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## **NINE OF THE WORLD'S TOP 10 WOMEN SINGLES AT OUE SINGAPORE OPEN 2017**

Badminton Asia Mixed Team Champions, Japan, confirm team for OUE Open

(SINGAPORE, 21 February 2017) – The competition in this year's OUE Singapore Open women's singles category looks to be exceptionally tough with world no. 1 Tai Tzu Ying confirming her entry. Part of the MetLife BWF Superseries, the OUE Singapore Open 2017 will be held from 11 April to 16 April at the Singapore Indoor Stadium.

After suffering a disappointing first-round elimination at last year's OUE Open by current World No. 10, He Bingjiao, Tai is looking to redeem herself. Known for her offensive, unpredictable and spontaneous playing style, Tai is bound to stun the crowd at the Indoor Stadium and keep them at the edge of their seats.

"In badminton, everyone has a chance of winning. I am going into the OUE Open, prepared to give my all. Staying competitive and playing my best is more important to me than being world no. 1." said Tai.

Tai can expect to face strong competition in the women's singles' category which features nine of the world's top 10, including Olympics 2016 champion and two-time world champion Carolina Marin from Spain and defending OUE Open women's singles champion, Ratchanok Intanon of Thailand.

Joining Tai in the women's singles' category are Indian shuttlers – P.V. Sindhu, Olympic 2016's runner-up, and Saina Nehwal, the former world no. 1. At the tender age of 21, Sindhu was the youngest Olympic medalist from India.

Further raising the ante of the OUE Open, Hong Kong and Japan have also submitted their 18 and 25-shuttler team respectively for the tournament. The Hong Kong team includes Hu Yun, who was the runner-up of Singapore Open 2015.

Leading the recently crowned Badminton Asia Mixed Team champions, are Olympic women's doubles gold medalist, Ayaka Takahashi and Misaki Matsutomo, Olympic bronze medalist Nozomi Okuhara and world no. 6, Akane Yamaguchi.

"Due to my injury, we had to withdraw from the finals in last year's OUE Open. However, I believe that this hastened my recovery process and allowed us to clinch the gold medal in the Rio Olympics. Of course, we would like to win our first Singapore Open title this year, but we know that it's not an easy feat. The fans at the Singapore Indoor Stadium are highly supportive, and we promise to do our best." mentioned Matsutomo.

With the 28 February registration deadline just a week away, more teams are expected to submit their entries for the OUE Singapore Open 2017.

Organisers of the OUE Singapore Open 2017 are confident that with the current star-studded line up, more world-class shuttlers will submit their entries before the deadline.



\*Tickets for the OUE Singapore Open 2017 are available via Sports Hub Tix and Apac Tix. Registration is subjected to change.

