

# ACTIVITY REPORT

## “Bridging and sustaining Persons with Disabilities Community through Sports” Project

by  
Malaysia IATSS Forum Alumni  
(MIFA)

*In collaboration with:*

UiTM Shah Alam &  
Wheelchair Tennis Malaysia (WTM)

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## Background

Registered under the Commissioner of Sports Malaysia in 1998, the Wheelchair Tennis Malaysia (WTM) is a platform dedicated to produce athletes of national and international level.

Since then, Malaysian wheelchair tennis players have won many medals in the Asian Championships as well as the ones in Europe. Notably in BNP Paribas World Team Cup 2015, where Malaysia won the Bronze, a first ever medal in World Group II after previously finishing tenth in 2004 and 2011 and ninth in 2014.

## Introduction

Under the *Budget 2017*, the Malaysian Government allocated RM535mil to aid persons with disabilities (PWDs) that will cover employee allowance, training allowance for disabled children, and assistance for PWDs who are unable to work. However, the Malaysian Ministry of Youth and Sports is only able to financially support national players, and not the WTM entirety; despite the WTM's progress in international wheelchair tennis tournaments.

Thus, this creates a challenge for WTM to further develop young Malaysian players and also to sustain the development and progress that WTM has done for wheelchair tennis in Malaysia.

Currently the Malaysia Open is a Future Series event, (its lower than ITF 3). The aim is in the next few years to elevate to ITF 3, ITF 2, and ITF 1 at some point to Super Series in the future. Therefore, there is a need to elevate Future Series to ITF3 (and above) to create a more competitive level for local athletes with higher ranking points and prize money where international participants will also participate here, in which will inevitably help young Malaysian wheelchair tennis players to develop and polish their skills further, with hope to qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics.

Malaysian IATSS Forum Alumni (MIFA) views this challenge faced by WTM as an opportunity to ensure social inclusion for the PWDs in the Malaysian society and assist WTM at the same time. MIFA pursues this project with the objective to address the need of access for persons with disabilities to quality physical activity and sporting opportunities. Thus, this collaboration will mutually benefit MIFA and WTM in terms of getting the exposure for both entity with a share belief that sports can improve the health, well-being and quality of life of any person with a disability. More importantly, people who participate in sports enjoy psychological benefits like good self-esteem, confidence and a belief in their skills and abilities; vital in creating a sustainable community.

## Project Theme

The theme of the project is social inclusion, in line with the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Under the 2030 Agenda, 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets have been set to seek balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development; the economic, social and environmental. The project focused on SDG's Goal 11, which aims to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. Under the 11.7 target, it seeks to provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, in particular for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities.

Therefore, MIFA aims in educating how social inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) is important in creating a sustainable community. In addition, the project also serves as a publicity exercise for MIFA.

## Project Outcome

Date: 13 May 2017  
Time: 8am to 2pm  
Venue: Sports Complex, UiTM Shah Alam  
Attendance: 200 people (Approximate)

MIFA attendees:

Lim Poh Aun (17 <sup>th</sup> )*	Siti Nursharini (52 <sup>nd</sup> )*	Rasina Rasid (56 <sup>th</sup> )
Hariz Kamal (54 <sup>th</sup> )*	Khadijah Shariat (Ejah) (51 <sup>st</sup> )*	Jane Lasan (47 <sup>th</sup> )
Ling Fei Wen (50 <sup>th</sup> )*	Ruzainie Mazuri (55 <sup>th</sup> )*	Khoo May Yin (Sakura) (43 <sup>rd</sup> )
Aida Firdaus Muhammad Nurul Azmi (54 <sup>th</sup> )*	Zain Azrai Zaaba (41 <sup>st</sup> )	Roshni
Atiqah Johari (49 <sup>th</sup> )*	Foo Chee Thong (6 <sup>th</sup> )	Cindy Tan Bee Tuan (10 <sup>th</sup> )
Suzieana Uda Nagu (35 <sup>th</sup> )*	Lum Chee Wah (24 <sup>th</sup> )	Zuraidah Atan (21 <sup>st</sup> )
Rasima Rasid (49 <sup>th</sup> )*	Nur Hanis (45 <sup>th</sup> )	

\*2016-2018 Committee

## Project Highlights

1. Mr Lim Poh Aun,  
President of MIFA welcome speech, addressing the attendees of the event



2. Presentation by Mr Lenny Gandhi, Chairman of Wheelchair Tennis Malaysia on Wheelchair Tennis Malaysia (WTM)



3. Presentation by Hariz Kamal,  
Vice President of MIFA about IATSS Forum & MIFA



4. Presentation and briefing by Fei,  
MIFA committee member (on behalf of WTM) on the activities and the bag full of dreams



