents, for a few hours, this can make all the difference.

### **MCCY's Support for High Performance Sport**

- 39. Mr Speaker, at this juncture, let me reiterate the Government's commitment to supporting and enhancing sports for all,

- a. Both in growing the base so that we can have more active participants and more athletes at the grassroots;
  - b. And in supporting our elite athletes as they chase success on the podium at world class elite competitions.
40. The Government invests about \$70 million annually into the HPS system.
41. But it is not just about the financial commitment.
42. At the heart of it all,
- a. MCCY's commitment in both active grassroots sport participation and HPS is rooted in our fundamental belief that we should give every aspiration the best possible chance of being turned into a reality.
  - b. For every individual - the opportunity to harness their talents and chase their dreams.
43. And I stress the word "individual" – because no two athletes, even in team sports, are the same.
- a. The smallest detail matters. And our athlete support structure needs to be personalised and adaptable as such.
  - b. Members can see from some of the examples I have outlined above how we approach each elite athlete uniquely, and with curated support.

44. We will also continue to work with our sports stakeholders.
- a. From our schools, to NSAs, SNOC and SNPC, ActiveSG as well as private academies and clubs
  - b. To build a strong, cohesive, vibrant sporting culture in Singapore.
  - c. For us to achieve sporting success on the international stage, we will need a single minded desire and drive, to excel. And a unity of purpose, all our stakeholders coming on board, pulling together in the same direction.

### **Building up disability sports**

45. Mr Speaker, allow me to now speak about disability sports – its significance and value to society, its growth over the years, and the efforts which MCCY and our partners, will continue to take to nurture its development in Singapore.
46. Sports has the unique ability to transcend some of the everyday barriers we see in daily living – be it linguistic, cultural and perhaps even in social acceptance. This applies for many of us, but perhaps more so, for persons with disabilities.
47. Sport can help reduce the stigma and discrimination which is sometimes associated with disability
- a. because, through sport, community attitudes can be transformed.

- b. In sports, we see more of the skills and achievement, and correspondingly, see each individual for their abilities instead.
48. In turn, sports can also transform the person with disability, in an equally profound way.
- a. by empowering persons with disabilities, filling them with self-belief and confidence.
  - b. to level their playing field,
  - c. to help them gain a higher degree of independence,
  - d. and to realise their full potential.
49. Through participation in sports, they are empowered to improve their quality of life, stay healthy and strong, and be confident and independent members of society.
50. It also promotes inclusivity – the pool, the tandem bike or the horse, can be such a great leveller.
- a. For Wei Soong and Sophie, being in the pool meant that they are like any other swimmer. Their disabilities are no longer an obstacle to sports participation. That is how they started on their journey – and today, they are full fledged Paralympians.

- b. Gemma, who is here today, took up horse riding when she was just 8, as a form of hippotherapy to help her with balance and coordination.
  - c. She enjoyed it tremendously. Gemma has said before that whilst she is unable to run, being on her horse gives her an opportunity to ride while it trots, and it feels like she is running. It gives her the freedom of movement which she otherwise could not experience.
  - d. Just being in the sport alone has helped her and others look past their disability. It has in fact given Gemma an added ability to do great things, feel self-confident, and boost her own self esteem.
  - e. Wei Soong, Sophie and Gemma's stories, and the stories of many others who have journeyed on a similar path, is testament to the value which disability sports has in Singapore, playing such a pivotal part in building inclusivity in society.
  - f. It is not just about elite high performance, but really about what difference mere participation can make.
  - g. We must therefore do all we can to make disability sports more accessible, and encourage even more participation.
51. Mr Speaker, the Government knows the value that sport can bring, and will continue to put resources into promoting disability sports.

- a. We have stepped up on the support and funding of the entire disability sports ecosystem, including through SportSG's SportCares.
  - b. The Disability Sport Master Plan places emphasis on grassroots development, encouraging more to take part in sport, lower the barriers to entry and enhance resources to facilitate participation.
  - c. We now have 8 inclusive ActiveSG Gyms, and 6 inclusive swimming complexes across the island. These facilities have been retrofitted with equipment like inclusive gym machines and pool wheelchairs to make it far more accessible.
  - d. And we are on track to making every single ActiveSG Gym an inclusive one, by 2026.
52. Beyond financial support and physical infrastructure, the people skills are also important.
- a. We must have more who can administer, conduct and coach disability sports, and they can become natural multipliers for the sport.
  - b. To date, 2800 coaches, educators, volunteers, staff and students are trained to support disability sports.
  - c. We have also established links with the International Paralympic Committee, Special Olympics, educational institutions like Republic Polytechnic, other partners like KK Hospital and social service agencies such as SG Enable and the Society for the

Physically Disabled to deliver training courses, workshops and outreach programs, so that even more will feel confident to teach and lead disability sports programs.

