



# FENCING



## ANN LEE HUIMIN (李慧敏)

“

What's the Singapore Spirit? It's about being part of Team Singapore and striving to bring glory to Singapore!

”

13 Mar 1991 | 162 cm | 49 kg

### Event(s)

Sabre Individual, Sabre Team

### Latest Sporting Achievements

2007 24th SEA Games Korat Thailand Women's Sabre Team - Bronze

2010 Commonwealth Fencing Championships - 8th

2010 National Fencing Championships - Gold

2008 Southeast Asian Fencing Federation Cadet - Gold

2008 Southeast Asian Fencing Federation Junior - Bronze

### Current School / Employer

Singapore Management University

### About Me

I started fencing when I was 14. My friend, Ruth Ng who was in the National Women's Foil Team introduced me to Alex Golubev, who was then the developmental coach for Women's Sabre. I started training with him and made vast improvements. Within six months, I made it to the National Women's Sabre team and won the 2006 National Fencing Championships. Seeing that I had some potential in this sport, I decided to take it more seriously. I now train with National Coach Oleg Khorvat, and have been fencing professionally for three years. Within this short period, my team and I managed to achieve some remarkable results, such as the winning Bronze in the 2007 Women's Sabre Team event and am currently ranked 5th in Asia and 14th in the world.



## ANN KARIN MELBYE

“

Be united as one no matter where you are. That's what the Singapore Spirit is to me.

”

22 Nov 1988 | 168 cm | 65 kg

### Event(s)

Epee Individual, Epee Team

### Latest Sporting Achievements

2010 South East Asian Fencing Federation  
Championships - Women Epee Individual Gold

### Current School / Employer

Currently full-time training

### About Me

When I just entered secondary school, I wanted to try something different and special. It was one of the best decisions I have ever made. My proudest moment was when I won the South East Asian Fencing Championships in 2010, standing on the podium with the National Anthem playing. Although the level of competition is not as high as in the Asian Games, it was the best moment of my life.

In my life, my family is one of my biggest inspirations, though they might not have anything to do with my sport. But they always tell me that no matter what happens, they know I did my best and it's all that matters. They are always proud of me and love me for who I am.

# CHERYL WONG YE HAN (王业涵)

“

Never back down and never let a challenge get in the way of what you want. That's my Singapore Spirit.

”

8 Mar 1991 | 155 cm | 45 kg

## Event(s)

Foil Team

## Latest Sporting Achievements

2010 Taipei Landseed Fencing Championships

- Individual Silver

2010 Commonwealth Fencing Championships

- Team Silver

2008 South East Asian Fencing Federation (SEAFF)

U20 Championships - Individual Gold

2008 South East Asian Fencing Federation (SEAFF)

U17 Championships - Individual Gold

2007 Australian Open Fencing Championships

- Individual Gold

## Current School / Employer

National University of Singapore

## About Me

I started fencing in November 2000. My teammate, Ruth and I attend the same church and had recently begun fencing. The enthusiasm for her newfound sport greatly intrigued my siblings and I, and so, a few months after hearing about the sport, we went for our first class.

When I'm not training or away at competitions, I enjoy dancing. Before stopping in 2008, I had attended ballet classes for 13 years. It is still something I very much enjoy but am unable to commit to due to my commitment to fencing. It is also important that I catch up with my academic studies in my free time and usually do so with a friend or two.

# ERNEST CHUA WEE KUN (蔡威群)

“

The Singapore Spirit means to never give up. No matter how arduous the road, we should grit our teeth through it and persevere. Tough times will not last.

