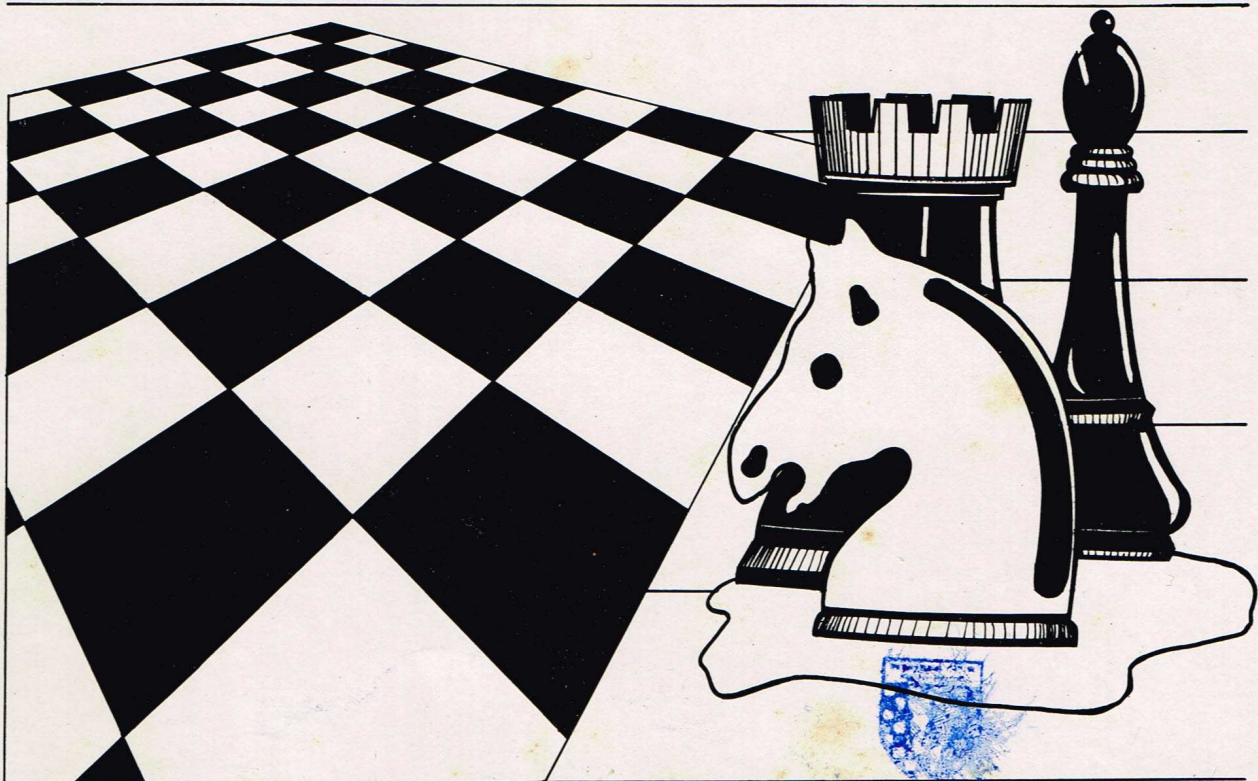




MAA NATIONAL ALLEGRO CHESS TOURNAMENT

JUNE - OCTOBER 1987



Organised by: Malaysian Chess Federation
Sponsored by: Malaysian Assurance Alliance Berhad

Persekutuan Catur Pulau Pinang
(Penang Chess Association)



MESSAGE FROM PATRON, MALAYSIAN CHESS FEDERATION

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Malaysian Chess Federation and its various State Affiliates for organising this MAA National Allegro Chess Tournament.

As patron of the Federation it is indeed gratifying to know that the MCF has indeed grown and is actively involved in the Chess circles both nationally and internationally.

When the Federation was formed, it consisted of only four States. We have, today, thirteen State Affiliates including Sabah and Sarawak. The various National Tournaments organised have also received increasing media coverage and this has played a big part in promoting greater interest in Chess.

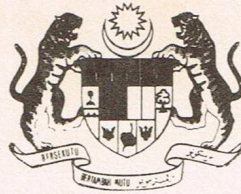
Our Malaysian players have competed against the world's best. It is also very encouraging to note that even our women chess players have moved onto the International scene and competed in the last two Chess Olympiads.