53. The SDSC and Special Olympics Singapore have also been a major driving force for disability sports in Singapore.
  - a. The SDSC has extended their reach to manage and support disability sports programs in 18 sports, across community, development and high-performance levels. SDSC has also further diversified and tailored its programmes for different disability groups.
  - b. The Special Olympics Singapore, in addition, offers 9 sports and 5 athlete-centred initiatives for individuals with intellectual disabilities.
  - c. Both organisations continue to play an active role in the development of coaches and technical officials, as well as efforts to raise awareness of disability sports and strengthen Singaporeans' affinity with Team Singapore athletes with disabilities.
54. SDSC also works closely with SSI to promote inclusion at a higher level, with our NSAs, to integrate disability sports into their mainstream offerings, alongside able bodied sporting programs.
55. SDSC, Special Olympics Singapore and SNPC have an established system of identifying good sporting talent, nurturing it, and then



developing a pathway for athletes to progress through to major para games and represent Singapore in international competitions.

56. Mr Speaker, all these steps have been positive. Since we hosted the ASEAN Para Games in 2015, we have seen a marked growth in interest and participation.

a. In 2016, 1 in 3 persons with disabilities participated in a sport at least once a week.

b. Today, that number is 1 in 2.

c. But we can still do more, to push this further, and we will.

57. A few members in this House have asked if we can also do more to reduce the disparity in cash awards between the Major Games Award Programme (or MAP) for able-bodied athletes and the Athletes' Achievement Awards (or AAA) for para-athletes.

a. The MAP and AAA are private award schemes that are managed by the SNOC and the SNPC respectively.

b. They were started in 1990 and 2002 respectively. Since their inception, these awards have been funded entirely by private sponsors.

c. The award amounts offered under both schemes are raised and determined by the SNOC, and SNPC respectively, along with their sponsors. Individually, the awards under each scheme are

tiered based on the standard, size and field of competition for each Major Games.

- d. The different in cash quantum does not reflect how Government values our para-athletes vis-à-vis our able-bodied athletes. In our eyes, they are all Team Singapore athletes, and each athlete, abled or disabled, has his or her own intrinsic value, which we recognise and appreciate.
  - e. SNPC is working on enhancing the cash awards for para-athletes in major games. They have already had discussions with a few entities to do so.
  - f. I have discussed these efforts with President SNPC, Prof Teo-Koh, on several occasions, and will continue to support their engagement with corporate entities and private funders towards this objective.
  - g. SNPC will announce the outcome of their efforts in due course.
58. I would add that besides focussing on the cash awards for medal finishes by our athletes, it is as important, if not more so, for resources to be put into growing the base, and uplifting the entire disability sporting ecosystem.
- a. I have said previously – lower the barriers to entry, open up more facilities and programs, enhance the coaching and training framework, bring onboard more disability sports into the work of SNPC and SDSC, and integrate disability sports with the mainstream NSAs.

- b. More athletes will benefit from this, and more pathways to success will open up. If we can do this, opportunities such as those which Wei Soong, Sophia or Gemma had, can be even more accessible.
  - c. Opportunities across a whole spectrum of participants at different levels, not just for elite athletes.
  - d. Participation in disability sports alone can bring about such value.
59. Mr Speaker, we will continue to work hard, to foster an inclusive society through sports where people of all abilities can come together to experience, to play, and to excel in sports, and through sports, to build deep social connections.

### **Inspiring a nation**

60. Mr Speaker, I have spoken at length about many things this afternoon that are important and central to MCCY's mission and values.
61. But allow me to circle back to my original motion, for this House
- a. To thank Team Singapore athletes for flying our flag so high, and with such distinction at Tokyo 2020.

- b. We congratulate them for their exceptional performances, their indomitable fighting spirit. They gave it their all, and left nothing behind.
  - c. Their accomplishments brought cheer and joy to our nation and lifted our spirits during what is perhaps one of the most challenging periods in Singapore's history.
  - d. More importantly, your efforts inspired and united Singaporeans from all walks as they supported your Olympic and Paralympic journey.
62. Just as the greats who have come before them, these men and women have made many personal sacrifices to carry our country's hopes and aspirations to the very pinnacle of sports.
63. These are also the same men and women who have and will continue to inspire generations of athletes after them to rise up, stand on their shoulders to reach higher, and bring even more honour and glory to our nation.
64. Mr Speaker, I beg to move.

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