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ROAD TO GOLD MEDIA RELEASE RTG & FAST TRACK ATHLETES SHORTLIST

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PUTRAJAYA (APRIL 15): The Road To Gold (RTG) committee met for the first time this year to discuss the direction for the 2028 Olympic Games preparations in Los Angeles. The meeting was chaired by Youth & Sports Minister Yang Berhormat Hannah Yeoh, and it was attended by all committee members, including President of Olympic Council Malaysia Tan Sri Dato' Sri (Dr.) Mohamad Norza Zakaria.

The RTG committee members discussed several agendas in the meeting. They are:

1. RTG & Fast Track athletes selection criteria
2. RTG & Fast Track athletes shortlist
3. RTG Milestone: 2025 - 2028

2025 RTG Athlete selection criteria

- Medal winner at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games
- Occupies the top 10 world ranking

The committee members also agreed to the following for the athletes' selection criteria for 2026, 2027 & 2028:

- 2026: Top 8 world ranking & Top 8 at the World Championships
- 2027 & 2028: Top 4 world ranking & Top 4 at the World Championships

The selected RTG athletes are also required to reach the Key Performance Index (KPI) that has been discussed and agreed upon with the athletes, their coaches and the respective National Sports Associations.

Fast Track Athlete selection criteria

- 25 years and below
- Top 20 world ranking
- Gold medalist at 2022 Asian Games (Individual event)

The selected Fast Track athletes are also required to reach the Key Performance Index (KPI) that has been discussed and agreed upon with the athletes, their coaches and the respective National Sports Associations.

RTG Milestone: 2025 – 2028

The RTG committee members have also set milestones for the athletes to achieve every year from 2025 – 2028. These milestones have been set to evaluate the annual performance of all athletes selected under the RTG programme.

Besides this, these milestones will also become the direction which the RTG programme intends to achieve to ensure the mission to bring home the country's first gold at the 2028 Olympic Games is a success. Below are the 2025-2028 milestones:

2025

- Project Begins
- Top 10 world ranking

2026

- Top 8 world ranking
- Performance at the World Championships (Top 8)
- Medal at the Asian Games or Commonwealth Games

2027

- Top 4 world ranking
- Performance at World Championships (Top 4)
- Qualified on merit to the 2028 Olympic Games

2028

- Top 4 world ranking
- Performance at World Championships (Top 4)

ROAD TO GOLD ATHLETE SHORTLIST

NO.	ATHLETE	SPORT	JUSTIFICATION
1.	Aaron Chia	Badminton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bronze medalist Paris Olympic Games 2024• World Ranking : 6
2.	Soh Wooi Yik	Badminton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bronze medalist Paris Olympic Games 2024• World Ranking : 6
3.	Lee Zii Jia	Badminton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bronze medalist Paris Olympic Games 2024• World Ranking : 8
4.	Pearly Tan	Badminton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Ranking : 5• Fourth at the Paris Olympic Games 2024
5.	Thinaah Muralitharan	Badminton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Ranking : 5• Fourth at the Paris Olympic Games 2024
6.	Chen Tang Jie	Badminton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Ranking : 4
7.	Toh Ee Wei	Badminton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Ranking : 4
8.	Goh Sze Fei	Badminton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Ranking: 2
9.	Nur Izzuddin Rumsani	Badminton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Ranking: 2
10.	Goh Soon Huat	Badminton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Ranking: 3
11.	Shevon Lai	Badminton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Ranking: 3
12.	Man Wei Chong	Badminton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Ranking : 8
13.	Tee Kai Wun	Badminton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Ranking : 8
14.	Mohd Shah Firdaus Sahrom	Cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Ranking : 6• Sixth at the Paris Olympic Games 2024
15.	Nurul Izzah Izzati Mohd Asri	Cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Ranking: 9
16.	Mohd Aniq Kasdan	Weightlifting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Ranking: 6• Fourth at the Paris Olympic Games 2024

FAST TRACK ATHLETE SHORTLIST

NO.	ATHLETE	SPORT	JUSTIFICATION
1.	Ng Eain Yow	Squash	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Ranking : 11• Gold Medalist 2022 Asian Games
2.	Sivasangari Subramaniam	Squash	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Ranking: 11• Gold Medalist 2022 Asian Games
3.	Ariana Nur Dania	Archery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Ranking: 12
4.	Syaqiera Mashayikh	Archery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Ranking: 12
5.	Nurul Azreena Fazil	Archery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Ranking: 12

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