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To : The Editor in Charge

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We, the Singapore Karate Federation (SKF), which is the official National Sports Association (NSA) for the sport of Karate in Singapore hereby issues this statement with reference to the Sunday Times article titled "Three karate officials locked out" dated 29 August 2010.

Prior to the publishing of the Sunday Times article, the SKF granted an interview to the reporter to furnish the facts. We are however disappointed these were not reflected in the said article and readers may have been misinformed.

We acknowledge that the SKF has faced with some challenges in recent years. The crux of the matter can be traced back to the all more important matter of governance and financial management. Most of the members of the present Management of the SKF were elected since 31 Jan 2009 with the mandate to rectify weaknesses in the SKF and enhance its governance, and to bring SKF to greater heights in line with the various initiatives of the Singapore Sports Council (SSC).

Accordingly, the SKF has been working hard to resolve the problems and develop programmes to promote Karate so as to contribute towards the Sporting Singapore vision. Unfortunately, these efforts have precipitated disputes amongst several affiliates in the SKF.

Whilst the SKF has nothing to hide, the SKF believes the issues should not be resolved by a publicity contest over the media. These will not only confuse the public and the athletes, they will also hurt the overall image of Sporting Singapore.

Instead, the SKF has always maintained the position that the willing parties

should come together and work within the provisions of the Constitution, guidelines of the SSC, and the laws of Singapore. Accordingly, it is duty bound for the SKF to initiate legal actions against parties who act illegally against the interest of the SKF.

Notwithstanding the distractions, we are pleased that the majority of the Karate community in Singapore is supportive of the SKF. Indeed, the SKF has pushed ahead with several initiatives since 2009 and have achieved some initial success. For example, in 2009 SEA Games in Laos, SKF won 1 Silver & 1 Bronze medals. In year 2009, we initiated Youth programme to 'green harvest' athletes by offering them tuition so they can balance their academic work and the heavy demand of an athlete.

We have also reached out to work together with esteemed institutions such as Republic Polytechnic on the project in organizing "the 1st Singapore Open in March 2011".

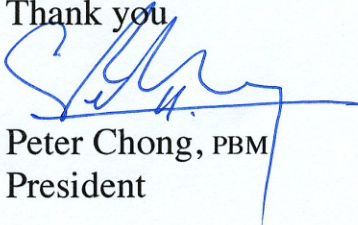
In particular, the SSC was also pleased with the MYSP that SKF presented and SKF is amongst the 33 NSA's who qualify for multi-year funding.

SSC is now supporting SKF in our Cadet & Junior development programme so as to create a pathway toward success in future SEA Games. We will be pleased to share with the media our current Management Committee's plans and programs for the promotion of the interest of Karate in Singapore. We remain optimistic that those who chose to participate actively will benefit richly from it.

We are of the opinion that there are much to be accomplish and we will let our results speaks for itself.

Last but not least, we urge the media to help us to present an objective picture of the SKF as we work towards the collaborating with the SSC and the entire sporting fraternity to bring Sporting Singapore to greater heights.

Thank you



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President