

Wah Seong (M) Trading Co Sdn Bhd are the sponsors of IM tournament in Penang



Datin Rebecca Tan, (far left) wife of the late Datuk Tan Kim Yeow, former chairman of Wah Seong group of companies, presenting a mock cheque for RM40,000 to Datuk Toh Kin Woon (far right), Penang State executive councillor and president of the Penang Chess Association. Looking on are Wah Seong director Pauline Tan (second from left), and the tournament's organising chairman, Quah Seng Sun (third from left). The Wah Seong Group are the sponsors of the tournament while CitiTel Penang is the Official Hotel.

Malaysians to provide strong local challenge to foreign players

The Wah Seong Penang international master chess tournament, which is organised by the Penang Chess Association at the CitiTel Penang from 26-Feb-2000 to 5-Mar-2000, promises to be one of the most intriguing tournaments ever organised in Malaysia. The tournament will feature a group of experienced foreign chess players facing off against what is considered to be the cream of Malaysian chess.

The foreign chess masters are led by two veterans - Indonesian grandmaster Ardiansyah and Chinese international master Liu Wenzhe - who are well-known for their fierce competitive spirit.

Ardiansyah, 49, was one of the very first Asians to become a grandmaster. When he was at the height of his playing powers in the 70s and 80s, he could claim to be among Indonesia's top three players. With a World Chess Federation rating of 2396, Ardiansyah is presently ranked 10th in Indonesia. He remains active in chess circles there and is still capable of delivering a few stings.

In the late 70s, China's **Liu Wenzhe**, 59, was considered the strongest player in China. Now, with an international rating of 2451, he is ranked only 25th in his country. But his exploits are almost legendary. Till today, Liu is held in awe, especially for his celebrated victory over the

late Dutch grandmaster Jan Donner during the Buenos Aires Chess Olympiad in 1978.

At that time, China was just making its presence felt in international chess circles, so it was inconceivable to many that Donner could lose to an unknown player. Yet, in the China-Netherlands game, Liu completely smashed Donner's defence and capped the game with a queen sacrifice that rippled through the Olympiad.

The two other foreign players invited to the tournament are from Myanmar. **Myo Naing**, 36, is an international master with a rating of 2545 while **Wynn Zaw Htun**, 17, although untitled, still has a high rating of 2524.

Leading the Malaysian side is international master Mas Hafizulhelmi, who is rated 2413. Others who are playing are Fide master Wong Zijing (rated 2324), Jonathan Chuah (rated 2271), Mok Tze Meng (rated 2270), Ng Tze Han (rated 2216) and Lim Chuin Hoong (rated 2214).

Mas Hafizulhelmi, 19, comes from Kota Baru but he is currently studying in a college in Selangor. He played chess from a very young age and was singled out by visiting Russian grandmaster Eduard Gufeld as a potential to become Malaysia's most talented player. Mas Hafizul, twice national champion, has represented the country in many international-level chess competitions world-wide, including the Chess Olympiads held every two years. He gained his International Master title from a tournament in Singapore two years ago.

Wong Zijing, 18, from Kuala Lumpur, is currently waiting for his SPM results. However, he has played in many international-level chess competitions, including the World age-group championships and the Chess Olympiads. In December 1998, he played in a zonal tournament in Yangon, Myanmar, where his good results automatically qualified him as a Fide master. Before coming in this event, he was playing in another IM tournament in Budapest, Hungary.

Jonathan Chuah Jin Hai, 14, is from Penang. He is the current national champion, having won this title at the national closed championship in Kuala Lumpur last December. He was also in the Penang team which won the Merdeka team championship last August. He has played in the World age-group championships and last year, represented the country at the Asian team chess championship in China.

Mok Tze Meng, 31, is from Sarawak but has long since settled down in Kuala Lumpur. He is a very experienced player who has won many local events including the prestigious Royal Selangor open tournaments on five occasions. Mok tied for first in the national closed championship in 1990 and two years later, won the championship outright. He has played for the country in the Chess Olympiads.