”



14 Jan 1993 | 172 cm | 70 kg

## Event(s)

Men Sabre Individual

## Latest Sporting Achievements

2011 Fencing Singapore International Team Event  
- Bronze

2011 Fencing Singapore Challenge Individual - Bronze  
2010 South East Asian Fencing Championships Junior  
Team Event - Silver

2010 South East Asian Fencing Championships Cadet  
Individual Event - Bronze

2010 National Fencing Championships Individual Event  
- Gold

## Current School / Employer

Singapore Polytechnic

## About Me

I was introduced to fencing by my brothers who took up fencing in their secondary school. They showed me how the sport was played and it really inspired me to be a fencer. I got myself involved in the sport when I was in primary four. After my examinations, I entered Pasir Ris Crest Secondary School and embarked on more intensified training. When I reached secondary three, I made it into the National Junior Squad with the competition results that I had achieved.

Interestingly enough, it was my secondary school maths teacher who really inspired me. Her patience and guidance helped me through my secondary school days. She never gave up on me even if I failed my tests, she would teach me until I got the sums right. From then, I learnt about the concept of perseverance and never giving up. With the right attitude and determination, nothing will be impossible.



22 Oct 1993 | 160 cm | 53 kg

### Event(s)

Sabre Team

### Latest Sporting Achievements

2011 Fencing Singapore International - Team Silver

2010 South East Asian Fencing Federation  
Championships - Cadet Individual Bronze

2010 South East Asian Fencing Federation  
Championships - Junior Team Bronze

2010 South East Asian Fencing Federation  
Championships - Senior Team Bronze

2010 Fencing Singapore Challenge - Individual Bronze

### Current School / Employer

Ngee Ann Polytechnic

## FELICIA YAM HUI TSE

(严慧诗)

“

The Singapore Spirit to me means being resilient, never giving up despite adversity, always striving in the worst of situations and the countless opportunities for us to shine so brightly.

”

### About Me

I got to learn about fencing in secondary school and took it up as a Co-Curricular Activity as it intrigued me. The combative nature and mental play of fencing is what I came to like about this sport. This, as well as the competitiveness of the sport kept me wanting to achieve more.

As a student, school takes up most of my time. When I am not training or studying, I spend the time with my dog named “Cookie”. I also try to squeeze in time to hang out with my friends and just relax.

# JOAN ANG LITING

(洪丽婷)

“

Our country is out there making waves, having achievements that are disproportional to the size of our country. We may complain about little things back home, but outside Singapore, we know our heart belongs here. This is our Singapore Spirit.

”

## Event(s)

Women's Foil

## Latest Sporting Achievements

2011 Fencing Singapore International - Individual Top 8

2011 Fencing Singapore Challenge - Individual 3rd

2009 Commonwealth Juniors - Individual 3rd

2008 2nd National Inter-School Fencing

Championships (A division) - Individual 1st

2008 Singapore Junior (U20) Fencing Championships

- Individual 1st

## Current School / Employer

Nanyang Technological University



2 Oct 1990 | 172 cm | 55 kg

## About Me

It was through a cartoon on television, back in 2002, that I first found out about fencing. I thought it would be awesome for a girl to wield a sword and was further convinced that I should take it up when my mother revealed that my uncle was once in the National Team for fencing - I reasoned I should be good at it too, since we are related.

Fencing was still a niche sport then and it was a blessing to be posted to a school that offered the sport as a Co-Curricular Activity. I decided to take it further by training with the National Team in 2005. There are moments that I miss the liberty of doing different activities at my whim and times when I struggle to make sense of my unconventional lifestyle. But through it all, I know that this journey to take sport to a world-level is one that is self-actualising, one that I will recall with pride.

# MAGDALENE HUANG XIN'EN (黄欣恩)

“

The Singapore Spirit means to overcome all odds, fight and shine.

”

26 Sep 1983 | 160 cm | 52 kg



## Event(s)

Women's Epee

## Latest Sporting Achievements

- 2011 National Individual Championships - 3rd
- 2011 Selangor Open Fencing Championships - 10th
- 2011 Fencing Singapore Challenge - 7th
- 2010 South East Asian Fencing Federation Championships - Senior Individual 11th
- 2010 Taipei Open Fencing Championships - 9th

## Current School / Employer

Legal Service Commission, Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore Government

## About Me

My first fencing footwork was in 2000, when I entered Raffles Junior College. At that time, fencing was not a popular sport. However, I was drawn to fencing as I thought it was beautiful - more like an art than sport.