The promotion of the game of Chess in Malaysia has been left to individuals who have given voluntary services in the cause of the game because of their love for it. I understand the constraints and obstacles – financial, time and manpower – which you face have sometimes been a worry but through sheer grit you are able to face the odds and I fully appreciate the effort and energy which you have put in. Keep up the good work.

As in any voluntary organisation the recruitment of new and young blood is vital for the survival of the organisation. I hope that with more and more chess tournaments such as this being organised, the objective of getting more people interested in Chess will be achieved.

I wish the tournament all the success which it richly deserves.

YTM TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN PUTRA AL-HAJ



منتري قنراغن مليسيا

MENTERI PENERANGAN MALAYSIA

KATA-KATA ALUAN MENTERI PENERANGAN MALAYSIA

Terlebih dahulu saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih di atas kesempatan untuk memberi sepatah dua kata sempena Kejohanan Catur Allegro Kebangsaan MAA ini.

Permainan catur adalah merupakan satu aktiviti yang dapat memperkembangkan ciri-ciri positif kerana ianya bergantung kepada kecekapan, kecerdasan dan kepintaran mental disamping memerlukan kekuatan fizikal. Oleh yang demikian, permainan catur harus dan perlu digalakkan di kalangan masyarakat Malaysia khususnya muda-mudi supaya mereka dapat membentuk satu watak yang cergas dan dinamik. Dengan pembentukan watak sedemikian maka muda-mudi kita akan dapat menjauhkan diri dari musuh negara iaitu najis dadah.

Penganjuran kejohanan ini adalah satu langkah yang bijak dan bermakna untuk menggalakkan permainan catur di negara ini. Saya juga berasa gembira kerana usaha telah diberi untuk menggalakkan murid-murid sekolah untuk turut bertanding dengan pemain-pemain kebangsaan. Dengan ini adalah diharapkan lebih ramai lagi bakat-bakat baru dapat dicungkil dan diketengahkan.

Saya juga ingin mengucapkan syabas kepada Syarikat Malaysian Assurance Alliance Berhad yang telah sudi menyumbangkan hadiah-hadiah tunai bagi kejohanan ini. Sumbangan seperti ini merupakan satu cara, sungguhpun secara tidak langsung, di mana pihak swasta dapat melibatkan diri demi perkembangan negara kita. Saya berharap syarikat-syarikat swasta yang lain akan mencontohi Syarikat MAA dan menyokong kegiatan-kegiatan yang bertujuan membina satu masyarakat Malaysia yang lebih progresif dan bersatu padu.

Seterusnya saya berharap agar Persatuan ini akan terus berusaha dalam meningkatkan permainan catur di negara ini. Akhirnya, saya mengucapkan selamat bertanding kepada semua peserta.

YB DATO' MOHAMED BIN RAHMAT



GENS UVA SUMUS



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER OF SABAH AND PATRON, SABAH CHESS ASSOCIATION

As Patron of Sabah Chess Association I am glad to note that, in recent years, the Malaysian public have shown greater interest in chess, which is one of the few games that can be played by people of all ages and economic circumstances.

This tournament should encourage our youths and school children in particular to involve themselves in mentally stimulating games such as chess. This competition will also enable our young chess enthusiasts to pit their talents against adults in the game, and this will develop their prowess further.

I am also pleased to hear that plans are afoot to hold weekly competitions in other parts of Malaysia. This move will surely promote closer ties among our chess enthusiasts in the country.

I extend my best wishes to the organisers and players in this tournament.

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DATUK JOSEPH PAIRIN KITINGAN



GENS UNA SUMUS

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES ECHECS

MESSAGE FROM MEMBER, FIDE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HON. LIFE PRESIDENT, MCF

The Malaysian Assurance Alliance Berhad is to be congratulated for its far-sightedness and public spirit in sponsoring the series of Allegro Chess Tournaments. This is the first time that a series has extended throughout Malaysia, and I hope it will set an example for other companies and institutions to follow.

There has been of late a dearth of chess tournaments and events outside the main cities like Kuala Lumpur despite the mass interest in this sport as evidenced by the coverage given by our local newspapers.