Ng Tze Han, 19, from Penang, is presently waiting for his SPM results. He is a very consistent player who has represented the state in several national events, notably the Merdeka team championships and the national closed championships. On two occasions, he had finished runners-up in the national closed championships. Last December/January, he finished third in the strong Malaysian Junior Masters tournament in Kuala Lumpur behind Mas Hafizulhelmi and Jimmy Liew. Tze Han has also played for the country at the Asian team championships and the Chess Olympiads.

Lim Chuin Hoong, 18, is from Penang. Another very consistent player, he has played for the state and country on numerous occasions. He has also participated in many international events

on his own and two years ago, defeated a grandmaster in a big tournament in Jakarta, Indonesia. He emerged as a co-winner of last year's national closed championship but lost out on the title of national champion after a play-off. Nevertheless, he finished fourth in the Malaysian Junior Masters tournament in Kuala Lumpur soon afterwards.

From Kwong Wah Yit Poh

(10-Feb-2000)

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華商貿易有限公司代表拿汀陳錦耀夫人及陳雪明代表移交4萬零吉的贊助經費給拿督杜乾煥博士州行政議員，委員會秘書柯成山見證。

(檳城9日訊) 檳城西洋棋協會將在本月26日至3月5日在龍城酒店舉辦國際西洋棋華商錦標賽，屆時多名來自外國的國際西洋棋好手將參與其盛。

上述錦標賽委員會主席拿督杜乾煥博士州行政議員在一項記者會上宣布此事，他指出，華商貿易有限公司贊助此次錦標賽的全場經費4萬零吉，而龍城酒店則是此次盛會的指定酒店。

他指出，參與錦標賽外國棋手包括印尼，中國，緬甸。而國內也有2名國際西洋棋大師參與盛會。此次賽會將有助

在本地推廣西洋棋活動，也讓本地棋手有機會與國際西洋棋手。

公眾受歡迎參觀此次錦標賽盛會景況。

在一項儀式上，華商貿易有限公司代表拿汀陳錦耀夫人及陳雪明代表移交4萬零吉的贊助經費給拿督杜乾煥博士州行政議員，委員會秘書柯成山見證。#

From Nanyang Siang Pau (10-Feb-2000)



■拿汀陈锦耀夫人移交赞助经费 4 万零吉予拿督杜乾煥（右），左 2 起为陈雪明及柯成山。

【槟城 9 日讯】槟州行政议员拿督杜乾煥吁请商家机构热烈赞助体育运动，特别是运用脑力的奕棋运动。

他说，槟州的西洋棋向来具有相当高的水准，西洋棋手人材辈出，希望通过华商槟州国际西洋棋精英赛，能够提升本地棋手在国际上的地位。

也是槟州国际西洋棋公会主席的拿督杜乾煥今日上午在光大 53 楼接领华商（马）贸易有限公司拿汀陈锦耀夫人及执行董事陈雪明移交 4 万零吉赞助国际西洋棋精英赛经费时向商家作出呼吁。

来自印尼的国际西洋棋大师级棋手阿迪安萨、中国的刘文志、缅甸的毛宁、温兆汉及本地棋手哥打峇汝的麦斯哈菲朱希米、吉隆坡的黄志仁、莫子明，槟城的刘占美、左纳丹、蔡、伍子汉及林春风，将参加由本月 26

杜乾煥吁商家 热烈赞助体育运动

日起至 3 月 6 日，在龙城酒店举行的华商槟州国际西洋

棋精英赛。

晋级国际级棋手

代表出赛的 5 名本地棋手是根据他们在比赛中表现的评分中遴选的。

另外 2 名棋手则由槟州国际西洋棋公会所推荐的，这项 11 名棋手的循环赛在 4 个比赛中的平均积分为 2359，如果本地的棋手能够在 10 场比赛中至少赢得 7 分，他们将能够晋级为国际大师级棋手。