After I left college, I continued to train at commercial clubs, and in 2003, I was selected to join the national team. Training became intensive and purposeful and since then, much of my life revolves around fencing and studies (from 2003-2006) or work (from 2006-today).

Twice throughout this period, I thought my fencing life would end, as I tore my Anterior-Cruciate Ligament during cross-training. The injuries were totally devastating and disruptive. However with the tireless assistance, guidance and encouragement of my coaches and trainer at the Singapore Sports Council, I was able to get back and compete.



14 Feb 1989 | 161 cm | 68 kg

## MATTHEW LAM HIN YUI (林轩锐)

“

Determination. Passion. Teamwork. Every little effort from each Singaporean contributes to a huge success. That's what the Singapore Spirit means.

”

Event(s)  
Men's Foil

### Latest Sporting Achievements

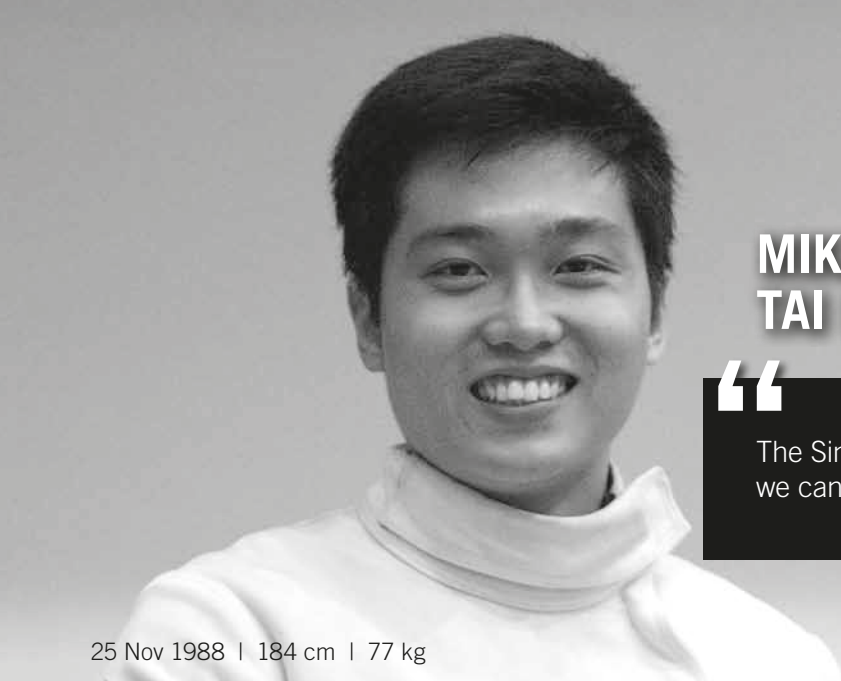
- 2011 Fencing Singapore Challenge Foil  
- Individual Gold
- 2010 Southeast Asian Fencing Federation  
Championships - Team Gold
- 2010 National Individual Championships Foil  
- Individual Bronze
- 2009 Commonwealth Junior Championships Foil  
- Individual Bronze
- 2009 Fencing Singapore Challenge Foil  
- Individual Bronze

Current School / Employer  
National University of Singapore

### About Me

In 2002, I joined St Joseph's Institution and picked up fencing due to the influence of my peers as well as my own interest. I never had any interest in sports until I stumbled upon one of the fencing training sessions. From then on, I was intrigued by the complexity of the gameplay and the ever changing human reactions within the game.

This is not just another sport where you repeat the same thing over and over again. This is a sport where the uncertain happens, the surprises which each individual can unveil as they tap on their survival instincts to keep themselves from losing in the game. Tactics and deceptions, trickery and strategy, all these are part of fencing as each individual tries to force an error out of each other and seize the winning opportunity.



