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TOGETHER WE ARE POWER

AIBA AND ALIBABA SPORTS GROUP ARE NEW PARTNERS

AIBA signed Memorandum of Understanding with Alibaba Sports Group in the headquarters of the International Boxing Association in Lausanne, Switzerland on January 23. AIBA President Dr. Ching-Kuo Wu and the CEO of Alibaba Sports Group Mr. Zhang Dazhong signed this agreement after the negotiations which is an important step in the world's boxing life to develop all areas.

Alibaba Sports Group was former by Alibaba Group which is one of the world's leading e-commerce brand. The Chinese giant set up a new sport business four months ago last September to continues to raise their areas in the e-commerce. The New York-listed parent company expects to integrate e-commerce, sports media outlets, gaming, marketing, video, home entertainment and other Internet based sport technologies.

AIBA celebrating its 70 years in 2016 and this new strategic partnership is a new commitment to boxing and cover long term projects. The new partnership will bring together a win-win situation for both companies in the future. Alibaba Sports Group's new targets match also AIBA's mission, future plans and objectives.

ASBC President and AIBA Vice-President Mr. Serik Konkabayev also attended in the meetings between the new partners in Lausanne.



**VENUE OF THE 2016 AIBA
ASIAN & OCEANIA OLYMPIC
QUALIFIERS**

Tangshan Jiujiang Sports Center
999 Hui Xing Street, Qianan, Hebei Province

REGISTRATIONS ARE STILL OPEN TO THE AIBA ASIAN & OCEANIA OLYMPIC QUALIFIERS

The registrations to the AIBA Asian & Oceania Olympic Qualifiers are open in the AIBA Database until February 5. Flight informations, arrivals and departures to the competition also need to be registered in the AIBA Database until February 19. The International Boxing Federation and the Asian Boxing Confederation is expecting big battles and high number of participants in Qianan, China.

Women boxers who were born between 1976 and 1997 are eligible to compete in the 51 kg, 60 kg and 75 kg weight classes. The finalists of the three weight classes will be getting quotas to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Men boxers who were born between 1976 and 1998 are eligible to box in the 49 kg, 52 kg, 56 kg, 60 kg, 64 kg, 69 kg, 75 kg, 81 kg, 91 kg and +91 kg. The boxers who are spending their second year in the youth age group (1998) also can box in the AIBA Asian & Oceania Olympic Qualifiers in Qianan, China.

The best 2-2 women and 3-3 men boxers can qualify to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games from the AIBA Asian & Oceania Olympic Qualifiers which will be held in Qianan, China between March 23 and April 3. The first competition day is March 25 in Qianan while the finals will be held on April 2.

SCHEDULE OF THE AIBA ASIAN & OCEANIA QUALIFIERS

23-24 March 2016 - Arrivals of the delegations
24 March 2016 - Technical Meeting
25 March 2016 - General Weigh-in
25 March 2016 - Official Draw
25 March 2016 - Opening Ceremony
25 March 2016 - 1st Preliminary day
2 April 2016 - Finals
3 April 2016 - Departures of the delegations



ASBC ASIAN CONFEDERATION YOUTH BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE HELD IN PAVLODAR IN MAY

The 2016 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships will be held in the city of Pavlodar in North Kazakhstan between 1-8 May. The boxers who were born in 1998 and in 1999 will be eligible to compete in the 2016 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Pavlodar.

The continental competition will be also a great possibility to raise the experiences of our young boxers in the year of the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships which event will be taking place in St. Petersburg, Russia between October 24 and November 6 after the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Asian Boxing Confederation is expected to take part record number of nations and boxers in the 2016 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships. The last edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships was held in Bangkok, Thailand on January in 2014 where Asia's No.1 Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, India and host Thailand claimed the gold medals.

Pavlodar is one of the oldest cities in the Northern area of Kazakhstan, founded in 1720. The total population of the city is 340,000 present days. Mosques, cathedrals, churches, fountains, parks and new modern

business buildings also could be found in the city of Pavlodar which is a developing one in Kazakhstan. Pavlodar is reachable via

flights from capital city of Kazakhstan Astana and Almaty as well. The distance between Kazakhstan's capital Astana and Pavlodar is only 400 km. The expected temperature in Pavlodar could be 18-26 degrees maximum and 4-8 degrees minimum in the morning by the time of the 2016 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships with low possibility of raining. Pavlodar is also ASBC President and AIBA Vice-President Mr. Serik Konakbayev's birth city.

THERE WILL BE SOME PREPARATION EVENTS UNTIL THE 2016 ASBC ASIAN CONFEDERATION YOUTH BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

9-14 February 2016 - International Youth Tournament, Komsomolsk-na-Amure, Russia

11-16 March 2016 - Pavlyukov Youth Tournament, Anapa, Russia
22-28 March 2016 - Danas Pozniakas Youth Tournament, Vilnius, Lithuania

29 March - 4 April 2016 - Bekzat Sattarkhanov Youth Memorial Tournament, Turkestan, Kazakhstan

4-10 April 2016 - Emil Jechev Youth Memorial Tournament, Sofia, Bulgaria

9-10 April 2016 - Pyynikki Elite & Youth Tournament, Tampere, Finland



ASTANA ARLANS KAZAKHSTAN OPENED SEASON VI

WITH A GREAT TRIUMPH IN KARAGANDA

Titleholder Astana Arlans Kazakhstan opened Season VI with a great triumph against a strong franchise Azerbaijan Baku Fires in the Serik Sapiyev Sports Complex in Karaganda. The final result of their top level encounter was 4-1 to Astana Arlans Kazakhstan in the front of their home crowd in the fully vacant venue.

