

SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARDS 2005 **SPORTS AND ADVENTURE (INDIVIDUAL)**

MS LI JIA WEI



“Adversity must be met with a determined attitude. Do not give up.”

She was National Table Tennis Champion and Singapore’s Sportswoman of the Year for four years running, from 2002 to 2005. But it was at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games, in the Women’s Singles semi-finals, with an Olympic medal within her grasp, that Ms Li Jia Wei won our hearts.

Competing internationally since the age of 15, Jia Wei’s skill, determination and perseverance has brought her to the top of her sport. She now ranks 7th internationally, and has been in the top 20 of the International Table Tennis Federation’s ranking since 2000.

The reigning gold medallist since her SEA Games debut in 1999, she has 10 SEA Games gold medals to her name. She is also the reigning champion of the biennial Southeast Asian Championships, winning the Women’s Singles event in 1998, 2000 and 2004.

Jia Wei won her first International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Pro Tour event at the US Open in 2004, and the Slovenian Open in 2005. In addition to winning three gold medals (Women’s Doubles, Women’s Team and Mixed Doubles) and a silver medal (Women’s Singles) at the 2002 Commonwealth Games, Jia Wei also won the Commonwealth Championships in Women’s Singles, Women’s Doubles and Women’s Team event in 2000 and 2001. She also won the Women’s Singles and Women’s Team bronze medals at the 2002 Asian Games.



Jia Wei has shown her team commitment and leadership, helping the National Women's Table Tennis Team clinch gold medals in several championships. At the 2003 SEA Games, she led the Singapore Team to a clean sweep of the gold medals in the women's table tennis events – a first for Singapore. This achievement was repeated at the 2004 Southeast Asian Championships where Jia Wei's efforts helped Singapore win the Women's Singles, Women's Doubles, Women's Team and Mixed Doubles Championships.



Despite her busy training and competition schedule, Jia Wei also does her part in contributing back to the community. She actively promotes table tennis by participating at roadshows and community events.

For her dedication and her inspirational record of consistent sporting excellence, Ms Li Jia Wei is conferred the Singapore Youth Award 2005.