## MIKAIL LING TAI HUANG (林泰煌)

“

The Singapore Spirit is doing the best we can, at all times.

”

25 Nov 1988 | 184 cm | 77 kg

### Event(s)

Men's Epee Team

### Latest Sporting Achievements

2011 Fencing Singapore International Men's Epee  
- Team Silver

2011 Selangor Open Fencing Championships Men's  
Epee - Individual Bronze

2011 National Individual Championships Men's Epee  
- Individual Bronze

2011 Fencing Singapore Challenge Men's Epee  
- Individual Silver

2009 Asian Varsity Fencing Championships Men's Epee  
- Team Gold

### Current School / Employer

Currently full-time training

### About Me

I had my first experience with fencing during my second semester in Ngee Ann Polytechnic. The school had a sports and wellness module and I elected to try this somewhat unorthodox sport of fencing. It was the best decision I ever made!

During the Fencing Singapore challenge in 2009, I fought an inspired quarterfinal bout to clinch a place in the semi-finals. The national team coach commended me on my performance and encouraged me to attend national team training as a sparring partner. From then on with the added advantage of training with the best in Singapore, I finally broke into the national team in March 2010.



## NICOLETTE SOH JUNYI (苏君仪)

12 Apr 1991 | 165 cm | 53 kg

“

I believe that the Singapore Spirit is embodied by our grace, humility and fighting spirit as athletes. At the end of the day, winning is not the most important thing. What matters is that we go out there give our best and fight to the end.

”

### Event(s)

Women's Epee Team Event

### Latest Sporting Achievements

2011 Hongkong Open Women Epee - Individual Bronze  
2010 National Individual Championships Women Epee - Individual Silver

### Current School / Employer

Nanyang Technological University

### About Me

I always thought fencing was a cool sport ever since I saw it in the movie "Parent Trap". When I was 12, I chanced upon a fencing club and I was immediately interested in picking up the sport. I started fencing competitively with the encouragement of my coaches who thought that I had the potential to join the national team. I joined the national team at the age of 16 and have been in it ever since. Who could have guessed that a sport I picked up for fun would turn out to be the love of my life. Walking into that fencing club that day was one of the best decisions I have ever made.



## NONA LIM YEAN HONG (林艳虹)

“

The Singapore Spirit means punching way above our weight. We should aim for the sky and not be satisfied until we are the best.

”

7 Apr 1974 | 163 cm | 51 kg

### Event(s)

Women's Sabre Fencing Individual and Team

### Latest Sporting Achievements

2010 Pattaya World Cup Women's Sabre Individual  
- 6th

2010 Thailand Open Women's Sabre Individual  
- Silver, and Team (Bronze)

2010 Commonwealth Fencing Championships  
- Team Bronze

2008 Olympic Qualifications Women's Sabre - 4th  
2007 24th SEA Games Women's Sabre - Individual  
(Silver), Team (Bronze)

### Current School / Employer

Cook! SF

### About Me

I started fencing in Foil back in Junior College and represented Singapore in Women's Foil in 1993, 1997, and 1999. Since graduating from college, I retired from fencing and worked in London. I started fencing Sabre in 2004 in London purely on a whim to get fit. I fell in love with Sabre, and have not looked back since. Not only do I love the physical nature of the sport, I truly appreciate and enjoy the tactical and strategic elements of fencing much more than I did in my youth. It is also refreshing to hang out with my younger teammates.

My other passion outside of fencing is cooking. I have taken that passion to a new level by opening my own business, Cook! SF which delivers mostly organic gluten-free and dairy-free meal kits to families and individuals.

# RUTH NG YI LIN

( 黄怡琳 )

“

The Singapore Spirit is really about having the courage to dream and coming together to creatively make it a reality.