Two-time WSB Champion Astana Arlans Kazakhstan's first boxer who was in action on Saturday evening Temirtas Zhussupov proved top performance in Karaganda once again. The 28-year-old Light Flyweight class (49 kg) boxer was ASBC Asian Champion in 2013 and won six contests during his WSB career. Zhussupov was in different level than his rival and secured Astana Arlans Kazakhstan's first victory on Week 2. Meirbolat Toitov is member of the Astana Arlans Kazakhstan's

franchise since Season III and he is two-time WSB Champion. The Bantamweight class (56 kg) boxer used up his previous experiences against Iarash Magomedov and controlled their bout. The Azeri boxer, who was born in Dagestan, received two warnings in the contest therefore Toitov's advantage was a huge one in the final bell.

Yerkin Mukhametzhan replaced Astana Arlans Kazakhstan's star and Best Asian WSB Boxer of 2015 Vassiliy Levit just before

the encounter. The Liventsev Memorial Tournament winner boxer has done his first ever WSB bout and until the end of the third round he could control the contest against Haji Murtazaliyev who was also born in Dagestan. The 21-year-old Heavyweight class (91 kg) boxer was a bit tired in the fourth and fifth rounds but Mukhametzhan's advantage was enough to keep the triumph.

After three contests Astana Arlans Kazakhstan won the first match in Season VI but the encounter was continued in Karaganda. Askhat Ualikhanov tried to do his very best in the Light Welterweight class (64 kg) contest but he was defeated by Azerbaijan Baku Fires' London 2012 Olympian Gaybatulla Gadzhaliyev in a hectic bout. Astana Arlans Kazakhstan's Middleweight class (75 kg) future star Meirim Nursultanov was in different level than Badri Khardzhiani of Georgia and won their contest by large margin of difference. Nursultanov delivered Astana Arlans Kazakhstan's fourth success in their opening match.



ASTANA ARLANS KAZAKHSTAN VS. AZERBAIJAN BAKU FIRES 4-1

49 kg: Temirtas Zhussupov KAZ - Javid Dadashov AZE 3-0

56 kg: Meirbolat Toitov KAZ - Iarash Magomedov AZE 3-0

64 kg: Askhat Ualikhanov KAZ - Gaybatulla Gadzhaliyev AZE 0-3

75 kg: Meirim Nursultanov KAZ - Badri Khardzhiani GEO 3-0

91 kg: Yerkin Mukhametzhan KAZ - Haji Murtazaliyev AZE 2-1

THE UZBEK TIGERS MADE AMAZING DEBUT IN THE WSB

The Uzbek Tigers joined to the Season VI in the World Series of Boxing and their new franchise made a wonderful debut in San Juan where their talented boxers won the encounter 5-0 against Puerto Rico Hurricanes. The average age of the selected Uzbek team was only 21.0 years which show their great potential.

Defending ASBC Asian Champion and unbeaten WSB boxer Hasanboy Dusmatov is one of the best boxer at the Light Flyweight class (49 kg) in the whole world. The 22-year-old star began his contest much better than Puerto Rico Hurricanes' Anthony Ortiz who is also a competitive boxer. Dusmatov attacked more from the third round and secured his next WSB victory in San Juan, winning the contest by unanimous decision.



ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships bronze medallist Abdulkhay Sharakhmatov was a bit nervous in the opening round against Puerto Rico Hurricanes' Edgardo Rolon but he found the way back to the best tactic. The 19-year-old Uzbek Bantamweight class (56 kg) boxer dominated the second part of their bout and secured a triumph in his first ever WSB match.

Fazliddin Meliboev won the gold medal at the Uzbek National Championships last month and demonstrated his strength in his first WSB contest as well. The 19-year-old boxer found the best fighting distance very quickly and did not give any chance to his Puerto Rican opponent, Jorge Martinez. Meliboev's triumph meant the Uzbek Tigers won the match against Puerto Rico Hurricanes before the last two contests.

Ulugbek Khakberdiev had the most difficult opponent during the night as he had to meet with Dominican Republic's national team member Raul Sanchez at the Middleweight class (75 kg). The 23-year-old Uzbek boxer

used his longer hands to keep the distance against Sanchez who has been fighting in the international level since 2010.

Khakberdiev proved he is a rising hope and won all of the rounds in the fourth bout of the night. Uzbekistan's final triumph was achieved by ASBC Asian Confederation

Boxing Championships bronze medallist Mirzobek Khasanov who is No.2 in his country just behind Rustam Tulaganov. He had nine kgs weight advantage against Puerto Rico Hurricane's Jose Rosado and after his lethal punches in the second round the referee stopped their unequal contest in San Juan.



PUERTO RICO HURRICANES VS. UZBEK TIGERS 0-5

49 kg: Anthony Ortiz PUR - Hasanboy Dusmatov UZB 0-3

56 kg: Edgardo Rolon PUR - Abdulkhay Sharakhmatov UZB 0-3

64 kg: Jorge Martinez PUR - Fazliddin Meliboev UZB 0-3

75 kg: Raul Sanchez DOM - Ulugbek Khakberdiev UZB 0-3

91 kg: Jose Rosado PUR - Mirzobek Khasanov UZB - Khasanov won by TKO in the 2nd round

CHINA DRAGONS WAS NEAR TO GET A BIG SURPRISE IN THE OPENING OF SEASON VI IN TURKEY

One of our Asian franchise the China Dragons opened the first match of the Season VI of the World Series of Boxing with two triumphs but finally their performance was not enough to beat their opponents Türkiye Conquerors in the Bagcilar Sport Complex in Istanbul.