参加国际西洋棋比赛的棋手，如能够赢取 2 或 3 项国际等级的锦标，世界西洋棋总会将会颁发这项荣誉予优胜的棋手。

槟州国际西洋棋公会现任主席由拿督杜乾煥担任，副主席为黄万和市议员、秘书黄剑武、财政吴元华、副秘书长曾金明、委员蔡顺平、胡福金、许棉华、林文良、柯成山、陈福来。

10 to slug it out

by Quah Seng Sun (*The Star*, 25-Feb-2000)

TODAY is the eve of the nine-day Wah Seong Penang international master chess tournament. All hostilities over the chess board will begin tomorrow at the CitiTel Penang and continue daily until March 5.

The past two months had been very trying for me as I had to cope with the organising of this event. Luckily, I had the full support of Datuk Tan Chin Nam, honorary life president of the Malaysian Chess Federation, and the assistance of friends in the chess circle, without whom my task would have been very difficult.

For instance, there was the selection of foreign players. World Chess Federation (Fide) regulations require that at least one-third of players at an international master event must be foreigners. For a 10-player event, I needed four.

Initially, I had shortlisted grandmaster Ardiansyah from Indonesia, Chinese international master Liu Wenzhe, Indonesian international master Nasib Ginting, and Myanmar Fide master Maung Maung Lwin.

However, Ginting, who for the past year had been in Malaysia, could no longer be contacted while Maung had commitments elsewhere. But Maung offered to arrange for two highly-rated players from Myanmar to play, thus I now have their international master Myo Naing and untitled Wynn Zaw Htun.

The only thing left to do was wait and see whether the four foreigners would accept this invitation to play. As a standby, I have Singapore's international master Giam Choo Kwee who could come at very short notice.

It was a long wait, especially with the Chinese player. I received a message from Beijing that Liu's passport needed renewal and he would have to apply for a visa from the Malaysian Embassy in China. Compounding this problem was the long lunar festival in China when it was almost impossible to get in touch with many people. Luckily, the problem quickly sorted itself out after a few frantic phone calls to friends in Kuala Lumpur.

Another major task was to select local players for this event. From the onset, our international masters Mas Hafizulhelmi and Jimmy Liew are automatic choices for two of the six places.

The criterion for selecting the other four was simple. The Penang Chess Association would nominate two of their players while the remaining two would be selected by going down the latest Fide rating list. Local players who were overseas or had retired from playing were automatically scratched.

Aaron Yee was the first consideration but he declined from playing due to his school work. This left the field open to Fide master Wong Zijing and national master Jonathan Chuah, and they duly accepted the offer to play.

As for the Penang Chess Association nominations, Ng Tze Han and Lim Chuin Hoong were

clearly the best choices.

Soon after invitations had been sent out, it occurred to me that Mok Tze Meng would be a good addition to this event if there were more places available. After all, Mok is a very experienced player, next in line in the Fide rating list after Jonathan Chuah. If there is anyone who could earn an international master norm, Mok would be a prime candidate.

Malaysian Chess Federation's Tan gave the okay for me to expand the field to its maximum 12 players. It should have been a 12-man event in the first place, but I was working within a budget. After referring to Fide regulations, I concluded that it is legitimate to have an 11-man event or the first four games played over two days.

(Fide regulations allow for a maximum two rounds per day for an international master result. For a grandmaster result, there can be no more than two days of two rounds each but definitely not in the final three rounds.)

A peculiar number, I must admit, but there were also two other reasons for staying with 11 players. For one thing, this event would be played without a rest day and I believe the players would welcome having a round during which they can relax.

The other reason was, despite confirmation from all the local players that they would play, there was a possibility someone would withdraw later. Call it intuition if you like, but Jimmy Liew later informed me that he was withdrawing due to his unavoidable work commitments.

So there I was, down to 10 players, the original number that I started out with. All the players are arriving today but I will not be able to rest completely until I see them all!

With these 10 players, the tournament is now a Category Five. To qualify for an international master result, our Fide master and untitled players must score at least six points from nine games.