”

28 May 1986 | 161 cm | 59 kg



## Event(s)

Women's Foil

## Latest Sporting Achievements

2010 Guangzhou Asian Games - Individual 5th  
2010, 2009, 2007 Asian Fencing Championships  
- Team Bronze

2010 Commonwealth Fencing Championships  
- Team Silver

2005, 2007 - SEA Games - Team Silver

2006 Asian Junior Championships - Individual Bronze

## Current School / Employer

Singapore Sports Council

## About Me

I was a singles badminton player from primary four to secondary one but I was looking for a sport that I had a passion for and could excel in. Fencing had the technical, tactical, artistic, speed, power and precision which I loved. I am proud to serve both as an international athlete and a full-time sports administrator right here in Singapore. It would be impossible without the fantastic people at my workplace who journey with me, and I with them. This incredible experience is a memory I will always cherish.



11 Dec 1986 | 179 cm | 65 kg

## SAMSON LEE MUN HOU (李文豪)

“

My interpretation of the Singapore Spirit is the goals and dreams that all of us are working hard together to achieve. In the sporting context, it is our trainings and determination and the will to do Singapore proud that drives us forward.

”

### Event(s)

Men's Epee Individual & Team

### Latest Sporting Achievements

2011 Fencing Singapore International - 2nd  
2010 Commonwealth Fencing Championships - 6th  
2009 Thailand Open Fencing Championships - 6th  
2008 Fencing Singapore Challenge - 2nd  
2007 Malaysia Open fencing Championship - 3rd

### Current School / Employer

Currently full-time training

### About Me

I picked up this sport during my first year in ITE Balestier. I took up fencing as a Co-Curricular Activity and from there, I started to show results in competitions. Gradually I got into the national junior fencing team and started to train with the national team. I started going overseas for competitions and training camps, which exposed me to the international standard of fencing.

Usually when I am not training or competing I would be chilling out with my friends. Sometimes when my dad is back in Singapore we would hang out together in a pub, have some drinks and some singing sessions together. I also spend time catching up on the movies that I have missed while training or competing during my spare time.



## VICTORIA ANN LIM XIU YAN (林秀燕)

“

The Singapore Spirit is coming together to achieve something glorious at the Games!

”

20 Apr 1989 | 170 cm | 49 kg

### Event(s)

Women's Epee

### Latest Sporting Achievements

2011 Fencing Singapore Challenge Women's Epee  
Individual - Bronze

2011 Fencing Singapore International Women's Epee -  
Team Bronze

2010 Southeast Asian Fencing Championships  
Women's Epee Team - Silver

2009 Singapore Junior Fencing Championships  
Women's Epee Individual - Champion

2008 Southeast Asian Fencing Championships  
Women's Epee Team - Silver

### Current School / Employer

Singapore Institute of Management  
(University at Buffalo)

### About Me

I began to fence at the age of sixteen. My interest was piqued when I went to support my younger siblings in a competition one day. Watching them fence - the flying blades and agility of the fencers sent my blood pumping, and my eyes lit up with excitement. I knew I had found a sport that I would love. I begged my parents to let me start training. Since the first time I picked up my blade, I've never looked back.

I enjoy spending my free time with my family and friends. This includes my dog and hamsters as well. I also enjoy playing other sports such as netball.



## LIM WEI WEN (林伟文)

“

The Singapore Spirit is unity and loyalty always.

”

4 Mar 1985 | 181 cm | 85 kg

### Event(s)

Men's Epee

### Latest Sporting Achievements

- 2010 Commonwealth Fencing - Individual Silver
- 2009 Hong Kong Open - Individual Gold
- 2009 Taipei Open - Individual Silver
- 2008 SEA Games - Individual Silver
- 2007 24th SEA Games Korat Thailand - Individual Silver

### Current School / Employer

Blade Club Singapore

### About Me

I wanted to join tennis during my time in ITE but there was no tennis and the head of physical education asked me to join fencing. I didn't know what fencing was then and even thought it was literally building fences. He then showed me what the sport was about, I tried it and got hooked. I fell in love with fencing after that.