In that away match China Dragons began their match with a big success as their Light Flyweight class (49 kg) boxer He Junjun, who won three bouts in Season V, was too smart for Turkey's Russian-descent Hamza Kartal who was born as Khamza Nametov in Dagestan. He Junjun is only 23 but has got big experiences from the AOB events as well and proved he is China's No.2 in the lowest category after APB Champion Lu Bin.

Xu Boxiang involved to the Chinese national team in 2014 and competed in a few international competitions where he had some victories as well. The 24-year-old Chinese Bantamweight class (56 kg)

boxer was in totally different level than Turkey's teenager Hakan Cigdem and the referee stopped their unequal bout in the fourth round in their battle when Xu knocked down the host country's youngster.

China Dragons' newcomer in the World Series of Boxing Meng Caicheng did a smart boxing against Türkiye Conquerors London 2012 Olympian Yakup Sener at the Light Welterweight class (64 kg) and his footwork was also amazing. The Turkish veteran defeated his younger Chinese hope but Meng proved he will have bright future in our sport. Turkish President's Cup bronze



medallist Zhao Minggang has begun the bout better against Evren Tibukoglu in their Middleweight class (75 kg) bout but his Turkish opponent came back to the bout after the first three minutes and turned back the contest. ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships quarter-finalist Yu Fengkai was not in the same level as Turkey's Heavyweight class (91 kg) No.1 Seyda Keser which meant the final result of their encounter was 3-2 to the Turkish franchise.



TÜRKIYE CONQUERORS VS. CHINA DRAGONS 3-2

49 kg: He Junjun CHN - Hamza Kartal TUR 3:0

56 kg: Xu Boxiang CHN - Hakan Cigdem TUR TKO 4th round

64 kg: Yakup Sener TUR - Meng Caicheng CHN 3:0

75 kg: Evren Tibukoglu TUR - Zhao Minggang CHN 3:0

91 kg: Seyda Keser TUR - Yu Fengkai CHN TKO 2nd round



BOXERS FROM CHINA DRAGONS COULD RAISE THEIR INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES IN UKRAINE

One of our Asian franchise the China Dragons opened the first match of the Season VI of the World Series of Boxing with two triumphs but finally their performance was not enough to beat their opponents Türkiye Conquerors in the Bagcilar Sport Complex in Istanbul while their second match against Ukraine Otamans was not a successful one but their athletes could raise their experiences before the AIBA Asian & Oceania Olympic Qualifiers.

China Dragons had to fight in another away match in Week 3 when their opponents was the new line-ups of Ukraine Otamans in Vinnytsa this time. The European franchise ranked No.4 in the Group Stage last year in Season V therefore China Dragons had another strong opponent after Türkiye Conquerors.

Doha 2015 AIBA World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Hu Jianguan (52 kg), WSB experienced 21-year-old Shan Jun (60 kg), Cong Wenbin (69 kg), veteran Shi Guojun (81 kg) and ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships silver medallist Wang Zhibao (+91 kg) were all in action on Saturday evening but after the long trip from China to Ukraine their boxers could not acclimatize to the environment.

Hu Jianguan was amazing in the recent AOB and WSB competitions and he was near to beat his Ukrainian opponent their National Champion Maksym Fatych but finally the host nation's boxer's hand was raised who could win their Flyweight class

(52 kg) contest by split decision in Vinnytsa which is a new venue in the World Series of Boxing.

China's Lightweight class (60 kg) No.1 Shan Jun was able to win his contest in Ukraine in Season V but this time Viktor Slavinskyi was in different level as lost before the final bell. Cong Wenbin is also an experienced hope for the Chinese delegation but he was only brave against Ukraine Otamans' new talent Serhii Bohachuk proved he is a great infighter and stopped the Asian boxer in the third round.

Shi Guojun is already 31 but his experiences were not enough yet to beat such a strong European rival like Denys Solonenko at the Light Heavyweight class (81 kg). ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships silver medallist Wang Zhibao had great movements and big punches against Viktor Vykhryst and his performance was promising before the AIBA Asian & Oceania Olympic Qualifiers.



THE RESULT OF THE MATCH: UKRAINE OTAMANS VS. CHINA DRAGONS 5:0

52 kg: Maksym Fatych -
Hu Jianguan CHN 2:1

69 kg: Serhii Bohachuk -
Cong Wenbin CHN TKO 3rd round

60 kg: Viktor Slavinskyi -
Shan Jun CHN TKO 2nd round

81 kg: Denys Solonenko -
Shi Guojun CHN 3:0

+91 kg: Viktor Vykhryst - Wang Zhibao CHN 3:0



The first big men's elite event of 2016 in the Asian continent will be the Duisenkul Shopokov Memorial Tournament in Kyrgyzstan. The annual Duisenkul Shopokov Memorial Tournament will be held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan between 3-7 February which is a tradition the event starts the new year for the Asian men boxers.

THE DUISENKUL SHOPOKOV MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT STARTS ON FEBRUARY 3 IN BISHKEK

Duisenkul Shopokov was the hero of the Soviet Union who died during the Great Patriotic War at the Battle of Moscow in December 1941. The tournament was named after him and the current competition will be the 40th edition in Bishkek where twelve nations registered to take part in the strong international event.

Kyrgyzstan selected 50 elite men boxers to take part in the Duisenkul Shopokov Memorial Tournament in the front of the home crowd. Kyrgyzstan's No.1 ASBC Asian Champion Azat Usenaliev has been preparing to the AIBA Asian & Oceania Qualifiers with full speed and has got

good chance to win the event in Bishkek. Kyrgyzstan's Middleweight class (75 kg) boxer Azamat Kanybek Uulu has got illness and had to miss the event who will be the host nation's lone athlete who won't be there in the start of the event.