I do not think it is an insurmountable target. Gone are the days when the foreigners can whip our players at will; our players can at least be their equals now.

It is not very often that an international chess event of this sort is held in Malaysia. I sincerely hope that chess enthusiasts, even those from outside Penang, can make it a point to visit the CitiTel Penang from tomorrow until March 5 to see these players in action. The playing times are from noon to 7pm daily at the hotel's Bayan Room.

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Tournament ends on a high note

by Quah Seng Sun (*The Star*, 10-Mar-2000)

WHEN I set out to organise the Wah Seong Penang international master chess tournament two months ago, one of the main objectives was to provide an opportunity for local players to

achieve international master title norms.

There was no lack of title aspirants in this tournament. Apart from Mas Hafizulhilmi who was already an international master, there were five other local players who were hopeful of playing well enough to get their norms.

Unfortunately, in an event of this kind where none of the players can be considered a pushover, not everyone would be able to realise this target. Exemplary play would have to be the order of the day, and the players would have to sort it out themselves over the chess board to see who was best qualified to gain the title norm.

I had written two weeks ago that if there was anyone who could earn an international master title norm, Mok Tze Meng would be a prime candidate. As the tournament progressed, Mok proceeded to show that I was correct in my prediction.

He had a very encouraging game in the first round against Wynn Zaw Htun, stretching the Myanmar player into a long drawn endgame before they finally agreed to a draw. In the second round, Mok made short work of national champion Jonathan Chuah and continued with another win in the third round against Ng Tze Han.

Two draws then followed against Myo Naing, an international master (IM) from Myanmar, and IM Mas Hafizulhilmi before he suffered a defeat at Chinese IM Liu Wenzhe's hands. It was a loss which could have been avoided if Mok had not been overly ambitious. A safe draw against the Chinese would have seen him on an easier track towards the title norm.

Instead, Mok found Lim Chuin Hoong very determined to stop him in the seventh round. However, he managed to avoid complications when he successfully negotiated an early simplification of the position. Lim tried hard but could not win and in the end, he had to concede defeat to Mok.

In the eighth round, despite spirited play by Wong Zijing, Mok managed to pocket the full point. Finally, Indonesian grandmaster Ardiansyah's offer of a draw in the ninth round was sufficient for Mok to reach the target of six points which was the requirement for the international master title norm in this tournament.

Amidst all the excitement over a Malaysian player getting this norm was the fact that another player had also played well enough to get a similar norm. Seventeen-year-old Wynn Zaw Htun, who came into this tournament with an impressively high rating of 2,524, played solidly enough to score six points.

He had a slow start in this event: a draw with Mok in the first round was followed by a loss to Ardiansyah. But then Wynn beat Chuah in the third round, drew with Ng, Myo and Mas in the fourth to sixth rounds, and then unleashed a victory against Liu in the seventh round. Wynn put in a final spurt in the last two rounds of the tournament by defeating Lim and Wong to achieve his norm.

The nine-day tournament, sponsored by Wah Seong (M) Trading Co Sdn Bhd and played at the CitiTel Penang, was won by Mas Hafizulhilmi. This was my first opportunity to see Mas Hafizul play in an international event and I was suitably impressed with his confidence and

preparation. He made all his games seem rather effortless.

He was particularly deadly against the foreign competitors and he scored victories against Ardiansyah, Liu and Myo. Wynn was the only player to give Mas Hafizul some initial difficulties but the draw was never in doubt.

He was generous with the local players at the start of the event but towards the end when it became clear that some could no longer get their norms, Mas Hafizul moved into higher gear and mopped up everyone else.

Gone are the days when the foreigners can beat our players at will--as proven by the results of this tournament. Our players are on par with the foreign players. Otherwise, how would you explain the performances of the foreign players?

Ardiansyah, Liu and Myo obviously did not play at their very best levels or else they would not have suffered embarrassing losses to our own players.

