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Badminton Powerhouse Team China Announce Entry for Singapore Open

Singapore fans can possibly witness a rematch between Lin Dan and Loh Kean Yew and more big names to feature at Singapore Open

[Singapore, 14 February 2019] – Team China has announced that they will send 35-player strong contingent at the upcoming Singapore Open 2019 from 9-14 April. Singapore's most esteemed badminton event makes its return to the Singapore Indoor Stadium and this latest announcement will only further ignite the event!

Olympic Gold medallist, Li Xuerui, will be one of the shuttlers representing China. Li suffered a grave injury in 2016 and has been on a comeback trail for a while. She previously said that the 2020 Tokyo Olympics is her ultimate mission, and the Singapore Open will provide the perfect platform for her to fine-tune her rhythm as the Olympic Games draw closer.

"It's been a long time since I last competed in Singapore and I'm using this to improve my ranking ahead of the Olympic qualifying period. Qualifying for the Olympics is definitely my target now. I'm building up my stamina and pace, getting ready for the upcoming tournaments when the qualifying period starts," said Li.

Li Xuerui will face some tough competition in the Women's Singles category as 2013 World Champion and 2016 Singapore Open winner Ratchanok Intanon (THA) and 2012 Olympic bronze medallist Saina Nehwal (IND) have also confirmed their participation.

One mouth-watering match-up that fans can pine for is the potential rematch between Lin Dan and Loh Kean Yew. As Team China makes its way to our sunny shores, Lin will be amongst them. The two time Olympic Medallist and five time World Champion will be looking to make his mark in Singapore by winning his first Singapore Open title, a title that is still missing from his trophy closet.

It will be a tight race within the China team for the 2020 Olympics and when asked about his expectations on potentially qualifying, Lin said, "I have registered for quite a number of tournaments this year including Singapore Badminton Open. I'm hoping to earn as many points as possible, to improve my ranking. I hope to get mentally prepared before the Olympic qualification period commences."

Another household name badminton fans are all too familiar with is the reigning Olympic champion, Chen Long. The two-time world champion will also be participating in the Singapore Open and seize this opportunity to pit himself against top oppositions as he prepares to defend his Olympic crown in Tokyo next year.



In addition to 2016 Olympic Mixed Doubles Silver medallists Goh Liu Ying and Chan Peng Soon, compatriots Goh V Shem and Tan Wee Kiong have also confirmed their participation. The Malaysian pair are also Olympic Silver medallists, achieving the feat back in 2016.

Indonesia has also recently announced its entry in the Singapore Open. Amongst their elite group of shuttlers are a number of former Singapore Open Winners. Reigning Men's Doubles champion Hendra Setiawan and Mohammad Ahsan have conquered Singapore Open twice and will be hoping to repeat the feat this year as they prepare to defend their crown.

2015 Men's Doubles champion Ricky Karanda Suwardi and Angga Pratama will also be competing and attempt to oust their compatriots off their throne. Tommy Sugiarto, the 2013 Singapore Open Men's Singles champion enters the mix and will compete against the likes of Lin Dan and Chen Long.

Shuttlers have until 26th February to confirm their entries for the Singapore Badminton Open 2019. Tickets are available via Sports Hub Tix and APAC Tix. Early Bird ticket sales end 28th February 2019.

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Player Entry List

Event	Member ID	Country	Player	Gender	Request status
MS	75787	CHN	CHEN, Long	Male	
MS	50906	CHN	LIN, Dan	Male	
MS	71261	CHN	HUANG, Yuxiang	Male	
MS	77427	CHN	LU, Guangzu	Male	
MS	91093	CHN	ZHOU, Zeqi	Male	
MS	95930	CHN	ZHAO, Junpeng	Male	
WS	78116	CHN	GAO, Fangjie	Female	
WS	92967	CHN	HAN, Yue	Female	
WS	89700	CHN	CAI, Yanyan	Female	
WS	64643	CHN	LI, Xuerui	Female	
WS	58637	CHN	CHEN, Xiaoxin	Female	
MD	79059	CHN	LI, Junhui	Male	-
	93367	CHN	LIU, Yuchen	Male	
MD	95396	CHN	LIU, Cheng	Male	-
	35357	CHN	ZHANG, Nan	Male	
MD	66491	CHN	HAN, Chengkai	Male	-
	61160	CHN	ZHOU, Haodong	Male	
MD	59673	CHN	HE, Jiting	Male	-
	58678	CHN	TAN, Qiang	Male	
MD	58241	CHN	OU, Xuanyi	Male	-
	84812	CHN	REN, Xiangyu	Male	
MD	82666	CHN	WANG, Zekang	Male	-
	83797	CHN	HUANG, Kaixiang	Male	
WD	78837	CHN	LI, Wenmei	Female	-
	85331	CHN	ZHENG, Yu	Female	
WD	59576	CHN	FENG, Xueying	Female	-
	64949	CHN	DONG, Wenjing	Female	
WD	60567	CHN	LIU, Xuanxuan	Female	-
	68753	CHN	XIA, Yuting	Female	