Among the top nations such as Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Mongolia and China also will be sending teams to Bishkek. Among the region's further nations such as Tajikistan and Turkmenistan both will be also there in the Duisenkul Shopokov Memorial Tournament with their best boxers. Algeria's Abdelkader Chadi and Ilyas Abbadi both have already

qualified to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games but both decided to start their preparation in Kyrgyzstan. The Algerian delegation contains maximum number of ten boxers while Iraq's five boxers have already arrived to Bishkek and trains with the Kyrgyz boxing team.

United Arab Emirates registered eight boxers to the Duisenkul Shopokov Memorial Tournament and this will be their first participation in the event. United Arab Emirates never sent such a big delegation in the elite level to an important and strong international event such as the Duisenkul Shopokov Memorial Tournament.



NEW HOPES SHINE IN THE SAUDI ARABIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Saudi Arabian National Championships was held in their capital city in Riyadh where 63 elite men boxers attended in the competition. Saudi Arabia will be hosting the region's top boxing event, the important Gulf Countries Tournament in the end of March in Riyadh therefore their Nationals was also a selection competition to that international challenge.

The AIBA Asian & Oceania Olympic Qualifiers will be held in the same time in Qianan, China therefore the Saudi Arabians will have duplicated job to cover both events. Former President of the Syrian Boxing Federation Mr. Mohamed Kamel Shbib is supporting the Saudi Arabian Boxing Federation with his experiences and skills. The capital city of the country Riyadh claimed three gold medals in the Saudi Arabian National Championships and became the most successful team. The first gold medal in the event was achieved by Mohamed Ahmed Rabee who defeated Mouteb Awadh Al-Dosari in the gold medal

bout. The final verdict of their bout was split decision to Rabee who is a young hope at the Light Flyweight class (49 kg).

National team member Fayeze Mohamed Al-Shammari became the second winner of the Saudi Arabian National Championships following his triumph over Dayem Maree Al-Najee. His lethal punches were serious to his opponents who injured in the second round of their Flyweight class (52 kg) final.

Mohamed Shaful Mohamed and Walid Ahmed Kaabi both defeated their rivals winning their contests by TKO before the final gong. Mohamed Saleh Al-Zuman and Mostafa Mohamed Al-Galaf had harder

ways to the final glory but after the final bells both talents could celebrate their gold medals in Riyadh.

Ahmed Khalifa Al-Suwelim defeated AIBA World Boxing Championships competitor and Gulf Countries Tournament bronze medallist Ahmed Jaber Al-Faifi in the final of the Middleweight class (75 kg) which was the main sensation of the Saudi Arabian National Boxing Championships.

Ahmed Yahya Haqawi defeated Gulf Countries Tournament bronze medallist Salem Ahmed Faqih in the final of the Light Heavyweight class (81 kg) and received a ticket to the main events of 2016. The final gold medal was achieved by Mahmoud Asadallah who knocked out national team member Gulf Countries Tournament silver medallist Wessam Marjir Al-Alawi who moved up two weight classes in the recent two years but could not stop his opponent quicker attacks in the last bout of the competition.



WINNERS IN THE SAUDI ARABIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

49 kg: Mohamed Ahmed Rabee

69 kg: Mostafa Mohamed Al-Galaf

52 kg: Fayeze Mohamed Al-Shammari

75 kg: Ahmed Khalifa Al-Suwelim

56 kg: Mohamed Shaful Mohamed

81 kg: Ahmed Yahya Haqawi

60 kg: Walid Ahmed Kaabi

91 kg: Baker Salem Al-Oumeri

64 kg: Mohamed Saleh Al-Zuman

+91 kg: Mahmoud Asadallah



TEN CHINESE GOLD AND SINGAPOREAN HEROES IN THE HONG KONG CITY CUP

The Hong Kong City Cup has finished in the busy metropolis which event was the first big Asian international event in 2016. This is a new event in the Asian boxing map which was hosted by the Hong Kong Boxing Association only second time after launching the competition in 2015.

Host of the competition Hong Kong could not get any gold medals on home soil but their boxers could raise their experiences. China bagged ten gold medals in the Hong Kong City Cup which event was organised for the women elite, women youth, men elite and men youth boxers in the modern metropolis.

The first gold medal was achieved by Pan Sumei of China who won the Women's Youth Bantamweight class (54 kg) after beating Chinese Taipei's AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Lo Ching Ting in the final which was a small surprise in the Hong Kong City Cup.

Among the youth men boxers Hong Chuan Hsun of Chinese Taipei and his teammate Lee Sen Ta defeated their rivals such as Harvey Jay Santos of Macau and

Rehaan Lulla of Hong Kong which triumphs delivered to them gold medal in the event. The third gold medal in the men's youth level was acquired by China's Liu Jiajia who was too smart for Singapore's Dhinesh Kumar in the Light Welterweight class (64 kg).

Macau sent boxers to the competition but Singapore was even more successful in the Hong Kong City Cup. Efasha Kamarudin delivered Singapore's first ever gold medal in a women international event. The Southeast Asian Games competitor Singaporean defeated Hong Kong's Lau Ching Ching in the final of the event while his teammate Youth Olympian Mohammad Hanurdeen Bin Hamid won their second gold medal at the Men's Bantamweight class (56 kg).