This will be the opportunity for all State **Affiliates** to add an important activity to their chess calendar and the Malaysian Chess Federation must be complimented for bringing about such an event.

I wish it every success.

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DATO' TAN CHIN NAM

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DATUK JOSEPH PAIRIN KITINGAN



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, MALAYSIAN CHESS FEDERATION

On behalf of the Council members of the Malaysian Chess Federation and all Chess players, I would like to thank the Management of the Malaysian Assurance Alliance Berhad for agreeing to sponsor this National Allegro Tournament.

Although Chess tournaments are being organised throughout the year it has been noted that many of our Affiliates are inactive. The National Body has received numerous calls from Chess enthusiasts complaining of lack of tournaments at the State level. It has also been noted that some of our Affiliates have the same people running the organisation and also representing the States at the yearly national event for the past decade. With this sponsorship by the Malaysian Assurance Alliance Berhad there should be no more excuses that tournaments have not been held due to the lack of finance. I have also mentioned at the last Malaysian Open Tournament that participation at National level will not be automatic for States which do not hold their State Tournament. I am now appealing to you to revive your Association.

MAA sponsorship of \$1000 for each of the twelve (12) Legs and \$3000 for the Finals will not only give all Chess players the opportunity to participate in three months of continuous Chess but also substantial cash rewards as the prizes offered are amongst some of the best for weekend tournaments. MCF has agreed with our Sponsor to keep the entrance fee to a minimum to encourage more people to participate.

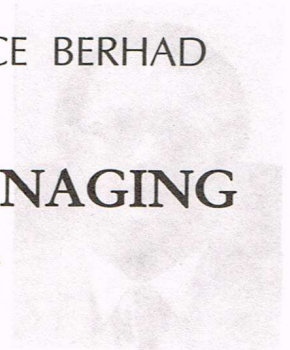
The Malaysian Chess Federation would also like to express our thanks to Selangor Pewter, our long time Chess sponsor for agreeing to provide medallions to the Top Lady and Top Under 16 Schoolboy at each of the Tournaments. Medals will also be presented to all winners at the Simultaneous Matches to be played prior to the Allegro Tournament. The Simultaneous matches are between our current National players and school children below the age of 16 and Ladies.

I take this opportunity to once again thank our Sponsors, the participants, the organising committee, well wishers and all those who have contributed to make these tournaments possible. I would like to see the inactive States capitalise on these tournaments and to bear in mind that the Malaysian Chess Federation is only as strong as the combined strength of the Affiliates.

SENATOR ABU BAKAR LAJIM



MALAYSIAN ASSURANCE ALLIANCE BERHAD



MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, MAA

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Management and Staff of the Malaysian Assurance Alliance Berhad, I would like to congratulate the Malaysian Chess Federation for embarking on a project which will bring chess to people from all walks of life.

With the recent upsurge of interest especially from the schoolchildren and the noted increase in media coverage, Chess as a sport and a pastime will be able to contribute positively to the development of our Nation.

MAA's contribution will assist the Affiliates of MCF to develop and promote the game and in the States where the game is not yet as popular, we hope this contribution of ours will help to intensify their activities since many have difficulties finding sponsors for their local tournaments.

We are also glad to note that in conjunction with these weekend tournaments, the Affiliates of the MCF are also organising simultaneous matches involving our top National players and schoolchildren. Besides the prize monies we have donated, we are pleased that Selangor Pewter will be providing medallions for various players and winners.

We wish all the participants the best of luck and may your venture in the Chess battlefield be rewarding.

TUNKU ISKANDAR BIN TUNKU ABDULLAH

SENATOR ABU BAKAR LAJIM

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Organised by the Malaysian Chess Federation & Affiliates

SCHEDULE OF TOURNAMENTS

Date	State/Town	Organised By
27/28 June	Wilayah	Kuala Lumpur Chess Association
04/05 July	Penang	Penang Chess Association
11/12 July	Seremban	Negeri Sembilan Chess Association
18/19 July	Malacca	Malacca Chess Association
25/26 July	Kota Kinabalu	Chess Association of Sabah
30/31 July	K Terengganu	Persatuan Catur Terengganu
01/02 August	Kuching	Persatuan Catur Sarawak
08/09 August	Kota Bharu	Kelantan Chess Association
15/16 August	Johore Bharu	Johore Chess Club
22/23 August	Selangor	Chess Association of Selangor
30/31 August		
06/07 September	Kuantan	Pahang Chess Association
13/14 September	Perak	Persatuan Catur Melayu Malaysia
2ND OCTOBER	GRAND FINALS	Malaysian Chess Federation

