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# WeThe15 - Tim Para Malaysia

### <u>Selection of Tim Para Malaysia</u>

Paralympic Council of Malaysia (PCM) successfully conducted the final selection of para-athletes to compete in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. PCM Selection Committee headed by President PCM, Dato Sri Megat D Shahriman bin Dato Zaharudin chaired the online selection meeting on 17 July 2021. Members of the panel included Director-General of National Sports Council and Chief Executive Officer of National Sports Institute. Presentations were made by PCM Secretariat based on qualification data compiled about shortlisted athletes. Support justifications were given by respective sports associations. The selection process was conducted smoothly without any controversies and all stakeholders were satisfied with the selection process.

Selections were based on a set of criteria developed by the Selection Committee. Criteria includes current performances that meets Minimum Qualification Scores (MQS) issued by International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and performances at qualifying competitions which earns an athlete a merit slot. An athlete may also earn a bipartite slot given by International Paralympic Committee and respective International Sports Federations based on the athlete's world rankings.

# **Tim Para Malaysia Composition**

A total of 22 athletes (including 1 competition partner for visually impaired cyclist) and 2 competition partners (Boccia & Cycling) will take part in 9 para-sports scheduled to start on 24 August and ends on 5 September. Details of Tim Para Malaysia are as listed in Table 1.

Sports	Athlete	Event	Venue	Date
Archery	Suresh Selvatamby	Recurve Men Open	Yumenoshima Park Archery Field	27 Aug – 4 Sep
	Wiro Anak Julin	Compound Men Open		
Athletics	Abdul Latif Bin Romly	Long Jump – T20	Tokyo Olympic Stadium	27 Aug – 5 Sep
	Muhammad Ziyad Bin Zolkefli	Shot Put - F20		
	Mohamad Ridzuan Bin Mohamad Puzi	100m – T36		
	Wong Kar Gee	Long Jump – T13		
	Siti Noor lasah Binti Mohamad Ariffin	400m – T20		
Badminton	Cheh Liek Hou	Men's Singles SU5	Variati National Ctadium	1 – 5 Sep
	Didin Bin Taresoh	Men's Singles SH6	Yoyogi National Stadium	
Boccia	Chew Wei Lun	Mix Individual – BC1	Ariake Gymnastics Centre	28 Aug – 4 Sep

Cycling	Mohamad Yusof Hafizi Bin Shaharuddin	3km Individual Pursuit (Track) Mixed Team Sprint (Track) Individual Time Trial (Road) Road Race (Road)	Road Race Fuji International Speedway	
	Muhammad Hafiz Bin Jamali	Mixed Team Sprint (Track) 1km Time Trial (Track)	Track Race Izu Velodrome	31 Aug – 3 Sep
	Zuhairie Bin Ahmad Tarmizi	Mixed Team Sprint (Track) 1km Time Trial (Track)		
	Nur Azlia Syafinaz Binti Mohd Zais	Individual Time Trial (Road) Road Race (Road)		
	Nurul Suhada Binti Zainal (Pilot)			
Powerlifting	Bonnie Bunyau Anak Gustin	Men Up to 72kg	- Tokyo International Forum	26 – 30 Aug
	Jong Yee Khie	Men Up to 107kg		
Swimming	Muhammad Nur Syaiful Bin Zulkafli	50m Freestyle 100m Freestyle 200m Freestyle 100m Breaststroke	Tokyo Aquatics Centre	25 Aug – 3 Sep
	Brenda Anellia Larry	50m Backstroke 50m Butterfly		
	Jamery Anak Siga	50m Butterfly		
Table Tennis	Chee Chaoming	Single – TT9	Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium	25 Aug – 3 Sep
W/Chair Tennis	Abu Samah Bin Borhan	Men Single Open	Ariake Tennis Park	27 Aug – 4 Sep

# <u>Table 1 – Tim Para Malaysia Tokyo 2020</u>

Of these 22 contestants, 18 are male athletes and 4 are females. Out of this 22, 5 are wheelchaired athletes. These athletes shall be accompanied along with 15 coaches of respective sports and a Chaperones for our swimmer Brenda who shall be accompanied by her mother, as she is under the age of 18 and unable to move by herself.