China's Chen Xiaoling changed her last year's medal into gold following her

success over Chinese Taipei's Chu Ju Chieh at the Women's Flyweight class (51 kg). Her teammate Li Zijun also defeated a rival from Chinese Taipei, Wu Shih Yi who attended in several international events in spite of her age. Chinese Taipei's lone gold medal in the women competition was delivered by Chin Chuan Huei at the Light Flyweight class (48 kg). China's first gold medal in the men's elite level was achieved by Wen Zifeng who defeated Macau's Tam Wai Chon in the final of the Light Flyweight class (49 kg). Juang Yungpeng defeated Singapore's Leong Jun Hao in the gold medal of the Light Welterweight class (64 kg) which was one of the best bout of the Hong Kong City Cup while another Chinese boxer Guo Yingjie was able to win his second gold in the history of the event.



WINNERS IN THE HONG KONG CITY CUP

Youth Women 54 kg: Pan Sumei, China

Youth Men 56 kg: Hong Chuan Hsun, Chinese Taipei

Youth Men 64 kg: Liu Jiajia, China

Youth Men 69 kg: Lee Sen Ta, Chinese Taipei

Elite Women 48 kg: Chin Chuan Huei, Chinese Taipei

Elite Women 51 kg: Chen Xiaoling, China

Elite Women 54 kg: Efasha Kamarudin, Singapore

Elite Women 57 kg: Li Zijun, China

Elite Men 49 kg: Wen Zifeng, China

Elite Men 52 kg: Shao Zibin, China

Elite Men 56 kg: Mohammad Hanurdeen Bin Hamid, Singapore

Elite Men 60 kg: Han Xu, China

Elite Men 64 kg: Juang Yungpeng, China

Elite Men 69 kg: Wu Guangming, China

Elite Men 75 kg: Guo Yingjie, China



FIVE MALAYSIAN GOLD MEDALS IN THE PENANG PESTA TOURNAMENT

The Penang Pesta Tournament was held in the Northern part of Malaysia which is a traditional international event in the Southeast Asian region. The Malaysian Boxing Federation successfully conducted AIBA One Star Coaching Course during the Penang Pesta Tournament to raise the experiences of the professionals.

The Malaysian Boxing Federation hosted several events since September and it is among the Asian affiliated national associations which has got great strategic plan in the upcoming years. Penang, the venue of the international event, is famous of his curries and foods while the competition was also a strong one as a chilli.

Muhammad Sharif secured the first gold medal of the Penang Pesta Tournament at the Light Flyweight class where he was able to beat his teammate Tuan Muhammad Faizal in the final. Indonesia's Emzee Louis Bangun eliminated Malaysia's national team member Mohamed Azuwan Mohammed Nor in the semi-final and continued the winning path against Mohammed Hafizuddin Che Ros in the final of the Flyweight class (52 kg).

Bangun's compatriot Supriadi is a young boxer but he could beat Malaysia's Mohamed Saiful Idham Azuan in the semi-finals and Singapore's Commonwealth Youth Games competitor teenager Prithiv Raaj Elansharan in the final of the Bantamweight class (56 kg). Supriadi reached his career highlight winning his first international tournament.

Muhammad Hafiz Deris returned with a gold for the host nation at the Lightweight class (60 kg) where he defeated his teammate Muhammad Hazizul Bin Sukor in the fourth final of the Penang Pesta Tournament. Thailand's first gold medal was delivered by Jakkapath Panthai who defeated Indonesia's veteran Miftah Rifai Lubis in the final while Hong Kong's Yuen Man Chun claimed bronze medal in Penang.

Malaysia's top boxers such as Muhammad Fuad Bin Mohamed Redzuan (49 kg) and Khir Akyazlan Bin Azmi (64 kg) did not enter in the Penang Pesta Tournament due their preparation to the AIBA Asian & Oceania Olympic Qualifiers but the host nation's strong Eswaran Murali attended in the event. The experienced boxer eliminated his teammate Malaysian National Games winner 22-year-old Mohammed Khairol Bin Kalai in the semi-finals and he was also too smart for Indonesia's Sandyarto Deno Feroza in the final of the Welterweight class (69 kg).

Kittisak Promchuay was quarter-finalist in the last edition of the Thailand National Championships but he was able to beat all of his rivals including Indonesia's Jannes Siregar in the Penang Pesta Tournament. The last two gold medals of the Penang Pesta Tournament were achieved by Malaysian athletes such as Hashmil Hashrin at the Light Heavyweight class (81 kg) and Adil Hafiz Fauzi at the Heavyweight class (91 kg).



WINNERS IN PENANG PESTA TOURNAMENT

49 kg: Muhammad Sharif, Malaysia

52 kg: Emzee Louis Bangun, Indonesia

56 kg: Supriadi, Indonesia

60 kg: Muhammad Hafiz Deris, Malaysia

64 kg: Jakkapath Panthai, Thailand

69 kg: Eswaran Murali, Malaysia

75 kg: Kittisak Promchuay, Thailand

81 kg: Hashmil Hashrin, Malaysia

91 kg: Adil Hafiz Fauzi, Malaysia



TEENAGE HEROES

IN THE CHINESE TAIPEI NATIONAL OLYMPIC TRIALS

Chinese Taipei hosted the National Olympic Team Trials in the capital city of the country in Taipei where ten champions have been crowned. The big women trio who were excellent in the AIBA Women's Youth & Junior World Boxing Championships in 2013 and in 2015 such as Lin Yu Ting, Huang Hsiao Wen and Chen Nien Chin all will be there in the AIBA Asian & Oceania Olympic Qualifiers following their excellent performance.