When I am not fencing, I will be playing Counterstrike. I also like to try different buffets in Singapore and around the world. I want to participate in a world eating competition someday.

## WANG WENYING (王雯莹)

“

Be steadfast to your passion.  
That is my Singapore spirit.

”

24 Nov 1980 | 179 cm | 75 kg

### Event(s)

Women's Foil

### Latest Sporting Achievements

2010 Guangzhou Asian Games Women's Foil

- Individual 7th & Team 5th

2010 Asian Fencing Championships Women's Foil

- Team Bronze

2010 Commonwealth Fencing Championships Women's

Foil - Individual 7th & Team Silver

2007 Asian Fencing Championships Women's Foil

- Team Bronze

2007 24th SEA Games Korat Thailand Women's Foil

- Team Gold

### Current School / Employer

Absolute Fencing

### About Me

I started fencing in Shanghai. Before I came to Singapore, fencing was first introduced to me when I joined Junior College which was starting a new fencing team. Being strong physically from my previous high jumping experience led to my fast development in fencing. In the regional Inter-School Games in Shanghai that year, I managed to clinch a gold medal, and from then on, I became hooked onto this unique sport which challenges both my mental and physical limits. Staying steadfast to my passion, I was eventually selected to be in the Shanghai team and turned professional in 1998.



12 Nov 1992 | 182 cm | 67 kg

#### Event(s)

Men's Epee Team Event

#### Latest Sporting Achievements

2011 National Individual Championships - 2nd

2010 National Inter-Schools Fencing Championships 'A'  
Division - Individual 1st

2010 Singapore Junior Fencing Championships  
- Individual 1st

2010 Fencing Singapore Challenge  
- Individual 2nd

2010 Southeast Asian Fencing Federation  
Championships Junior Team - 2nd

#### Current School / Employer

Currently serving National Service

## WILLIE KHOO ZILE

(邱子乐)

“

The Singapore Spirit is the cultivation of national pride and believing in your own abilities. When you're representing the country, you have to always take your ego and individual glory out of the equation because you know you're fighting for something much bigger than yourself.

”

#### About Me

My introduction to fencing in secondary three was an unlikely case of serendipitous stumbling. In a bid to skip a particular tutorial in school, a group of friends and I were desperately looking for reasons to abscond when we learnt that there was to be a Fencing Co-Curricular Activity trial held during that same period. It turned out to be the perfect excuse, and also, unbeknownst to me at the time, the best decision I ever made in my life. Fencing gave me a whole new perspective, exposing me to new levels of competition, local and overseas, inculcating in me the importance of discipline, fortitude and sportsmanship.



25 Oct 1981 | 186 cm | 71 kg

## WU JIE (吴杰)

“

Being part of the Singapore Team is one of my proudest moments. This feeling of pride to me is the Singapore Spirit.

”

### Event(s)

Men's Foil

### Latest Sporting Achievements

2011 Hong Kong Open Men's Foil - Individual Champion

2010 Southeast Asian Fencing Championships Men's Foil - Team Champion

2009 Hong Kong Open Men's Foil - Individual Bronze

2009 Taipei Open Men's Foil - Individual Bronze

2008 Southeast Asian Fencing Championships Men's Foil - Team Bronze, Champion

### Current School / Employer

Absolute Fencing

### About Me

I started fencing at the age of 14. I was chosen by a sports school and offered a place in the fencing team. I decided to join them because I was interested in trying out this cool sport, and I have been fencing ever since. I enjoy playing computer games and other sports in my free time, as well as catching up on movies that I've missed.



