

SINGAPORE KIDS AIMING TO FLY HIGH IN DUBAI!

*** Young Skydivers To Face World's Best At 'CLASH OF CHAMPIONS' 2015**

DUBAI (UAE): Singapore's most talented indoor skydivers will be up against the best in international competition when they jet to Dubai next week to compete in the 2015 Clash Of Champions, the world's richest indoor tunnel flying event.

Representing Singapore will be the A Team as well as youngsters from SkyBlockers and Team Firefly when they line-up at Inflight Dubai in the three-day event being staged from November 26-28 under the patronage of HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai.

With US\$200,000 in prize-money on offer - the richest in the history of indoor tunnel flying - the tournament has attracted teams from across the globe who will all get the opportunity to compete in Inflight Dubai's state-of-the-art 5.03m x 20.73m indoor tunnel, the tallest and largest in the world.

Kyra Poh, Danelle Goh and Joshua and Jordan Lee are the four youngsters (aged between 11 and 13) competing as SkyBlockers and will make their international debut in the 4-Way Freestyle A Category.

"SkyBlockers have been flying for just over two years and are the only kids team in Singapore competing against adults," said instructor Dannel Lee. "They've been winning competitions in iFly Singapore Scrambles either as a team or as pairs with their closest rivals coming from the Singapore military teams, Singapore Red Lions.

"We've heard a lot of great things about skydiving in Dubai and the kids are all looking forward to competing and exploring the city. In Dubai, they'll be able to see how far they've come in their training. Only by competing with others will they be able to see where they stand in the sport. They're also looking forward to catching up with Dubai's Mini Maktoum team!"

SkyBlocker Kyra Poh will also be competing as half of Team Firefly with Yi Xuan Choo. The two girls started flying in 2011 when just eight and nine year-olds and since then have developed into serious indoor skydivers who are passionate about the sport and compete professionally both locally and internationally.

Kyra and Yi will compete in the 2-Way Dynamic category and will be boosted by their results from this year's UK Bedford World Challenge where they finished third overall in the same category.

"The girls are really excited to meet their fellow competitors who are more like friends to them," added Lee. "They are aiming to be top five in the category but, more importantly, they just want to show the world what they can do as a young Singaporean girls team. It's also a chance to learn from the best teams in the competition."

Also flying the flag for Singapore will be the A Team squad of Johnny Lye, Roy Lim, Lee Hui Huang, Siow Tian Rui and Choo Yi Xuan, another group of flyers from iFly Singapore, who will compete alongside SkyBlockers in the 4-Way Freestyle A.

"It's also our first international competition so we are really excited to fly in the Dubai tunnel," said Jonny Lye. "As it's our first competition together, we will try our very best and hope for a good result. It's going to be great to compete alongside the SkyBlockers - watch out for them!"

Event Director Freddy McDonald is delighted to be welcoming three teams from Singapore for what will be Inflight Dubai's first Clash of Champions.

"It's wonderful to have so many young people interested in skydiving and tunnel flying," he said. "If we can encourage the next generation of tunnel flyers to progress and display their skills, then this Clash of Champions will have been a major success no matter who takes home the medals in each category."

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