The winners of the National Olympic Team Trials can take part in the 2016 AIBA Asian & Oceania Olympic Qualifiers in Qianan, China on March. Their three women winners are big hopes for Chinese Taipei, their average age is only 19 but they have got also enough experiences in the international level.

AIBA Youth World Champion Lin Yu Ting turned to 20 in the end of last year and she is now ready to do big things in the elite level. Lin was involved to the national squad in 2012 and has got enough experiences in the international competitions as well. Chinese Taipei's young hope defeated Wu Shu Fen in the final of the Women's Flyweight class (51 kg) which guarantees for her a place in the national squad in 2016.

AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships silver medallist Huang Hsiao Wen won the gold medal at the Balkan Women's Tournament in Bulgaria two months ago and joined to the elite age group in 2016. The 18-year-old Huang defeated in the final of the Lightweight class (60 kg) national team member Chen Mei

Ling who took part in the recent AIBA and ASBC competitions. Huang competed in the 51 kg and 54 kg weight classes but now she is Chinese Taipei's Lightweight class (60 kg) No.1.

Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games silver medallist and AIBA Junior World Champion Chen Nien Chin is the best Middleweight class (75 kg) boxer in Chinese Taipei and a big talent all over the globe. The 18-year-old Chen Nien Chin will be there in the AIBA Asian & Olympic Qualifiers on March and also in the Astana 2016 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships on May.

AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships competitor Tu Po Wei competed well in the junior and youth age groups and will be turning to 19 only later this year but currently he is Chinese Taipei's best Men's Light Flyweight class (49 kg) boxer. Tu Po Wei defeated Lin Hung Ta in the final of the National Olympic Trials and won his first elite title.

AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Jan Chun Hsien is also a new elite boxer in Chinese Taipei following

his junior and youth career. Chinese Taipei's first ever medallist in an AIBA men event triumphed over Lin Yu Ting in the final of the Flyweight class (52 kg) and will have the chance to box in the main events of 2016.

Lin Sheng Ling competed in the 2015 ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Bangkok and his experiences in the international level were enough to beat Kao Shih Yen in the semi-finals and Lin Yu Chun in the gold medal bout of the Bantamweight class (56 kg). The Lightweight class (60 kg) gold medal went to National Games winner Lai Chu En who defeated Hung Chia Ching in the final of the National Olympic Trials.

AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships competitor 19-year-old Pan Hung Ming triumphed over Huang Chao Cheng in the final of the Light Welterweight class (64 kg) who became the third teenage winner among the men boxers. Huang Chi Wen was too strong for Liang Yu Wei and won his first title in the elite level.

In the absence of Chinese Taipei's best man boxer ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships bronze medallist Yang Yu Ting, a new face 18-year-old Kan Chia Wei won the gold medal at the Men's Middleweight class (75 kg). He defeated national team member and ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships competitor Yeh Chin An in the semi-finals and Wu Yi Hsiu in the gold medal bout.



WINNERS IN THE CHINESE TAIPEI NATIONAL TEAM TRIALS

Women's 51 kg: Lin Yu Ting

Women's 60 kg: Huang Hsiao Wen

Women's 75 kg: Chen Nien Chin

Men's 49 kg: Tu Po Wei

Men's 52 kg: Jan Chun Hsien

Men's 56 kg: Lin Sheng Ling

Men's 60 kg: Lai Chu En

Men's 64 kg: Pan Hung Ming

Men's 69 kg: Huang Chi Wen

Men's 75 kg: Kan Chia Wei

ACHILOV AND MASHARIPOV

ARE THE STARS IN THE TURKMENISTAN NATIONAL CUP

Turkmenistan's selection event their National Cup was held in the city of Ashgabat for their elite men boxers. The competition was a preparation event for the main actions and goals of 2016 which is a qualification and an Olympic year.

Turkmenistan's best boxers such as strong Zarip Jumayev, Yakub Meredov, Hursand Imankuliyev, Incheon 2014 Asian Games bronze medallist Aziz Bebitov and Arslanbek Achilov are preparing to the AIBA Asian & Oceania Olympic Qualifiers with full speed and did not attend in their National Cup.

Turkmenistan's top Light Flyweight class (49 kg) boxer Dayanch Annaseidov arrived from the Balkan region to Ashgabat and proved his quick combinations are lethal for his compatriots. The 22-year-old two-time National Champion defeated Great Silk Way Tournament silver medallist Osman Hajiyev in the final of the National Cup.

In the absence of their top boxer Zarip Jumayev a new talent secured the gold medal at the Flyweight class (52 kg) in the Turkmenistan National Cup. Bayramkhan Permanov competed in the junior and youth level and now the 18-



year-old hope defeated Gurban Karimov in the semi-finals and Farkhad Yusupov in the gold medal bout which is his first title in their National Cups.

Rozumbay Hojaniyazov is a new face in the elite level who demonstrated his power in their National Cup. He defeated Turkmenistan's former Youth National Champion and National Cup winner Shokhrat Jumayev for the gold while Rustem Suleymanov and Meylis Amangeldiyev claimed only bronze medals in Ashgabat.

Islam Nurmetov defeated former National Champion 21-year-old Timur Halilov and AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships competitor Yazmyrat Gurbanov in the Turkmenistan National Cup which results were surprises in the event. Nurmetov won the gold medal at the Lightweight class (60 kg) and can prepares to more action in 2016. Sanjarbek Sapayev attended in the 2010

AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships in Baku and decided to move back to the Light Welterweight class (64 kg). The 22-year-old boxer triumphed over National Champion Sunnet Annaseidov and National Championships silver medallist Zufar Saparbayev during his road to the final glory.