## TAN YUAN ZI

(陈圆子)

“  
The Singapore Spirit is taking pride  
in how we try to excel.  
”

22 Dec 1990 | 168 cm | 70 kg

### Event(s)

Men's Foil Team

### Latest Sporting Achievements

2011 Asia Fencing Championships 2011 Men's Foil -  
Team 7th

2011 Hong Kong Open Fencing Championships Men's  
Foil - Individual Silver

2010 Southeast Fencing Federation Championships  
Men's Foil - Team Gold

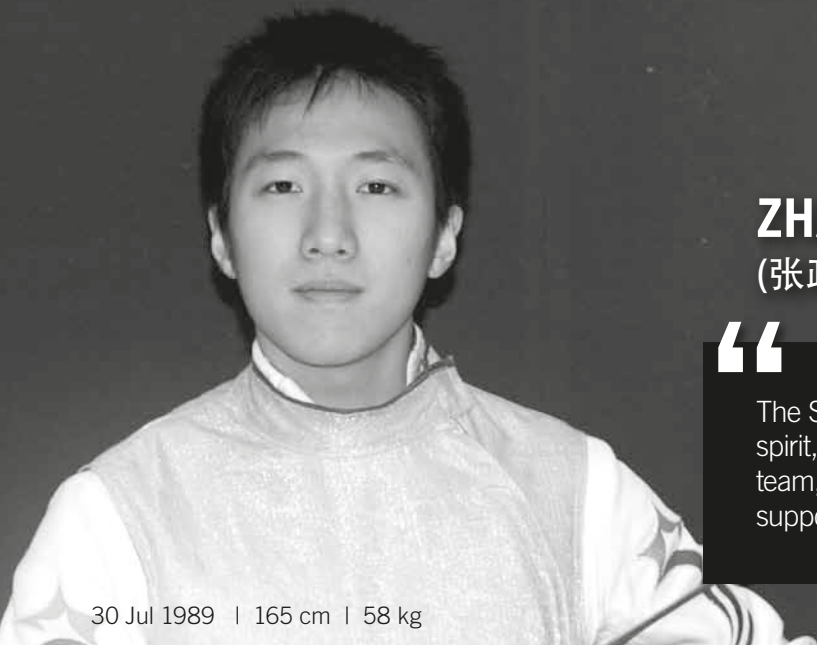
2008 Southeast Fencing Federation Championships  
Men's Foil - Team Gold

### Current School / Employer

National University of Singapore

### About Me

I picked up fencing when I was in secondary school. It was the first year that my school had fencing and it was this sport's uniqueness that drew me to it. I was hooked by the adrenaline rush when I first fenced and have been fencing ever since. As an athlete, I'm inspired by Andrea Baldini. He proves that height is not a barrier to becoming a great fencer.



30 Jul 1989 | 165 cm | 58 kg

## ZHANG ZHENGANG

(张政刚)

“

The Singapore Spirit means a fighting spirit, a spirit to work as one united team, a spirit that encompasses the support of every single Singaporean.

”

### Event(s)

Men's Foil

### Latest Sporting Achievements

2011 Selangor Open Championships - Individual Gold

2010 Southeast Asian Fencing Championships  
- Individual Bronze

2010 Southeast Asian Fencing Championships  
- Team Gold

2008 Southeast Asian Fencing Championships  
- Team Gold

2008 Southeast Asian Fencing Championships  
- Team Gold (Junior Category)

### Current School / Employer

National University of Singapore

### About Me

I first got a glimpse of fencing when I was eleven years old. I was with my mother at the Clementi Sports Hall and we chanced upon a national team training session. I was immediately enthralled by the excitement and elegance of the sport.

Since then, I've had a burning fascination for fencing. In secondary two, I was fortunate enough to finally grab hold of a fencing blade when the school introduced it as a new Co-Curricular Activity. It was like a dream come true. From then onwards, I've dedicated my passion to fencing, as it has turned into an inseparable part of my life.

# OFFICIALS



Ryan Quek Wee Lun  
Team Manager



Bobok Viacheslav  
Coach



Khorvat Oleg  
Coach



Zhao Zhizhong  
Coach



Gabor Gyoergy Salamon  
Coach