## Player entry list

| Event | Member ID | Country | Player           | Gender | Request status |
|-------|-----------|---------|------------------|--------|----------------|
| MS    | 34810     | TPE     | CHOU, Tien Chen  | Male   |                |
| MS    | 67100     | TPE     | HSU, Jen Hao     | Male   |                |
| MS    | 87375     | TPE     | WANG, Tzu Wei    | Male   |                |
| MS    | 52983     | TPE     | HSUEH, Hsuan Yi  | Male   |                |
| MS    | 91665     | TPE     | LIN, Yu Hsien    | Male   |                |
| WS    | 74561     | TPE     | HSU, Ya Ching    | Female |                |
| WS    | 27588     | TPE     | CHIANG, Mei Hui  | Female |                |
| WS    | 76717     | TPE     | LEE, Chia Hsin   | Female |                |
| WS    | 61427     | TPE     | TAI, Tzu Ying    | Female |                |
| WS    | 99925     | TPE     | PAI, Yu Po       | Female |                |
| MD    | 69448     | TPE     | LEE, Yang        | Male   | -              |
|       | 99102     | TPE     | LEE, Jhe-Huei    | Male   |                |
| MD    | 53613     | TPE     | CHEN, Hung Ling  | Male   | -              |
|       | 96514     | TPE     | WANG, Chi-Lin    | Male   |                |
| MD    | 56746     | TPE     | LU, Ching Yao    | Male   | -              |
|       | 59709     | TPE     | YANG, Po Han     | Male   |                |
| MD    | 52931     | TPE     | LEE, Sheng Mu    | Male   | -              |
|       | 13189     | TPE     | TSAI, Chia Hsin  | Male   |                |
| MD    | 86722     | TPE     | LU, Chia Pin     | Male   | -              |
|       | 96645     | TPE     | LIAO, Kuan Hao   | Male   |                |
| WD    | 74561     | TPE     | HSU, Ya Ching    | Female | -              |
|       | 95143     | TPE     | WU, Ti Jung      | Female |                |
| WD    | 53628     | TPE     | HUNG, Shih Han   | Female | -              |
|       | 84929     | TPE     | CHIANG, Kai Hsin | Female |                |
| XD    | 96514     | TPE     | WANG, Chi-Lin    | Male   | -              |
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| XD    | 56746     | TPE     | LU, Ching Yao    | Male   | -              |
|       | 84929     | TPE     | CHIANG, Kai Hsin | Female |                |
| XD    | 66194     | TPE     | LIN, Chia Yu     | Male   | -              |
|       | 95143     | TPE     | WU, Ti Jung      | Female |                |
| XD    | 53628     | TPE     | HUNG, Shih Han   | Female | -              |
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|-------|-----------|---------|------------------------|--------|----------------|
| MS    | 45171     | HKG     | NG, Ka Long Angus      | Male   |                |
| MS    | 14869     | HKG     | HU, Yun                | Male   |                |
| MS    | 55280     | HKG     | WONG, Wing Ki Vincent  | Male   |                |
| MS    | 53054     | HKG     | WEI, Nan               | Male   |                |
| MS    | 94780     | HKG     | LEE, Cheuk Yiu         | Male   |                |
| WS    | 87709     | HKG     | CHEUNG, Ngan Yi        | Female |                |
| WS    | 51649     | HKG     | YIP, Pui Yin           | Female |                |
| MD    | 75069     | HKG     | OR, Chin Chung         | Male   | -              |
|       | 77689     | HKG     | TANG, Chun Man         | Male   |                |
| MD    | 92609     | HKG     | LEE, Chun Hei Reginald | Male   | -              |
|       | 62282     | HKG     | LAW, Cheuk Him         | Male   |                |
| MD    | 30163     | HKG     | TAM, Chun Hei          | Male   | -              |
|       | 54159     | HKG     | MAK, Hee Chun          | Male   |                |
| WD    | 61435     | HKG     | TSE, Ying Suet         | Female | -              |
|       | 55288     | HKG     | POON, Lok Yan          | Female |                |
| WD    | 68015     | HKG     | YEUNG, Nga Ting        | Female | -              |
|       | 61986     | HKG     | NG, Tsz Yau            | Female |                |
| XD    | 92609     | HKG     | LEE, Chun Hei Reginald | Male   | -              |
|       | 55285     | HKG     | CHAU, Hoi Wah          | Female |                |
| XD    | 77689     | HKG     | TANG, Chun Man         | Male   | -              |
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|-------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|--------|----------------|
| MS    | 85472     | IND     | DANI, Harsheel        | Male   |                |
| MS    | 93627     | IND     | KIDAMBI, Srikanth     | Male   |                |
| WS    | 73173     | IND     | PUSARLA, V. Sindhu    | Female |                |
| WS    | 52748     | IND     | NEHWAL, Saina         | Female |                |
| MD    | 59803     | IND     | ATTRI, Manu           | Male   | -              |
|       | 24172     | IND     | REDDY, B. Sumeeth     | Male   |                |
| WD    | 28248     | IND     | SAWANT, Prajakta      | Female | -              |
|       | 51651     | IND     | BALAN, Aparna         | Female |                |
| WD    | 72445     | IND     | AGGARWAL, Mahima      | Female | -              |
|       | 56836     | IND     | MANEESHA, K           | Female |                |
| WD    | 59206     | IND     | JAKKAMPUDI, Meghana   | Female | -              |
|       | 73496     | IND     | S RAM, Poorvisha      | Female |                |
| XD    | 72445     | IND     | AGGARWAL, Mahima      | Female | -              |
|       | 70500     | IND     | SHETTY, Chirag        | Male   |                |
| XD    | 59803     | IND     | ATTRI, Manu           | Male   | -              |
|       | 50884     | IND     | GUTTA, Jwala          | Female |                |
| XD    | 17515     | IND     | REDDY, N. Sikki       | Female | -              |
|       | 57839     | IND     | CHOPRA, Pranaav Jerry | Male   |                |
| XD    | 49765     | IND     | PONNAPPA, Ashwini     | Female | -              |
|       | 24172     | IND     | REDDY, B. Sumeeth     | Male   |                |
| XD    | 12377     | MAS     | KHRISHNAN, Yogendran  | Male   | Approved       |
|       | 28248     | IND     | SAWANT, Prajakta      | Female |                |



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| MS    | 85394     | JPN     | NISHIMOTO, Kenta  | Male   |                |
| MS    | 91280     | JPN     | SAKAI, Kazumasa   | Male   |                |
| MS    | 47181     | JPN     | UEDA, Takuma      | Male   |                |
| MS    | 64179     | JPN     | IGARASHI, Yu      | Male   |                |
| WS    | 96713     | JPN     | OKUHARA, Nozomi   | Female |                |
| WS    | 96312     | JPN     | YAMAGUCHI, Akane  | Female |                |
| WS    | 77317     | JPN     | SATO, Sayaka      | Female |                |
| WS    | 66644     | JPN     | MITANI, Minatsu   | Female |                |
| MD    | 90623     | JPN     | SONODA, Keigo     | Male   | -              |
|       | 70969     | JPN     | KAMURA, Takeshi   | Male   |                |
| MD    | 54026     | JPN     | ENDO, Hiroyuki    | Male   | -              |
|       | 58240     | JPN     | WATANABE, Yuta    | Male   |                |
| MD    | 81657     | JPN     | HOKI, Takuro      | Male   | -              |
|       | 67903     | JPN     | KOBAYASHI, Yugo   | Male   |                |
| WD    | 16981     | JPN     | TAKAHASHI, Ayaka  | Female | -              |
|       | 43851     | JPN     | MATSUTOMO, Misaki | Female |                |
| WD    | 26238     | JPN     | YONEMOTO, Koharu  | Female | -              |
|       | 96927     | JPN     | TANAKA, Shiho     | Female |                |
| WD    | 71023     | JPN     | FUKUSHIMA, Yuki   | Female | -              |
|       | 94519     | JPN     | HIROTA, Sayaka    | Female |                |
| WD    | 56251     | JPN     | FUKUMAN, Naoko    | Female | -              |
|       | 56417     | JPN     | YONAO, Kurumi     | Female |                |
| XD    | 53161     | JPN     | KAZUNO, Kenta     | Male   | -              |
|       | 89285     | JPN     | KURIHARA, Ayane   | Female |                |
| XD    | 58240     | JPN     | WATANABE, Yuta    | Male   | -              |
|       | 79558     | JPN     | HIGASHINO, Arisa  | Female |                |
| XD    | 67903     | JPN     | KOBAYASHI, Yugo   | Male   | -              |
|       | 43851     | JPN     | MATSUTOMO, Misaki | Female |                |

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