Bakhtiyar Masharipov won the Turkmenistan National Cup in 2011 and competed also in the AIBA Asian Olympic Qualifiers in 2012. He returned after a long break in Ashgabat where he defeated 18-year-old rising hope Chagrylbeg Pazyzyev and ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships quarter-finalist Timur Tajimov while 19-year-old Begench Shiryev claimed only bronze medal in the strong event.

Ustabek Samandarov was an unknown boxer before the Turkmenistan National Cup but he was able to beat experienced boxers such as Alimbay Saburov and

Tolkun Gulmamedov in the Middleweight class (75 kg). ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships quarter-finalist Azizbek Achilov was in different level than Eyub Hajinurov and claimed another title at the Light Heavyweight class (81 kg).

Farrukh Ismetov achieved great results as a youth boxer and claimed silver medal at the President's Cup in 2011. He moved up two weight classes in the recent one and half year and the 22-year-old boxer dominated his battle over Bakhrom Yangibayev in the final. The last

gold medal of the Turkmenistan National Cup was achieved by Gurbandurdy Gummyshev who eliminated 20-year-old Jelaeddin Atamuradov in the semi-finals and veteran Mahmud Mamedov for the gold who competed international events since 2003.



WINNERS IN THE TURKMENISTAN NATIONAL CUP

49 kg: Dayanch Annaseidov

52 kg: Bayramkhan Permanov

56 kg: Rozumbay Hojaniyazov

60 kg: Islam Nurmetov

64 kg: Sanjarbek Sapayev

69 kg: Bakhtiyar Masharipov

75 kg: Ustabek Samandarov

81 kg: Azizbek Achilov

91 kg: Farrukh Ismetov

+91 kg: Gurbandurdy Gummyshev



BOUNPONE LASAVONGSY PROVED HIS BEST

IN THE LAOS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The most important event in Laos their National Boxing Championships was held in their capital city in Vientiane where some surprises have been delivered by their women boxers. Their international level boxers such as Songka Chanthavong, Vilayphone Tawane, Bounpone Lasavongsy and Khamphouvanh Khamsathone all won their weight classes in the Laos National Boxing Championships.

Laos is a developing nation in the Southeast Asian region and following their medals in the Southeast Asian Games and dual matches with their neighbouring Cambodia, the country selected their best boxers after the National Championships. Laos is planning to send teams to the AIBA Asian & Oceania Olympic Qualifiers to China and also to the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships to Kazakhstan in 2016.

Two-time Southeast Asian Games bronze medallist Songka Chanthavong of Army Club moved up to the Women's Flyweight class (51 kg) and claimed her fourth national title in Vientiane after beating Viphavanh Naphome in the gold medal bout. Chanthavong has got good chance to represent her country in the international level in 2016 following her title.

Laos' top woman boxer AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships competitor Milvady Hongfa could not get the title in the National Championships as she was defeated by two-time Southeast Asian Games bronze medallist Vilayphone Tawane in the semi-finals who attended in the international level in 2015. Tawane continued the winning path in the final of the Women's Bantamweight class (54 kg) as well where she was too strong for Tata Saenchon.

Youth star Khamphouvanh Khamsathone took part in the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Bangkok short after his 18th birthday and following his experiences in the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships therefore his gold medal in the youth section was an expected result from the 18-year-old talent.

Relatively unknown Sulaxay Singasavat was the first elite men champion of Laos following his great performance against Chackthavy Sisoulath in the final of the Men's Light Flyweight class (49 kg) where Sakhone Lasavongsy claimed only bronze. Two-time Southeast Asian Games bronze medallist Bounpone Lasavongsy of Police Club is the most experienced boxer from Laos in the international level who demonstrated his power against all of his rivals in the National Championships and won the gold at the Flyweight class (52 kg).

Sichanh Inpanya can win his first major title at the Bantamweight class (56 kg) while Vilaysack Chansamone proved his best in the final of the Lightweight class (60 kg). The further champions in the elite level were Noukhith Latsaphao (64 kg) and Damxoumphon Keointha (69 kg) both from their Army Club.



WINNERS IN THE LAOS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women's Elite 48 kg:	Toyla Sengphachanh	Men's Elite 49 kg:	Sulaxay Singasavat
Women's Elite 51 kg:	Songka Chanthavong	Men's Elite 52 kg:	Bounpone Lasavongsy
Women's Elite 54 kg:	Vilayphone Tawane	Men's Elite 56 kg:	Sichanh Inpanya
Women's Elite 57 kg:	A. Khamla	Men's Elite 60 kg:	Vilaysack Chansamone
Women's Junior 46 kg:	Keth Xaysana	Men's Elite 64 kg:	Noukhith Latsaphao
Women's Junior 48 kg:	Tata Sengchanh	Men's Elite 69 kg:	Damxoumphon Keointha
Women's Junior 52 kg:	Vongphachanh Kongthong	Men's Youth 48 kg:	Khamphouvanh Khamsathone
		Men's Youth 50 kg:	Phou Sengthavy
		Men's Youth 54 kg:	Laxane Moukda

MADOKA WADA DEFEATED HER TOP RIVALS

IN THE JAPANESE WOMEN'S NATIONALS

The Japanese Women's National Championships was held in the historical city of Osaka where the four-days long competition finished with great final battles. The event was the fourteenth edition as Japan was one of the pioneer nation in the Asian women boxing and have been there in the events in the beginning of the last decade.

The Japanese Women's National Championships was scheduled for elite boxers and high school athletes who are mainly in the youth age group. Japan claimed one bronze medal in the last edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships in Wulanchabu, China while their top youth ladies proved top performance in the Balkan Women's Tournament in Bulgaria two months ago.