WD	72349	CHN	CHEN, Lu	Female	-
	67270	CHN	XU, Ya	Female	-
XD	83046	CHN	ZHENG, Siwei	Male	-
	63168	CHN	HUANG, Yaqiong	Female	-
XD	28549	CHN	LU, Kai	Male	-
	72349	CHN	CHEN, Lu	Female	-
XD	58241	CHN	OU, Xuanyi	Male	-
	59576	CHN	FENG, Xueying	Female	-
XD	59673	CHN	HE, Jiting	Male	-
	65984	CHN	DU, Yue	Female	-

35 Unique players in this entry.

	Event	Member ID	Country	Player	Gender	Request status
MS	52030	MAS	CHONG, Wei Feng	Male		
MD	53131	MAS	ARIF, Mohamad Arif Ab Latif	Male	-	
	70443	MAS	AZRIYN, Nur Mohd Azriyn Ayub	Male	-	
MD	54805	MAS	GOH, V Shem	Male	-	
	52071	MAS	TAN, Wee Kiong	Male	-	
MD	93757	MAS	LOW, Juan Shen	Male	-	
	65113	MAS	CHOOI, Kah Ming	Male	-	
XD	53131	MAS	ARIF, Mohamad Arif Ab Latif	Male	Approved	
	74525	INA	RIODINGIN, Rusydina Antardayu	Female		
XD	53142	MAS	CHAN, Peng Soon	Male	-	
	53159	MAS	GOH, Liu Ying	Female	-	

10 Unique players in this entry.

	Event	Member ID	Country	Player	Gender	Request status
WS	35642	THA	INTANON, Ratchanok	Female		
WS	84062	THA	CHOCHUWONG, Pornpawee	Female		
MD	61731	THA	PUAVARANUKROH, Dechapol	Male	-	
	73633	THA	KEDREN, Kittinupong	Male	-	

MD	75983	THA	ISARA, Bodin	Male	-
	67172	THA	JONGJIT, Maneepong	Male	
WD	67158	THA	TAERATTANACHAI, Sapsiree	Female	-
	68441	THA	SUPAJIRAKUL, Puttita	Female	
XD	61731	THA	PUAVARANUKROH, Dechapol	Male	-
	67158	THA	TAERATTANACHAI, Sapsiree	Female	

8 Unique players in this entry.

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MS	77003	IND	VERMA, Sameer	Male	
MS	53944	IND	PARUPALLI, Kashyap	Male	
MS	93627	IND	KIDAMBI, Srikanth	Male	
WS	52748	IND	NEHWAL, Saina	Female	
WS	89342	IND	KANWAL, Kanika	Female	
MD	58680	IND	VASUDEVAN, Velavan	Male	-
	96637	IND	ELUMALAI, Mohanraj	Male	
MD	59803	IND	ATTRI, Manu	Male	-
	24172	IND	REDDY, B. Sumeeth	Male	

9 Unique players in this entry.

Event	Member ID	Country	Player	Gender	Request status
MS	14587	INA	SUGIARTO, Tommy	Male	
MD	51074	INA	SETIAWAN, Hendra	Male	-
	52749	INA	AHSAN, Mohammad	Male	
MD	61855	INA	PRATAMA, Angga	Male	-
	66493	INA	KARANDASUWARDI, Ricky	Male	
XD	53131	MAS	ARIF, Mohamad Arif Ab Latif	Male	Approved
	74525	INA	RIODINGIN, Rusydira Antardayu	Female	

7 Unique players in this entry.



***DISCLAIMER** - Countries have until 26 February 2019 to submit their squads for the Singapore Badminton Open 2019 and until 18 March 2019 to withdraw any players from the submitted squad without penalty.