



E-Catur Pinang

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2nd MCF GM-IM Invitational Round Robin Chess Championship 2026

The 2nd edition of the MCF GM-IM Invitational was held at Jeumpa d'Ramo Boutique Hotel in Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur. The 9-round Round-Robin Classical event started on 29th July and ended on 5th August. The organiser was the Malaysian Chess Federation. The objective of the tournament was to provide norm and title-seeking opportunities for international players and top Malaysian rising stars. The Chief Organiser was Najib Abdul Wahab and the Chief Arbiter was Wong Qi Hao.

The Tier One tournament was the GM Pool Invitational. Malaysia's first Grandmaster, Yeoh Li Tian was defending his title. The other 2 Grandmasters were Petr Kiriakov (FIDE) and Gabor Nagy (Hungary). Penang's IM Tan Jun Ying and FM Wong Yinn Long were hopeful contenders to secure norms. Other Malaysians in the fray are IM Chan Kim Yew, FM Anderson Ang and FM Kavin Mohan. The winner, IM Lee Junhyeok from Korea took home the first prize fund of USD2,000 with a 6/9 score. IM Morris was 2nd with 5.5/9.

Final Ranking after 9 Rounds

Rk.	SNo		Name	FED	Rtg	Pts.
1	9		IM Lee Junhyeok	KOR	2408	6
2	8		IM Morris James	AUS	2422	5,5
3	7		IM Chan Kim Yew	MAS	2374	5
4	3		GM Nagy Gabor	HUN	2428	5
5	4		FM Kavin Mohan	MAS	2250	4,5
6	2		FM Ang Ern Jie Anderson	MAS	2319	4,5
7	5		FM Wong Yinn Long	MAS	2327	4
8	10		GM Yeoh Li Tian	MAS	2492	3,5
9	1		IM Tan Jun Ying	MAS	2412	3,5
10	6		GM Kiriakov Petr	FID	2453	3,5



GM Yeoh Versus IM Lee



Penang's FM Wong Yinn Long and IM Tan Jun Ying

Tier 2 was the IM Pool. GM Nguyen Duc Hoa of Vietnam was the sole Grandmaster. The 3 IMs were Mayank Chakraborty (India), Ilgar Bajarani (Azerbaijan) and Angelo Young (Philippines). Penang was represented by WFM Agnes Chong Kai Ni. Other Malaysian hopefuls were FM Lim Zhuo Ren, CM Shahar Uzair, FM Genkeswaran Genivan, CM Chow Yi Chen and Abdul Aziz Aqil Alauddin. After 9 rounds of competition, GM Nguyen, the 2015 Penang Open Champion, asserted his presence by winning the tournament. IM Mayank was 2nd with 7/9.

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Rk.	SNo		Name	FED	Rtg	Pts.
1	9		GM Nguyen Duc Hoa	VIE	2375	7,5
2	8		IM Mayank Chakraborty	IND	2494	7
3	7		FM Lim Zhuo Ren	MAS	2270	6
4	10		Abd Aziz A Qil A Lauddin	MAS	2197	4,5
5	3		CM Chow Yi Chen	MAS	2161	4,5
6	4		FM Genkeswaran Genivan	MAS	2209	4
7	2		IM Young Angelo	PHI	2119	3,5
8	6		CM Shahar Uzair	MAS	2228	3
9	5		IM Bajarani Ilgar	AZE	2269	3
10	1		WFM Chong Kai Ni Agnes	MAS	2037	2



GM Nguyen Duc Hoa



WFM Agnes Chong

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The Malaysian Masters' Open was purely a competition for Malaysian players with FIDE ratings above 2000. The eventual champion Chong Jin Cheng finished with 6 points after 9 rounds. Chong received RM3,000. CM Mukhriez Shah was in 2nd Place with 5.5/9. CM Looi Xin Hao was the sole player from Penang in this category.

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Rk.	SNo		Name	FED	Rtg Pts.
1	1		Chong Jin Cheng	MAS	2075 6
2	4		CM Mukhriez Shah Bin Mahmood Shah	MAS	2069 5,5
3	3		CM Zaidan Zulkipli	MAS	2039 5,5
4	6		CM Muhammad Syakir Shazmeer Bin Azhar	MAS	2099 5
5	7		Muhammad Nur Daie Bin Masli	MAS	2071 4
6	5		Tharvin S/O Shiva Shanmugam	MAS	2009 4
7	2		Lee Yun Rui	MAS	2044 3
8	9		CM Looi Xin Hao	MAS	2033 2
9	8		Yoggenraj S/O Ramakrishnan	MAS	2056 1



Chong Jin Cheng (above) receives the Champion Trophy from Najib Abdul Wahab.
Penang's Looi Xin Hao and Agnes Chong (right)



The All-Malaysian Masters Event for Women was convincingly won by Penang player WCM Chua Jia Tien with a super score of 7.5/8! Well done Jia Tien! WFM Ainul Mardhiah was 2nd with 6/9.

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Rk.	SNo		Name	FED	Rtg	Pts.
1	8		WCM Chua Jia-Tien	MAS	1908	7,5
2	4		WFM Ainul Mardhiah Binti Mohd Afif	MAS	1925	6
3	7		A'dira A'ddawiyah Binti Abd Aziz	MAS	1735	5,5
4	1		Mun Hoy Yan	MAS	1678	4
5	9		Nur Ain Shahar	MAS	1664	4
6	3		Afiqah Zahra Binti Salihin	MAS	1671	4
7	2		Lim Yijia Claire	MAS	1697	2,5
8	6		Tan Sue Anne	MAS	1652	2,5
9	5		Maha A/P Nathan	MAS	1671	0

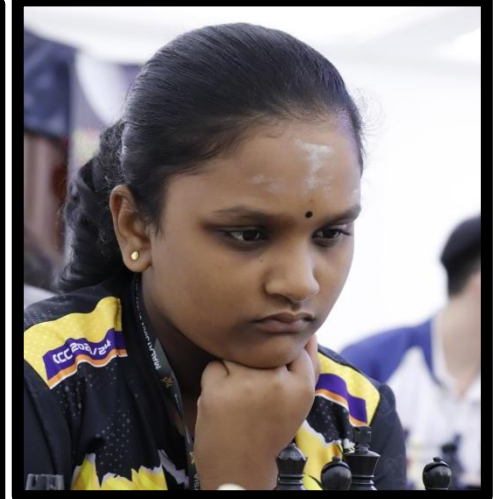


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