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THE OCBC AQUATIC CENTRE IS THE FIRST SINGAPORE SPORTS HUB FACILITY TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION

- *OCBC Aquatic Centre will cater to both elite athletes and the community;*
- *OCBC Aquatic Centre will be the new home of Singapore Swimming;*
- *TYR 2nd Southeast Asian (SEA) Swimming Championships 2014 presented by Yakult, Singapore Swim Stars and FINA World Cup to be first events to take place at the OCBC Aquatic Centre*

Singapore, 19 May 2014 – SportsHub Pte. Ltd. and Premier Founding Partner OCBC Group, together with Mr. Lawrence Wong, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, and the Singapore Swimming Association, today celebrated the completion of the first Singapore Sports Hub facility – the OCBC Aquatic Centre.

Graced by past and present Singapore swimmers including the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic quartet – David Lim, Oon Jin Teik, Ang Peng Siong and Oon Jin Gee, the current national teams for swimming, water polo, synchronised swimming and diving, as well as OCBC Bank beneficiaries from Regent Secondary School, the landmark event saw both athletes and members of the community take to the waters at the OCBC Aquatic Centre for the first time.

Members of the public can also experience the facility from next month, as the OCBC Aquatic Centre undergoes a series of soft events before it becomes fully operational.

Mr. Philippe Collin Delavaud, CEO, SportsHub Pte Ltd, said the completion of the OCBC Aquatic Centre marks one of many significant milestones as the Singapore Sports Hub prepares for its public launch later in the year.

“It has been a long and exciting road leading up to this point. Our vision for the Singapore Sports Hub to be a place for everyone – from athletes to everyday Singaporeans – is finally coming to life. It is inspiring to see swimming legends and members of the community come together to enjoy sports such as diving and synchronised swimming. We are certain that with events such as the SEA Swimming Championships and Singapore Swim Stars taking place this year, we can expect not just great swim meets but also an avenue for Singaporeans to get involved in the sport and fringe activities that will be built around them,” explained Mr. Delavaud.

OCBC Bank Chairman, Dr. Cheong Choong Kong, said, "The OCBC Aquatic Centre will play host to major international meets and top competitive swimmers. And it won't be just the OCBC Aquatic Centre, but the rest of the Singapore Sports Hub as well, including the OCBC Arena, that will be ablaze with sports events featuring well-known names from all over the world. We welcome this, and it's great to be part of it. But what excites us more than anything else is what the OCBC Aquatic Centre and OCBC Arena will offer the community. There's a clear understanding between us and the Sports Hub that our sponsorship money will go largely towards funding events and activities that members of the community can participate in – not just the professional and the accomplished, but anyone. The OCBC Aquatic Centre and OCBC Arena will be a place for families and communities to come together – to play and compete, or just watch and cheer."

Jeffrey Leow, President of the Singapore Swimming Association, said: "Singapore Swimming Association is very excited that we now have a brand new world-class facility to call our 'home'. Housed in the OCBC Aquatic Centre of the Singapore Sports Hub, this facility offers a full-range of aquatic facilities built to FINA international standards and will benefit our athletes in their high performance training. We are also looking to bring in more world-class events to Singapore beginning with the Southeast Asian Swimming Championships in June, Swim Stars in September, the FINA World Cup in November this year and FINA World Juniors next year sometime in late August."

SEA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The TYR 2nd Southeast Asian Swimming Championships 2014 presented by Yakult will see over 200 of the best athletes in the ASEAN region competing in four aquatic disciplines of swimming, diving, water polo and synchronised swimming from 14 to 26 June 2014.

This is a historic event as it will be the first ever international competition that will be held at the new OCBC Aquatic Centre. This will be a fantastic preview of the line-up as well as what to expect for the SEA Games 2015, which will be hosted in Singapore.

SINGAPORE SWIM STARS

Held from 5 – 7 September, the Singapore Swim Stars boasts a programme that includes an unprecedented competition format involving some of the world's best swimmers, a synchronised swimming showcase as well as swimming clinics conducted by the swimmers and an open water event for the community.

TICKETING DETAILS

Tickets to the TYR 2nd SEA Swimming Championships presented by Yakult and Singapore Swim Stars will be sold via www.sportshubtix.sg.

About OCBC Bank

OCBC Bank is the longest established Singapore bank, formed in 1932 from the merger of three local banks, the oldest of which was founded in 1912. It is now the second largest financial services group in Southeast Asia by assets and one of the world's most highly-rated banks, with an Aa1 rating from Moody's. It was ranked by Bloomberg Markets as the world's strongest bank in 2011 and 2012.

OCBC Bank and its subsidiaries offer a broad array of specialist financial and wealth management services, ranging from consumer, corporate, investment, private and transaction banking to treasury, insurance, asset management and stockbroking services.

OCBC Bank's key markets are Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Greater China. It has a network of over 450 branches and representative offices in 17 countries and territories, including more than 330 branches and offices in Indonesia that are operated by its subsidiary, Bank OCBC NISP.

OCBC Bank's insurance subsidiary, Great Eastern Holdings, is the largest insurance group in Singapore and Malaysia by assets. Its asset management subsidiary, Lion Global Investors, is one of the largest private sector asset management companies in Southeast Asia. Private banking services are provided by subsidiary Bank of Singapore, which continued to gain industry recognition including being voted "Outstanding Private Bank in Asia Pacific" in 2013 by Private Banker International.

For more information, please visit www.ocbc.com.

About Singapore Sports Hub

The Singapore Sports Hub will be Singapore's premier sports, entertainment and lifestyle hub with integrated community programming.

Consisting of a unique cluster development of integrated world-class sports facilities within the city, it will play a critical role in accelerating the development of sports industry, excellence and participation, and will take sports to the next level in Singapore.

Located on a 35-hectare site in Kallang, the Singapore Sports Hub will include the following facilities:

- A new 55,000-capacity National Stadium with a retractable roof and movable tiered seating
- A 6,000-capacity OCBC Aquatic Centre that meets FINA standards
- A 3,000-capacity OCBC Arena which will be scalable and flexible in layout

- Water Sports Centre featuring dragon boating, kayaking and canoeing
- 41,000 sq m Kallang Wave Mall
- The iconic Singapore Indoor Stadium
- Singapore Sports Museum
- Sports Hub Library
- Daily community facilities and activities open for Singaporeans, including beach volleyball, hard courts for basketball, lawn bowls, giant chess, skate park, climbing wall and running/cycling circuit

The Singapore Sports Hub, which is managed by SportsHub Pte Ltd, is one of the largest sporting Public-Private Partnership (PPP) project in the world. It is also Singapore's largest flagship PPP project of this nature, and has won the PFI award in London in 2011 and the World Architecture Festival Award for Best Future Project in the leisure-led development category in 2013.

For more information, please visit the Singapore Sports Hub website: www.sportshub.com.sg

The Public-Private Partnership includes:



About Singapore Swimming Association

Singapore Swimming Association (SSA) was set up in 1939 and is currently the National Sports Association governing swimming, water polo, diving, synchronised swimming and open water swimming in Singapore.