REGULATIONS

ENTRANCE FEE

		FINALS
Members of Club/Association	\$10.00	\$20.00
Ladies & Schoolboys Under 16 yrs	5.00	10.00
Others	15.00	30.00

PRIZES

	[State Tournaments]	FINALS
First	\$300.00	\$1000.00
Second	200.00	600.00
Third	150.00	400.00
Fourth	100.00	300.00
Fifth	75.00	200.00
Sixth	50.00	150.00
Seventh	50.00	125.00
Eighth	25.00	100.00
Ninth	25.00	75.00
Tenth	25.00	50.00

Prize-monies will be shared by those finishing on equal points. To establish the final positions, the following tie-breakers will be used.
(1. Solkoff 2. Sonnerborn Berger 3. Personal encounter)

The Winners of the Respective State Tournaments will be invited to participate in the Finals. He/She will not have to pay the Entrance Fee, and MCF will provide for 2nd Class rail transport plus Lodging for one Night.

METHOD OF PLAY

Seven [7] Rounds Swiss Tournament.

TIME CONTROL

Half an hour each to the Finish.



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RAPID CHESS RULES


1. The FIDE Laws of Chess apply except where specifically modified hereunder.
2. Except in special circumstances, the clock will be placed at the left hand of the player with the white pieces.
3. The clock button must be pressed with the hand that makes the move.
4. The clock must not be picked up by either player.
5. Any player using undue force on a clock may, after a warning by the Controller/Arbiter, be penalized by up to the loss of the game.
6. The clocks may be stopped during play by a player only to request assistance from a Controller.
7. If the Controller is satisfied that a player is making no effort to win the game by normal means, or that the game may not be won by normal means then he may declare the game drawn. This may still apply even though one player's flag has fallen.
8. Illegal moves do not lose. However, the Controller/Arbiter may decide to allow the player who played correctly an extra allotment of the time (eg. 1 – 2 minutes).
9. A game is won on time in the usual way, however, if both flags on the clock have fallen, and it is impossible to establish which fell first, the game is drawn.
10. Notice of an intention to appeal against the Controller/Arbiter must be made within a reasonable time (ie. one hour). Where appropriate a written disposition should be given. The appeal shall be referred to the Secretary of the Malaysian Chess Federation or in his absence to the Secretary of the State Association whose decision shall be final.

DRAWN GAMES

The game is drawn when one of the following endings arises, where the possibility of a win is evidently excluded for either side.

- a) King against King
- b) King against King with Bishop or Knight
- c) King and Bishop against King and Bishop, with both Bishops on diagonals of the same colour.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE MAA NATIONAL ALLEGRO CHESS TOURNAMENT

Chairman	:	Laurence How
Rules & Regulations & Technical	:	Chew Soon Keong Ibrahim Yaacob Lew Chin Chuan Christi Hon
Finance	:	Chew Keng Kuang
Publicity	:	Lim Su See Quah Seng Sun Mustapha Said Lim Chong
Souvenir Programme	:	Joanne Khoo Elaine Tam Angela Tang Wong Sang Koi
 Tournaments	:	State Affiliates

AN OPEN INVITATION BY THE HONORARY SECRETARY MALAYSIAN CHESS FEDERATION

The Malaysian Chess Federation is the national body controlling Chess development and organization in Malaysia. It is a member of FIDE, the world chess body. All invitations to participate in Chess tournaments, be it in Individual or Team Events are invited through the MCF and as such anyone hoping to represent the country must firstly be sanctioned by the National Federation.

Our participation at the International Level dates back to the early sixties when Chess in Malaysia was organized by the Chess Association of Malaysia.

Selection of the player(s) has been based on merits, with the exception of a couple of occasions when MCF issued an open invitation to the Affiliates to nominate players who could finance themselves to participate at those International Events.

