



PRESS STATEMENT

Asian Sepaktakraw Federation (ASTAF) Media Statement on the election of the New President of ASTAF, Abdul Halim Kader from Singapore for the term 2021 to 2025.

The ASTAF Congress Election was conducted successfully on 1 March 2021 through Zoom due to the Covid19 pandemic. Incumbent President Abdul Halim Kader secured a landslide 30 votes from representative members with his 2 challengers Dato Seri Ahmad Ismail, President of Malaysia Sepaktakraw Federation (PSM) and Mr Mohd Nasri Haron, President of Singapore Sepaktakraw Federation (PERSES); both failed to secure any votes from the participating country members.

This is the first time that Abdul Halim Kader was facing a contest for the President's position since he helmed ASTAF since 2004. Notwithstanding the contest by the two challengers, his popularity amongst the ASTAF member countries remains strong resulting in the resounding victory, a testament to his dedication and his passion for Sepaktakraw.

Abdul Halim Kader was nonchalant about the contest and preferred to remain focused with his ongoing passion to promote Sepaktakraw and expand membership further to include other Asian countries. To date after 17 years as President of ASTAF, Abdul Halim Kader and his team managed to infuse into the federation, 18 new member countries (7 countries as full members of ASTAF from Middle East to East Asia including Macau, Chinese Taipei and Hong Kong. As to date, ASTAF has 25 full members and Abdul Halim Kader and his team will be targeting to expand further to include 10 new Asian countries which will accumulate to a total of 35 playing countries in Asia.



Abdul Halim Kader congratulating Mr Nazarisham Bin Mohamed Isa from Singapore on his appointment as ASTAF Treasurer for the year 2021 to 2025.

Abdul Halim Kader and his team are also working actively to bring Sepaktakraw to be a recognised Sport with the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Abdul Halim Kader and his team are confident to achieve this during the next ASTAF term for 2021 to 2025. To this end, Abdul Halim Kader team's most significant achievement was to gain acceptance of Sepaktakraw by IOC TV channel together with five other international sports. Abdul Halim Kader and his team's dedication and commitment to Sepaktakraw has achieved its epiphany in gaining recognition for Sepaktakraw by Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and ASTAF will and must continue to work closely with OCA.



Abdul Halim Kader together with the newly appointed Secretary General, Mr Boonchai Lorhpiat from Thailand and Mr Muhammad Fariq from Singapore as Deputy Secretary General for the year 2021 to 2025.

Abdul Halim Kader believes in the strong teamwork which he has built within ASTAF over the last 17 years. This has led to Abdul Halim Kader being entrusted by General Charouck to lead and grow ASTAF. General Charouck himself a firm practitioner in this tradition grooming the next generation of leaders to expand ASTAF further. Abdul Halim Kader remains indebted and humbled by this trust. He is confident to receive the strong support from ASTAF member countries as he leads the new Council and work with the new team to grow ASTAF and expand its reach with a stronger and dynamic team to make Sepaktakraw a recognised sport across Asia.

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Enclosed: Speech of ASTAF President



ASTAF COUNCIL

2021 - 2025

RESULT

PRESIDENT

1 POSITION ONLY

VOTES

1) DATO ABDUL HALIM KADER (SINGAPORE)

30

2) DATO SERI HJ AHMAD ISMAIL (MALAYSIA)

0

3) MOHD NASRI BIN HARON (SINGAPORE)

0



ASTAF COUNCIL

2021 - 2025

RESULT

DEPUTY PRESIDENT

2 POSITION ONLY

VOTES

1) CHARLEM CHAIWATCHARAPORN (THAILAND)

30

2) YOGENDER SINGH DAHIYA (INDIA)

29

3) ABIDULLAH BIN SALLEH (MALAYSIA)

0

4) ASNAWI ABDUL RACHMAN (INDONESIA)

0



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2021 - 2025

RESULT

VICE PRESIDENT

8 POSITION ONLY

VOTES			VOTES		
1) MEAS SARIN	(CAMBODIA)	30	6) SYAFRIZAL BAHTIAR	(INDONESIA)	30
2) SOE NAING	(MYANMAR)	30	7) TSAI HUNG-PENG	(CHINESE TAIPEI)	30
3) SOHRAB AZAD KHANKANDI	(IRAN)	30	8) NOUSHAD AHMED KHAN	(PAKISTAN)	30
4) MASARU MISAWA	(JAPAN)	30	9) ZAHID BIN ABDUL AZIZ	(SINGAPORE)	0
5) OH, JOO YOUNG	(KOREA)	30	10) HENDRI ZAINUDDIN	(INDONESIA)	0



