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Singapore Sports School – A Key Partner For National Football Project

1. Singapore Sports School supports the national vision to uplift football, and will actively leverage the unique features and values offered by the School to further the national project. Established in 2004, Sports School provides a holistic sport-focused education to nurture Champions In Sports, Champions For Sports and Champions In Life. Football has been offered as an Academy Programme in the school since its inception.
2. Sports School is the best place for student-athletes, including footballers, who wish to pursue sports at a high level while pursuing their academic studies. Aspiring footballers interested to play football professionally will benefit from high-quality sport development programmes, top-notch coaching, and individualised athlete development plans that will ensure their training and competition experience is optimised for them. Student-athletes' long-term development will also be further supported by athlete-friendly academic programmes at both secondary and post-secondary levels, athlete-life management and performance support, and boarding facilities within the school's campus.
3. Talented student-athletes also get to train and compete overseas and are supported with scholarships to further their development. For example, our footballers enjoy training stints in the region to hone their skills. We look forward to developing and expanding these partnerships with renowned overseas football academies, where our student-athletes can train and be exposed to other systems.
4. To instil an interest in Football among young children, Sports School has also been operating as one of ActiveSG's Development Centres. It has been conducting football training for primary school children between 10 and 12 years old. Moving forward, Sports School plans to extend its outreach by conducting additional 'Learn to Play' programmes for younger children. It will also work with primary schools and grassroots organisations to reach out to lower-income families to give them the opportunity to participate in the programme. This will further expand opportunities for more children to experience and enjoy football from a younger age.
5. For high performing female footballers who are recommended by the Football Association of Singapore (FAS) and found suitable for admission into Sports School, they would also be supported by the sports-focused environment of Sports School while training with the FAS/club. Sports School also welcomes talented student-athletes to join its Football Academy mid-way during their secondary education, as well as in its post-secondary programmes – ranging from

the International Baccalaureate Diploma to business diploma programmes with Ngee Ann or Republic Polytechnic.

6. Mr Ong Kim Soon, Principal of Singapore Sports School, is confident that Sports School can contribute significantly to the push towards uplifting Singapore’s football. He said, “As a national sports academy of excellence, Singapore Sports School has an important role to play in developing the pipeline of national athletes, including football talents. We will continue to work hand-in-hand with stakeholders to align our goals, strengthen the football programme within Sports School, and do more community outreach, to boost interest in football, and the aspirations of football enthusiasts.”

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