Qualification to represent Malaysia has wherever and whenever possible been through our National Individual Championship.

Below is a list of the various National and International Tournaments which have been or are currently organized. As you can see, the opportunities to participate at such Tournaments are great and Chess will give you an opportunity to see the World.

Chess officials and organisers are also selected to accompany the teams/players. For your information some of the senior Malaysian officials have been invited to officiate at Asian Team Tournaments and recently at the Dubai Olympiad.

A. National Tournaments

- A.1 National Individual (Men) Championship
- A.2 National Individual Ladies Championship
- A.3 National Team Championship
- A.4 Majlis Sukan Sekolah-Sekolah Malaysia (MSSM) Tournament

B. International Tournaments

- B.1 Chess Olympiads
- B.2 Asian Team Tournament
- B.3 Asian Cities Tournament
- B.4 Zonal/Interzonal Tournaments
- B.5 Asian Junior (Boys/Girls) Tournaments
- B.6 World Junior (Boys/Girls) Tournaments.

A.1 National Individual Championship Tun Hussein Onn Trophy

A yearly affair and usually the top three players will be selected to represent Malaysia in either the Asian or Olympiads.

All affiliates are allowed to send four representatives to compete in the tournament. MCF has recently organised a Malaysian Open Tournament and the top ten finishers will be invited to take part in the National Close. The selection is restricted to Malaysians only. MCF then has the prerogative to nominate the remaining players.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Past Winners</u>	<u>State</u>
1974	Choo Min Wang	Selangor
1975	Chan Swee Loong	Perak
1976	Goh Yoon Wah	Penang
1977	Tan Bian Huat	Penang
1978	Christi Hon	Selangor
1979	Tay Chong Thai	Selangor
1980	Jimmy Liew	Penang
1981	Jimmy Liew	Penang
1982	Christi Hon	Selangor
1983	Christi Hon	Penang
1984	Jimmy Liew	Selangor
1985	Peter Long	Wilayah
	Francis Chin	Selangor



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All winners of the National Individual Championship are conferred the title of National Master.

A.2 National Individual Ladies Championship Selangor Pewter Trophy

An open event which however has only seen participation so far from Penang and the Central Region. So far only two Tournaments have been held.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Past Winners</u>	<u>State</u>
1984	Audrey Wong	Selangor
1986	Audrey Wong	Selangor

A.3 National Team Championship Ng Quee Gam Trophy

This Trophy was donated by the Chee Tat Realty, a Singapore property company involved with land development in Johore Baru. It is actually an Inter-State Tournament and all members of the Affiliates can participate. The last tournament was held in Pangkor Island with the Perak Turf Club sponsoring the Event in conjunction with the State Jubilee celebration.

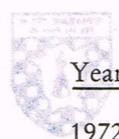
<u>Year</u>	<u>Past Winners</u>	<u>Host</u>
1979	Penang	Selangor C.A.
1980	Penang	Penang C.A.
1981	Penang	Terengganu C.A.
1983	Kelantan	Sarawak C.A.
1986	Selangor	MCF/Perak

A.4 M.S.S.M. Championship

The Winners of this Schoolboys' Championship has in the past been rewarded by MCF with a trip to the Asian Juniors. A tournament for the girls only started in 1986 and the first winner was Ong Hwa Lu from Penang. She tied with Seto Wailing for first place. Other than the National Ladies Championship, the selection of Malaysian Ladies' team to the Olympiad has to a certain extent relied on results at the MSSM Tournament.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Past Winners</u>	<u>State</u>
1973	Harry Kam	Malacca
1974	Wong Tze Cheng	Johore Bharu
1975	Francis Chin	Selangor
1976	Goh Yoon Wah	Penang
	Mohd Noor Yahya	Negeri Sembilan
1977	Mohd Noor Yahya	Negeri Sembilan
1978	Peter Long	Selangor
1979	Peter Long	Selangor
	Mohd Noor Yahya	Negeri Sembilan
1980	Chang Hing Wah	Selangor
1981	Eric Cheah	Penang
1982	Ng Ek Teong	Selangor
	Lew Cher Keong	Malacca
1983	Eric Cheah	Penang
1984	V Gregory	Selangor
1985	V Gregory	Selangor
1986	Kam Boon Seng	Selangor

