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ASEAN CHESS CONFEDERATION

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5th April 2009

The President / Secretary
All Asian National Chess Federations,

Dear Colleagues

10th ASEAN+ AGE-GROUP CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hue, Vietnam - 6th to 15th June 2009

Following on the major success of the World Youth Championships held last year in Vietnam, the ASEAN Championships will be held in Hue, Vietnam, from 6th to 15th June 2009. Participants may compete in the U-8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 20 Age-Groups for Girls and Open. In addition, Seniors (aged 50 and above) will be held.

Hue is the ancient capital of Vietnam and has a rich history which attracts tourism throughout the whole year. To celebrate the $10^{\rm th}$ Anniversary of the ASEAN Chess Confederation and the ASEAN Age-Group Chess Championships, we shall accept direct individual registrations as well as even those from countries/territories within and from Asia.

Please kindly return us your registration as soon as possible so that we could ascertain the number of rooms required in the official hotel. Registration may be by fax or email.

We look forward to welcome you in Hue soon.

Thank you.

Yours sinderely

Ignatius Ledng

President







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Regulations

1. Eligibility & Participation:

1.1 Each country may register any number of players to participate. Individuals may also register directly. The players who are entitled to participate should not have reached their relevant age as on 1st January 2009.

2. Schedule

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6 th June	after 1200 hours	Arrival	
	2000 hours	Technical Meeting	
7 th June	0900-1300	Standard Chess Round 1	
	1500-1900	Standard Chess Round 2	
	2000-2130	Opening Ceremony	
8 th June	0900-1300	Standard Chess Round 3	
	1500-1900	Standard Chess Round 4	
9 th June	0900-1300	Standard Chess Round 5	
	1800-2100	Social Nite	
10 th June		Free Day - Several free tours will be organised	
11 th June	0900-1300	Standard Chess Round 6	
	1500-1900	Standard Chess Round 7	
12 th June	0900-1300	Standard Chess Round 8	
	1500-1900	Standard Chess Round 9	
13 th June	0900-1300	Rapid Chess Rounds 1 to 4	
	1600-1900	Rapid Chess Rounds 5 to 7	
14 th June	0900-1300	Blitz Chess – 11-round Swiss (Team Result)	
	1500-1630	Blitz Chess – 4-game Semi-Finals & Finals	
	1900 hours	Closing Ceremony	
15 th June	before 1200 hours	Departure	
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3. Pairing

In the last 2 rounds, where possible, players from the same country and who have more than 50% shall not be paired together.

4. Time Control

- 4.1 Standard Chess Each player shall have 120 minutes to complete the game.
- 4.2 Rapid Chess Each player shall have 25 minutes to complete the game.
- 4.3 Blitz Chess Each player shall have 5 minutes to complete the game.

5. Medals

- 5.1 Medals will be awarded to the top three positions in each event and category (see 5.3).
- 5.2 Team Medals will be awarded based on the total score of the top three players of a country. Countries with less than 2 players will not be eligible for a team award. In case of any tie, the tiebreak scores of each player shall be considered (see 6.1)
- 5.3 Individual Medals Where there is a tie, not more than 3 players will receive the same colour medal. For each category, not more than 5 medals will be awarded.

 Examples if 2 players tie for first and 2 players tie for third, then 2 Gold medals will be awarded, no Silver, but 2 Bronze medals will be awarded. If 3 players tie for first, then no Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded. If more than 3 players tie for first, then the 3 highest based on tie-break will receive the Gold medals and the Silver and Bronze medals will not be awarded.
- 5.4 For the Standard Chess events, FM/WFM titles are awarded to the winners (regardless of ASEAN or non-ASEAN players) of the youth categories. In case of tie, after tie-break, only the top three will be awarded. CM/WCM titles are awarded, after tie-break, to silver and bronze medal winners not more than one title will be awarded for each (2nd/3rd) position.
- 5.5 To retain the ASEAN spirit, in categories where there are less than 3 non-ASEAN medalists, additional medals will be awarded to the highest placed players from ASEAN.

6. Tie-Break

- 6.1 Swiss-System: Buchholz, followed by Sonneborn-Berger; Number of Wins with the Black pieces.
- 6.2 Round-Robin: Sonneborn-Berger; Direct Encounter; Number of Wins with the Black pieces.

7. Appeals Committee

The Appeals Committee will be decided during the technical meeting. An appeal, accompanied by a deposit of US\$50, must be submitted within 15 minutes of the completion of the relevant playing session.

8. Registration Fee

	Players	Players with	All
Registration Date	Through	Direct	Accompanying
	Federation	Registration	Persons
Before and on 15 th May 2009	US\$ 200	US\$ 250	US\$ 75
After 15 th May 2009	US\$ 250	US\$ 300	US\$ 125

9. Official Hotel & Venue

- 9.1 The Official Hotel and Playing Venue is the 4-star HUONG GIANG HOTEL.
- 9.2 All players and accompanying persons shall have to be registered through the organisers at the designated official hotel.

9.3 The organisers shall provide free board and lodging to one official or coach per Federation on twinsharing basis. The room rates (inclusive of 3 meals per day) shall apply to all players and accompanying persons:

Payment of Fees	Single	Twin/Double	Triple
Before and on 15 th May 2009	US\$ 100	US\$ 60 per pax	US\$ 55 per pax

9.4 For every 5 players registered through the Federation, board and lodging shall be waived for the 6th player. Due to limitation of extra beds, these will be assigned on first-come-first-serve basis. We encourage registration for twin-sharing basis.

10. Transportation

The registration fee includes airport transfers. Details of Flight Arrival must be provided before 1st June 2009 otherwise no transfers will be arranged. It takes less than 25 minutes each way.

11. Entry Visas

Participants must get their visas at the Vietnam Embassy in their respective countries.

12. Social Nite

This event is an opportunity for the players to perform and show their talent other than Chess. Participation is limited to one item per country. Please bring your own musical instruments or accompanying CD/VCD. However, a Piano is available. Prizes will be awarded.

13. Registration of Participants and Accompanying Persons

Please send your registration and provide the Name, Sex, Date of Birth, FIDE Rating/ID Number (if any), type of room and rooming list to:

Asean Chess Confederation: c/o Mr Ignatius Leong

Block 231 Bishan Street 23 #10-13, Singapore 570231

Fax: (65) 62551370 or (65) 63581483

Or via email: peterc@asean.com and/or email: ignatiusleong@pacific.net.sg

The deadline for registration is 15th May 2009.

Players who are absent at the Technical Meeting shall not be paired for Round 1.

For every player or accompanying person who registered but does not turn up, a penalty of US \$25 shall be imposed on the federation.

14. Payments

All payments (**net of all bank charges**) shall be made payable to:

Intchess Asia Pte Ltd DBS Bank, Singapore

Account Number: 0070 - 000512 - 01 - 0

Swift Code: DBSSSGSG