In the fourth round, Ardiansyah went down to a shock defeat at the hands of Chuah; and one round later, Wong defeated Liu. Ng's high point in the tournament was when he beat Myo in the seventh round.

Anyway, it would be too presumptuous to dismiss the foreigners for not trying hard enough. I know they did try very hard. In the second round, for instance, Ardiansyah pulled himself together to defeat Wynn in a delicate endgame position. In the final round, Liu piled a lot of pressure on Ng's position but failed to make a breakthrough and had to agree to a draw.

SCHEDULE OF GAMES			
Friday	25-February-2000	2100 hr	Players' meeting
Saturday	26-February-2000	1100-1800 hr	Round 1
Sunday	27-February-2000	1100-1800 hr	Round 2
Monday	28-February-2000	1100-1800 hr	Round 3
Tuesday	29-February-2000	1100-1800 hr	Round 4
Wednesday	01-March-2000	1100-1800 hr	Round 5
Thursday	02-March-2000	1100-1800 hr	Round 6
Friday	03-March-2000	1100-1800 hr	Round 7
Saturday	04-March-2000	1100-1800 hr	Round 8
Sunday	05-March-2000	1100-1800 hr	Round 9
Monday	06-March-2000	1200 hr	Departure
TIME CONTROL			
40 moves in 100 minutes, followed by 20 moves in 50 minutes, then 15 minutes to finish with 30-seconds increment per move from first move			

ROUND ONE (26-Feb-2000)

IM Mas Hafizulhelmi	1-0	GM Ardiansyah
IM Liu Wenzhe	1-0	IM Myo Naing
Lim Chuin Hoong	1/2	Ng Tze Han
FM Wong Zijing	1/2	Jonathan Chuah
Mok Tze Meng	1/2	Wynn Zaw Htun

ROUND TWO (27-Feb-2000)

GM Ardiansyah	1-0	Wynn Zaw Htun
Jonathan Chuah	0-1	Mok Tze Meng
Ng Tze Han	1/2	FM Wong Zijing
IM Myo Naing	1-0	Lim Chuin Hoong
IM Mas Hafizulhelmi	1-0	IM Liu Wenzhe

ROUND THREE (28-Feb-2000)

IM Liu Wenzhe	1/2	GM Ardiansyah
Lim Chuin Hoong	1/2	IM Mas Hafizulhelmi
FM Wong Zijing	1/2	IM Myo Naing
Mok Tze Meng	1-0	Ng Tze Han
Wynn Zaw Htun	1-0	Jonathan Chuah

ROUND FOUR (29-Feb-2000)

GM Ardiansyah	0-1	Jonathan Chuah
Ng Tze Han	1/2	Wynn Zaw Htun
IM Myo Naing	1/2	Mok Tze Meng
IM Mas Hafizulhelmi	1/2	FM Wong Zijing
IM Liu Wenzhe	1/2	Lim Chuin Hoong

ROUND FIVE (01-Mar-2000)

Lim Chuin Hoong	1/2	GM Ardiansyah
FM Wong Zijing	1-0	IM Liu Wenzhe
Mok Tze Meng	1/2	IM Mas Hafizulhelmi
Wynn Zaw Htun	1/2	IM Myo Naing
Jonathan Chuah	1/2	Ng Tze Han

ROUND SIX (02-Mar-2000)

GM Ardiansyah	1/2	Ng Tze Han
IM Myo Naing	1-0	Jonathan Chuah
IM Mas Hafizulhelmi	1/2	Wynn Zaw Htun
IM Liu Wenzhe	1-0	Mok Tze Meng
Lim Chuin Hoong	1-0	FM Wong Zijing

ROUND SEVEN (03-Mar-2000)

FM Wong Zijing	0-1	GM Ardiansyah
Mok Tze Meng	1-0	Lim Chuin Hoong
Wynn Zaw Htun	1-0	IM Liu Wenzhe
Jonathan Chuah	0-1	IM Mas Hafizulhelmi
Ng Tze Han	1-0	IM Myo Naing