## 5. MIFA promotional booth



6. Tennis Workshop, WTM Demonstration on the obstacles faced, followed by competitive tennis demo



7. Public participation with WTM, allowing public to experience obstacles and competitive tennis in a wheelchair



8. Media exposure: Television coverage

Aired: 23 May 2017 (Tuesday)  
7:45 PM  
Channel: TV 1



**Other highlights:** UiTM organized other activities under the Green & Health Carnival to draw the crowd to the MIFA event such as Blood donation drive, Fear Factor challenge and Cultural booth

The actual total number of participants by category on the day of the 13 May 2017 event was as follows:-

<u>Category</u>	<u>Actual number that attended the event</u>
MIFA members	20
WTM members, coaches, helpers	15
UiTM staff	15
UiTM students	184
General public	<u>35</u>
Total Attendance	<u>269</u>

## 9. Budget Estimate versus Actual Cost Analysis

Based on USD to RM exchange rate of 4.3, there was some surplus from the original Budget Estimate amount of RM9,910, when compared to the Actual Cost amount, RM9,351.50. This works out to 94.36%

However, on the **actual day of the fund transfer**, the USD to RM exchange rate was 4.34685, there was some surplus from the original Budget Estimate amount of RM10,019.51, when compared to the Actual Cost amount, RM9,351.50. This works out to 93.33%.

There is actually a surplus of RM668.01 and both Midori-san and the IF Steering Committee had been informed about the surplus amount and request on guidance if we should return the funds back to IF Steering Committee or use it for MIFA activities like those listed below.

1) Leave it for next Oct 2017 Langkawi Team building-MIFA-WTM project (MIFA PROJECT IN FINANCIAL yEAR 2017) or

2) Use this for updating MIFA database by passing to Jo Ong & team to make hp calls to the "missing" MIFA Alumni or

3) Use for my Sandakan to KK express coach trip & hotel stay to meet up 58th batch Ms Adyla on 4 July orientation, as she was unable to fly from Kota Kinabalu, Sabah to Kuala Lumpur for the orientation held in April 2017 for the 57 & 58th batch.

Midori-san requested the surplus of RM 668.01 can be used for any or all of the 3 MIFA activities listed based on the MIFA Committee consensus decision.

### Conclusion

This project's main objective is to educate and create awareness on how social inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). Therefore, MIFA the project engaged the wider community and the local community to understand the importance of social inclusion of PWDs in creating a more sustainable and resilient community.

Through the collaboration with UiTM, it enables MIFA to connect with young leaders (students and academicians) to understand the importance of access to safe, inclusive and accessible public spaces for PWDs. While with WTM, it opens an avenue for MIFA to contribute and assist WTM in developing more Malaysian Para-Olympians for the future and continue helping the younger generation to use sports as a constructive avenue to develop their skills and fulfilling their potential.

Ultimately, the collaborations established through this project, MIFA hopes to engage a wider spectrum of applicants in future IATSS Forum batches as well.

## Expenditure

### Details of Budget

No	Item Breakdown	Budget Estimate	Actual Cost
1	Dinner meeting with WTM President & ex-WTM President (Project initiation)	Dinner: = RM 240	<b>RM 240</b>
2	Transportation cost	Transportation allowance: RM30 x 20 pax = RM 600	<b>RM 300</b>
3	Purchase of Learning Materials	RM500	<b>RM 258</b>
4	Cost of Professional Development Workshops for members	WTM (Coach & Athletes): 10 person x RM150 = RM 1,500	<b>RM 1,200</b>
5	Cost for Publicity RTM coverage (TV)	RM 400	<b>RM 400</b>
6	Cost for IATSS promotion	Polo shirt 20 pax x RM 35 = RM 700  Canvas Bags RM 20 x 200 pieces = RM 4,000	<b>RM 750</b>  <b>RM 4,000</b>
7	Rental of Sport Complex (to accommodate 500pax for opening and seminars)	RM150/hour  RM150 x 3 hours = RM 450	<b>RM 450</b>
8	Tennis Court	RM15/hour/court RM15 x 2hrs x 2 courts = RM 60	<b>RM 60</b>
9	Light refreshment	Breakfast RM 6 x 80 pax = RM 480  Lunch RM 6 x 80 pax = RM 480	RM 5 x 130 pax = <b>RM 660</b>  RM 5 x 130 pax = <b>RM 660</b>
10	Miscellaneous items - Mineral waters - Other contingency matters	RM500	Mineral water = <b>RM 148.50</b> Banner & Flyers = <b>RM 165</b> Hamper = RM 150 (Sponsored) Staffing cost for tent set up = <b>RM 60</b>
	<b>Total</b> (Exchange rate: RM4.30: USD1)	<b>RM9,910</b> (approx. USD2,305)  <b>Actual Received</b> (RM 10,019.51)	<b>RM 9,351.50</b>  <b>Suprlus</b> <b><u>RM 668.01</u></b>