ASTAF COUNCIL

2021 - 2025

RESULT

COUNCIL MEMBER

10 POSITION ONLY

VOTES			VOTES		
1) LE HONG TINH	(VIETNAM)	30	8) NETRA PRASAD GURUNG	(NEPAL)	30
2) SAMARANYAKE ABHEYKOONGE KINGSLEY CHAREENDRA DE SILVA	(SRILANKA)	30	9) MOHAMMED FARUQUE DHALI	(BANGLADESH)	28
3) SAFAA SAHIB NAYYEF ALNAWAFALI	(IRAQ)	29	10) MOHAMMAD YASIN MOHAMMADI	(AFGHANISTAN)	23
4) KASEM INTHARA	(LAOS)	30	11) MESWAN BIN SATIN	(SINGAPORE)	0
5) CHAN WAI YUEN	(HONGKONG)	30	12) CHIT NYEIN LWIN	(MYANMAR)	3
6) UN OI MOU	(MACAU)	29	13) YUSOFF BIN ALI	(MALAYSIA)	0
7) ABDULAZIZ ALBUSAIID	(OMAN)	30	14) HUANG , CHUNG-JEN	(CHINESE TAIPEI)	8



COUNCIL MEMBERS 2021 – 2025

PRESIDENT	ABDUL HALIM KADER, BBM	SINGAPORE
DEPUTY PRESIDENT	PROF CHALERM CHAIWATCHARAPORN YOGENDER SINGH DAHIYA	THAILAND INDIA
VICE PRESIDENT	MEAS SARIN SOE NAING SOHRAB AZAD KHANKANDI MASARU MISAWA OH JOO YOUNG SYAFRIZAL BAHTIAR TSAI HUNG-PENG NOUSHAD AHMED KHAN	CAMBODIA MYANMAR IRAN JAPAN KOREA INDONESIA CHINESE TAIPEI PAKISTAN
SECRETARY GENERAL	BOONCHAI LORHPIPAT	THAILAND
DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL	MUHAMMAD FARIQ	SINGAPORE
ASST SECRETARY GENERAL	TO BE APPOINTED	
TREASURER	MD NAZARISHAM BIN MD ISA	SINGAPORE
ASST TREASURER	AMIRAH MOHD ISMAIL	SINGAPORE
MEMBER	LE HONG TINH SAMARANYAKE ABEYKOONGE KINGSLEY CHAREENDRA DE SILVA SAFAA SAHIB NAYYEF ALNAWAFALI KASEM INTHARA CHAN WAI YUEN UN OI MOU ABDULAZIZ ALBUSAIIDI NETRA PRASAD GURUNG MOHAMMED FARUQUE DHALI MOHAMMAD YASIN MOHAMMADI	VIETNAM SRI LANKA IRAQ LAOS HONGKONG MACAU OMAN NEPAL BANGLADESH AFGHANISTAN

THE ABOVE ASTAF COUNCIL HAS BEEN ELECTED DURING THE
ASIAN SEPAKTAKRAW FEDERATION CONGRESS ON 1 MARCH 2021 VIA ZOOM

SPEECH BY ABDUL HALIM KADER AT OPENING OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ASTAF CONGRESS ON 1 MARCH 2021 AT 4 PM VIA ZOOM APP

Let me first welcome all delegates to this ASTAF Congress 2021 in which for the first time we are using an electronic platform.

This AGM is called very late in the day because of the Covid 19 epidemic that has plagued the entire world. Each country has been implementing its own standards in dealing with Covid. As the world had come to a complete stand still during the height of Covid, it is now necessary to restart our lives in a manner safe for all to participate.

As you are aware, we hold our Congress and elections once every 4 years from 2004, 2008, 2012 and 2016. Adequate notice of one month has been provided all this while and all members have adhered to it. We have been very open and transparent in our dealings with members and members with issues have been able to approach ASTAF directly or through the Council and the Exco. We have had no issue and in fact all members have shown their appreciation for efforts that ASTAF has put up.

In light of the above, the Registrar of Societies has advised that AGMs can be held by way of electronic means. We have certain shortcomings with respect to how this can be managed given the limitations of the electronic platform and ASTAF has therefore put in certain guidelines to facilitate the Annual General Meeting. You would have received the protocols that ASTAF has put up and to ensure a smooth meeting, please adhere to these protocols which has been approved by the ASTAF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE before the general meeting.

So that the meeting may progress, the Chair and EXCO will lead the meeting and introduce the various agenda items.

I have decided to appoint Mr Boonchai Lorhpiat, Secretary General ASTAF who is not contesting in this Congress, to chair these proceedings of Congress. This is provided for in the Constitution for the me as President to do so.

Without further delay I hand over the chair to Mr Boonchai Lorhpiat- please welcome him.