ROUND EIGHT (04-Mar-2000)

GM Ardiansyah	1-0	IM Myo Naing
IM Mas Hafizulhelmi	1-0	Ng Tze Han
IM Liu Wenzhe	1-0	Jonathan Chuah
Lim Chuin Hoong	0-1	Wynn Zaw Htun
FM Wong Zijing	0-1	Mok Tze Meng

ROUND NINE (05-Mar-2000)

Mok Tze Meng	1/2	GM Ardiansyah
Wynn Zaw Htun	1-0	FM Wong Zijing
Jonathan Chuah	1/2	Lim Chuin Hoong
Ng Tze Han	1/2	IM Liu Wenzhe
IM Myo Naing	0-1	IM Mas Hafizulhelmi

TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

		Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Points	Standings
1	IM Mas Hafizul (Malaysia)	2413		1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1	7	1
2	IM Liu Wenzhe (China)	2451	0		1/2	0	1	0	1	1/2	1	1/2	4 1/2	5
3	Lim Chuin Hoong (Malaysia)	2214	1/2	1/2		1	0	0	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	3 1/2	7-8
4	FM Wong Zijing (Malaysia)	2324	1/2	1	0		0	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	3	9
5	Mok Tze Meng (Malaysia)	2270	1/2	0	1	1		1/2	1	1	1/2	1/2	6	2-3
6	Wynn Zaw Htun (Myanmar)	2524	1/2	1	1	1	1/2		1	1/2	1/2	0	6	2-3
7	Jonathan Chuah (Malaysia)	2271	0	0	1/2	1/2	0	0		1/2	0	1	2 1/2	10
8	Ng Tze Han (Malaysia)	2216	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1/2		1	1/2	4	6
9	IM Myo Naing (Myanmar)	2545	0	0	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	0		0	3 1/2	7-8
10	GM Ardiansyah (Indonesia)	2396	0	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1	0	1/2	1		5	4

Average Rating : 2362

Category : 5

IM Result : 6 points

The Cheque Presentation ceremony took place on 9-Feb-2000 at the office of Penang State Executive Councillor Datuk Dr Toh Kin Woon on Level 53 of the Menara Komtar. Datuk Dr Toh, who is also the president of the Penang Chess Association, received the cheque for RM40,000 from Datin Rebecca Tan, wife of the late Datuk Tan Kim Yeow, former chairman of the Wah Seong group of companies. Also present at the ceremony were Wah Seong director Pauline Tan, organising chairman Quah Seng Sun, other committee members of the Penang Chess Association and representatives from the Press.



Datin Rebecca Tan putting her signature on the mock cheque prior to the presentation.



The handing over of the mock cheque to Datuk Dr Toh.