In addition, the contingent shall also be supported by the following personnel:

Chef de Mission	Dato' Sri Megat D Shahriman Bin Dato Zaharudin	
	President Paralympic Council Malaysia	
Secretariat Team	<ul> <li>Secretary-General Paralympic Council Malaysia         First Admiral Dato Subramaniam Raman Nair (R)</li> <li>Director Paralympic Division – National Sports Council         En Sofian bin Hamzah</li> <li>Mr Mohan Govindasamy         Special Consultant to Paralympic Council Malaysia</li> </ul>	
Chief Medical Officer	Dr. Azril Syazwan Bin Mohd Ali	
1 x Nurse	Chief COVID-19 Liaison Officer From National Sports Institute (ISN)	
1 x Masseur		
1 x Physiotherapist	National Sports Institute (ISN)	
4 x Medical Personnel		
2 x Administrative Personnel	From National Sports Council (MSN)	

In total, Tim Para Malaysia Contingent to Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games consists of 54 members. The Paralympic Council of Malaysia shall be represented by Vice President Mr Muhd Iqbal Sulaiman and Secretary-General First Admiral Dato' Subramaniam Raman Nair (R).

#### **Departure & Arrival Plans**

An advance party is scheduled to depart on 17 August to attend to Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM) on 18 August. This meeting is vital to finalise correctness of all competition entry data and resolve prearranged administrative issues that involves accreditation, accommodation, and most importantly compliances to Covid-19 pandemic control protocols. The rest of the contingent will depart KLIA on a staggered basis of 3 groups to arrive in Tokyo on permitted dates before the start of respective competitions.

All Tokyo bound members are to observe strict self-quarantine measures 14 days before departure and required to undergo daily Covid-19 tests 72 hours before boarding the plane. Upon arrival, all members of the contingent will be subjected to Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee Covid-19 control protocols.

The contingent is expected back home on 6 September after the closing ceremony on 5 September. Upon arrival back home, all members of the contingent shall observe Movement Control Order SOPs that are in force during that time.

#### **PCM Track Records**

For the records, Malaysia has been taking part in Paralympic Games since 1972 and has won 11 medals – 3 golds, 2 silvers and 6 bronzes. These medals were from para-athletics, archery, and powerlifting. During the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, Malaysia sent 19 athletes to participate in 8 sports and for the first time we won 3 gold medals in the games.

For Tokyo 2020, para badminton makes its debut, and we have 2 players for singles' event. Our medal prospects are mainly from para-athletics, archery, powerlifting, badminton, cycling and swimming. Our mission is to defend the medals haul of Rio 2016 and raise the Para-Sports Index Bar to the next level.

# **Private Sector Sponsorship**

With the increased exposure of para-sports successes, the private sector has come forward to contribute goods in kind for the contingent. Bata Primavera under the brand, Bata Shoes donated 100 pairs of sports shoes exclusively designed for the Malaysian National Contingent bound for the Tokyo Games.

Julie's Manufacturing Sdn Bhd under the brand, Julie's Biscuits donated their snack products which proudly "New Look Same Taste" and contain "The Best of You" in each biscuit with the hope to share their values and love and best wishes to the athletes in Tokyo.

Nestle Products Sdn Bhd under the brand of MILO Malaysia, a regular and popular sponsor in our local sports circle, donated their food & beverages products for consumption by the contingent during training here and competition in Tokyo.

Maystar Beauty Sdn Bhd under their face mask brand, Neutrovis, continues its efforts to encourage the use of effective face masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by sponsoring our contingent at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics Games as part of the "Mask On, Spread Hope" campaign. Through this initiative, all local paraathletes and their delegates will be provided with premium Neutrovis medical face masks.

Groove Grocer, Flueri Flower and Batik by Fieraz have all stepped forward to support the Tim Para Malaysia with specially designed Batik Shirt to be worn by all contingent members during departure and arrivals at KLIA. Costume designed face mask match the Baju Melayu costume for the Opening Ceremony.

FWD has contributed monetary contributions for the development and participation of our Tim Para Malaysia at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

### **Demi Malaysia**

With 15 days countdown before the opening ceremony of Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games on 24 August, all parties involved, i.e. the Paralympic Council of Malaysia, National Sports Council, National Sports Institute and respective sports associations are monitoring closely the contingent's compliances to Covid-19 Control protocols and following up with experiences of Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

I also take this opportunity to thank all our generous sponsors who have stepped forward with a big heart to complement government's efforts to provide support for the athletes to compete in Tokyo.

On 12<sup>th</sup> August, the Deputy Youth & Sports Minister, Yang Berhormat Senator Tuan Wan Ahmad Fayhsal bin Wan Ahmad Kamal, will deliver his motivational message online to Tim Para Malaysia. President of Paralympic Council of Malaysia, Yang Hormat Dato' Sri Megat D. Shahriman bin Dato' Zaharudin, who is the the Chef de Mission shall present the latest status to all members of the contingent and stakeholders.

PCM shall be distributing regular / daily bulletins to update on the status of our Para Contingent in the games.

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