Malaysian Representatives At the Olympiads

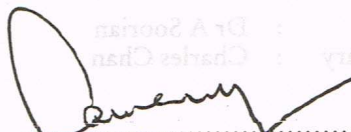


<u>Year</u>	<u>Olympiad/Venue</u>	<u>Players</u>	
1972	Skopje/Yugoslavia	Dr Foo Lum Choon Loh Chee Hoon Fang Ewe Churh	Azmy Merican Chan Mun Fye Kao Y.K.
1974	Nice/France	Dr Foo Lum Choon Wahid Karim Choo Min Wang	Chan Mun Fye Bernard Ng Jamaluddin
1976	Haifa/Israel	Malaysia did not participate.	

1978	Argentina	Tan Bian Huat Christi Hon Dr Foo Lum Choon	Woo Beng Keong Jimmy Liew
1980	Malta	Jimmy Liew Dr Foo Lum Choon Abdul Rahman	Chang Hing Wah Eric Cheah
1982	Lucerne/Switzerland	Jimmy Liew Choon Yit Chuan Quah Seng Sun	Goh Yoon Wah Christi Hon
1984	Thessaloniki/Greece	Jimmy Liew Ignatius Si V Gregory	Christi Hon Peter Long
	(Ladies)	Audrey Wong Seto Wai Ling	Vimalavathy Ong Yoke Min
1986	Dubai/U.A.E.	Jimmy Liew Peter Long Ahmad Muzzaffar	Christi Hon Francis Chin Ng Ek Teong
	(Ladies)	Seto Wai Ling Ong Yoke Min	Ong Hwa Lu Vimalavathy

Malaysian Representatives Asian Team Championship

<u>Year</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Players</u>	
1974	Penang/Malaysia	Abdul Rahman Ahmad Quah Seng Sun J Augustus	Chew Soon Keong Tan Kai Meng
1977	Auckland/New Zealand	Tan Bian Huat Joseph Toh Hassan Yaacob	Christi Hon Ee Lay Hoon
1979	Singapore	Tay Chong Thai Christi Hon Joseph Toh	Jimmy Liew Eric Cheah Abdul Rahman
1981	Hangzhou/China	Jimmy Liew Paul Foo Joseph Toh	Christi Hon Tay Chong Thai Mohd Noor
1983	New Delhi/India	Jimmy Liew Peter Long Tay Chong Thai	Christi Hon Goh Yoon Wah
1986	Dubai/U.A.E.	Jimmy Liew Peter Long Francis Chin	Christi Hon V Gregory Mohd Noor


 LAURENCE HOW F.I.A.



Persatuan Catur Pulau Pinang
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Who and Where are the Chess People

	Address	Officials
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Penang Chess Association	c/o Hooi Lye Association 43 Kimberly Street 10100 Penang	President : Fang Ewe Churh Hon. Secretary : Wong Yam Kong
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Sarawak Chess Association	c/o Ting Clinic 13 Jalan Jawa, Kuching Sarawak	President : Dr Ting Ing Kiet Hon. Secretary : James Brodie
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Johore Chess Club	c/o RTM [Rashidi Sobri] Johore Baru Johore	President : Dr Yeoh Bok Choon Hon. Secretary : Rashidi Sobri
Pahang Chess Association	Sek. M. Abdul Rahman Talib Jalan Beserah, Kuantan Pahang	President : Hon. Secretary : Mohd Noor Ali
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Negeri Sembilan Chess Association	396, Jalan Rahang Seremban Negeri Sembilan	President : Dr A Soorian Hon. Secretary : Charles Chan

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- **YTM Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj**
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Dato' Tan Chin Nam for their messages
- **Malaysian Assurance Alliance Berhad** for donating the prize monies for the tournament
- **Selangor Pewter Sdn Bhd** for donating the medals for the top U-16 and lady finishers and winners in the various simultaneous games
- **Yow Chuan Plaza** for hosting the Opening at their premises
- **All Participants** for their enthusiasm in joining the tournament
- **The Press and Media**
- **All advertisers and well-wishers** for their generous support and
- **The Research, Development & Communications Department of MAA** for their assistance in the preparation of the Souvenir Programme.
- **All who have helped in one way or another to make this tournament the success that it is.**



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