left to right: Datin Rebecca Tan, Pauline Tan, Datuk Dr Toh Kin Woon

ARDIANSYAH

Country: Indonesia

Title: Grandmaster

Rating: 2396

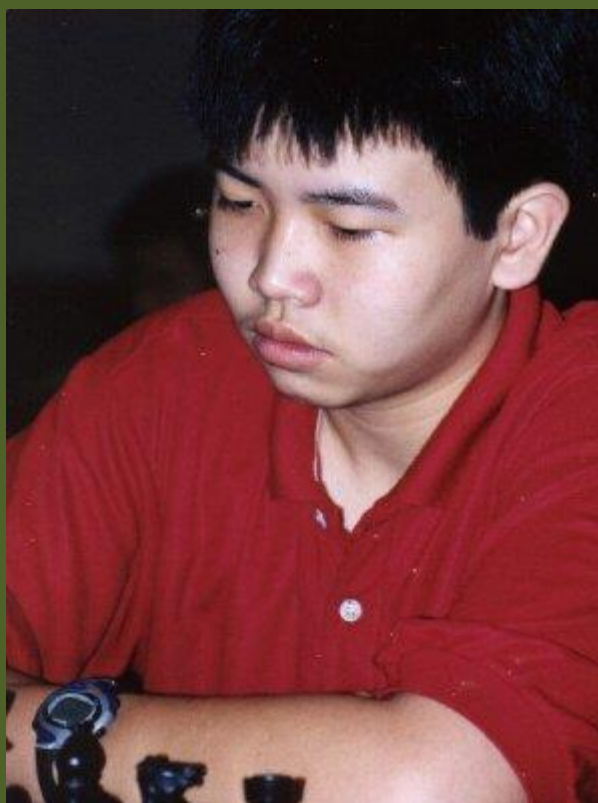


CHUAH, Jin Hai Jonathan

Country: Malaysia

Title: National Master

Rating: 2271



LIM, Chuin Hoong

Country: Malaysia

Title: --

Rating: 2214



LIU, Wenzhe

Country: China

Title: International Master

Rating: 2451



MAS HAFIZULHILMI

Country: Malaysia

Title: International Master

Rating: 2413



MOK, Tze Meng

Country: Malaysia

Title: National Master

Rating: 2270



MYO, Naing

Country: Myanmar

Title: International Master

Rating: 2545



NG, Tze Han

Country: Malaysia

Title: --

Rating: 2216



WONG, Zi Jing

Country: Malaysia

Title: Fide Master

Rating: 2324



WYNN, Zaw Htun

Country: Myanmar

Title: --

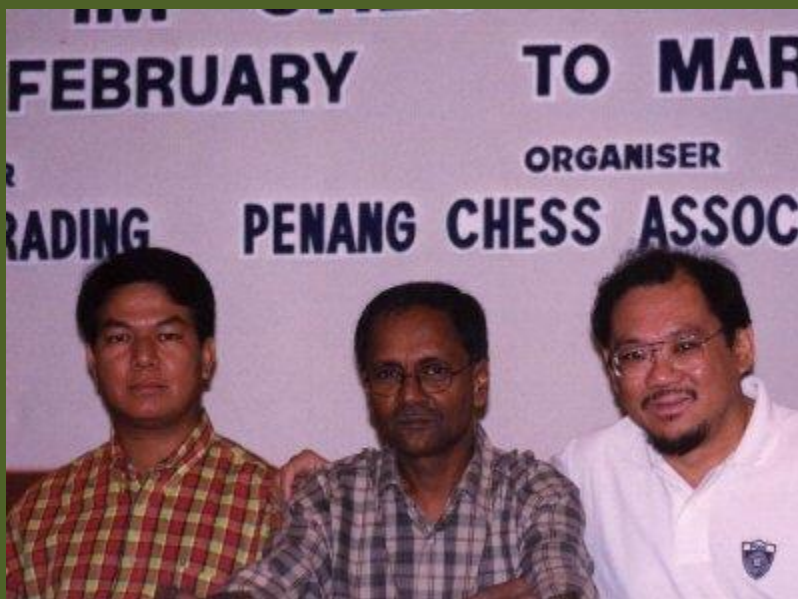
Rating: 2524



ARBITERS

Chief Arbiter: ABDUL HAMID Abdul Majid, FIA

Deputy Chief Arbiter: QUAH Seng Sun, FIA



left to right: Maung Maung Lwin FIA (Secretary, Myanmar Chess Federation), Abdul Hamid Abdul Majid FIA (Chief Arbiter), Quah Seng Sun FIA (Deputy Chief Arbiter)

SCENES FROM THE TOURNAMENT



Back row, left to right: Jonathan Chuah, Ng Tze Han, Lim Chuin Hoong, Mok Tze Meng, Wong Zi Jing
Front row, left to right: Wynn Zaw Htun, Mas Hafizulhilmi, Ardiansyah, Liu Wenzhe, Myo Naing



Wynn Zaw Htun (left) playing Jonathan Chuah (right)



Heads together: Myo Naing (left) and Wong Zi Jing (right)



Ng Tze Han (standing) watching Mas Hafizulhilmi (left) and Lim Chuin Hoong (right) discussing their game

CLOSING CEREMONY



left to right: Dr Choong Sim Poey (Honorary Life President, Penang Chess Association), Ardiansyah, Ng Tze Han, Jonathan Chuah, Lim Chuin Hoong, Myo Naing, Liu Wenzhe, Quah Seng Sun



Mok Tze Meng receiving his souvenir and IM norm certificate from Wah Seong director Pauline Tan



A happy chess family (left to right): Myo Naing, Lim Chuin Hoong, Ardiansyah, Jonathan Chuah, Liu Wenzhe, Mok Tze Meng, Wah Seong director Pauline Tan, State Executive Councillor and Penang Chess Association president Datuk Dr Toh Kin Woon, organising chairman Quah Seng Sun, Wynn Zaw Htun and Ng Tze Han

SIMULTANEOUS CHESS EXHIBITION

Chinese International Master played three simultaneous chess exhibitions in Penang after the end of the tournament.

IM Liu's first exhibition on 7-Mar-2000 was against 26 schoolboys and schoolgirls from the major schools in Penang. His score was +24=0-2. His only losses were to Eoh Thean Keat and Loo Swee Leong.



Playing, left to right: Loo Swee Leong, Marcus Yeoh, Ooi Ee Wan, Adrian Teh, Low Kwan Shin



Playing, left to right: Lee Kwang Hawe, Lim Chu Ai, Tan Khai Boon, Khoo Chang Gee, Teng Wei Khoon



Playing, left to right: Mohd Hafizan, Goh Zhi Huang, Pak Cheng Yeong, Loo Swee Leong, Marcus Yeoh, Ooi Ee Wan



Playing, left to right: Ooi Liang Jun, Lakshman Prasad, Ray Cheong, Eoh Thean Keat, Low Han Boon, Irwin Ee

Full results: WON against Khor Shihong, Jerome Chen, Ooi Liang Jun, Lakshman Prasad, Ray Cheong, Low Han Boon, Irwin Ee, Low Cheng Fong, Beh Teck Chuan, Teng Wei Khoon, Khoo Chang Gee, Tan Khai Boon, Lim Chu Ai, Lee Kwang Hawe, Zulhilmi Mohd Ismail, Low Kwan Shin, Adrian Teh, Ooi Ee Wan, Marcus Yeoh, Pak Cheng Yeong, Goh Zhi Huang, Mohd Hafizan, Lim Kean Kwoh, Chin Chee Boon; LOST to Eoh Thean Keat, Loo Swee Leong

IM Liu gave a clock simultaneous against four schoolboys on 8-Mar-2000, with a +3=1-0 score. He beat Teng Wei Khoon, Tan Khai Boon and Eoh Thean Keat, and drew with Khoo Chang Gee.



Playing, left to right: Eoh Thean Keat, Khoo Chang Gee, Tan Khai Boon, Teng Wei Khoon (partly hidden)



Liu paces the floor as the players think about their best replies. Playing, left to right: Eoh Thean Keat, Khoo Chang Gee, Tan Khai Boon, Teng Wei Khoon

IM Liu's final exhibition was a second clock simultaneous against six senior members of the Penang Chess Association on 9-Mar-2000, and his score was +3=2-1. He beat Ooi Kiem Boo, Khor Bean Hwa and Quah Seng Sun, drew with Chuah Heng Meng and Choong Yit Chuan, and lost to Goh Yoon Wah.



A picture for posterity. Standing, left to right: Ooi Kiem Boo, Choong Yit Chuan, Quah Seng Sun, Chuah Heng Meng, Khor Bean Hwa, Goh Yoon Wah



Playing, left to right: Goh Yoon Wah, Quah Seng Sun, Khor Bean Hwa, Choong Yit Chuan, Ooi Kiem Boo, Chuah Heng Meng



Hard at work, left to right: Choong Yit Chuan, Ooi Kiem Boo, Chuah Heng Meng