Former AIBA Women's Junior World Champion 19-year-old Kasumi Saeki defeated National Championships silver medallist Yuzu Ogawara, national team member veteran Aya Shinmoto and ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships bronze medallist Ayako Minowa in the road to the finals of the important Women's Elite Flyweight class (51 kg).

Teenager Kasumi Saeki was not enough shape in the gold medal bout and lost in

the final to Madoka Wada. Wada is the lone Japanese woman boxer who could win a medal in an AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships which was a bronze in Jeju among the elite athletes. The 20-year-old boxer defeated her younger teammate and has got the chance to represent Japan in the main events in 2016.

The first gold medal among the elite athletes was reached by High School National Championships silver medallist 19-year-old Tsubasa Komura who defeated Mizuki Chimoto in the final of the Light Flyweight class (48 kg). Sana Kawano was gold medallist in the high school level in 2014 and now she was able to beat Ayana Furukawa in the final of the Elite Bantamweight class (54 kg).

Kana Kuroki is also a young hope for Japan who could win the gold medal of the Featherweight class (57 kg) after defeating Mana Kunimoto. Tomoko Kugimiya is member of the national squad

since 2010 and had enough experiences to triumph over Yukiko Iwasaki in the final of the Lightweight class (60 kg) which is an Olympic category. Yuri Yamazaki and Yukiko Ijuin, who moved up to the Welterweight class (69 kg), won the further gold medals in the elite section of the Japanese Women's National Championships. In the third Olympic weight class there was not any attending boxer as TV star and veteran Shizuyo Yamasaki retired from the sport.

Japan's super talented Risa Nakata was involved to the national squad in 2015 and defeated Sawaka Tashiro in the Youth Light Flyweight class (48 kg). Balkan Women's Youth Tournament winner Tsukimi Namiki defended her throne after beating Mei Miyamoto in the final of the Flyweight class (51 kg) and the 17-year-old hope proved she could be a star in the upcoming years.

Balkan Women's Youth Tournament silver medallist Runa Kikuchi also shocked all of her rivals including Momoko Komagata in

the final of the High School Featherweight class (57 kg). Isabel Brito won the last gold medal among the high school boxers who

is a Brazilian-descent but has been fighting for Japan in the competitions. She claimed silver medal in the last edition in 2014 but

now she was able to beat Nanako Kodama in the final and get her first title in the national events.



WINNERS IN THE JAPANESE WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

High School 46 kg: Sayo Segawa

High School 48 kg: Risa Nakata

High School 51 kg: Tsukimi Namiki

High School 54 kg: Hinami Yanai

High School 57 kg: Runa Kikuchi

High School 60 kg: Seira Hamaguchi

High School 64 kg: Isabel Brito

Elite 48 kg: Tsubasa Komura

Elite 51 kg: Madoka Wada

Elite 54 kg: Sana Kawano

Elite 57 kg: Kana Kuroki

Elite 60 kg: Tomoko Kugimiya

Elite 64 kg: Yuri Yamazaki

Elite 69 kg: Yukiko Ijuin

RISING STAR DZHANSEITOV WON IN THE KYRGYZ YOUTH NATIONALS

The Youth National Championships of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan was held in the capital city of the country in Bishkek. 2016 is an important year for the youth athletes as the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships and the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships both will be held in the upcoming months.

Altogether 121 boxers took part in the Youth National Championships of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan from all regions of the country. Bishkek, Osh, Dzhahalal-Abad are the bests of the country and won gold medals in the Youth National Championships but Issyk-Kul and Naryn also proved their background is great in Kyrgyzstan.

Heydar Aliyev Junior Cup competitor Syrgak Dzhanseitov of Bishkek defeated Rustam Muratov of Issyk-Kul in the final of the Aibek Abdimomunov Prizes Tournament in Karakol just before the Kyrgyzstan Youth National Championships. The 17-year-old Dzhanseitov had to meet in the final of the event once again with Muratov and he proved he is stronger than his younger opponent. Dzhanseitov was silver medallist in the Kyrgyz Elite National Championships last November defeating more experienced boxers therefore his gold was not a surprise in Bishkek.

Junior National Championships silver medallist Ramazan Suranchiyev of Issyk-Kul won the Aibek Abdimomunov Prizes Tournament in Karakol just before the start of the Kyrgyzstan Youth National Championships. His final opponent was AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships bronze

medallist 16-year-old Temirlan Nurlan Uulu and Suranchiyev was able to win that difficult bout at the Flyweight class (52 kg) using up his experiences in the youth level.

Nursultan Mamataly stopped two rivals in the road to the finals before the final gong and following that he defeated Beknazar Myrzageldiyev in the gold medal bout. National team member Khodzhiakbar Adikhamov and Aibek Abdimomunov Prizes Tournament winner Anarbek Zhaparov claimed bronze medals in Bishkek. Kyrgyzstan's ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships bronze medallist Fatkhidin Khamroyev was eliminated by Zhaparov in the quarter-finals which was also a big sensation of the Bantamweight class (56 kg).

Two-time Junior National Championships bronze medallist 16-year-old Erzhan Yrskulov of Talas defeated Junior National Champion Kalys Aliakbarov in the final of the Lightweight class (60 kg). AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Aknazar Zhyldyzbek Uulu claimed only bronze medal while another favourite Dmitriy Puchnin missed to get any medal in Bishkek.



Heydar Aliyev Junior Cup quarter-finalist Bekzhan Ilichbek Uulu of Naryn had to meet with Kyrgyzstan's two-time Junior National Champion and ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships bronze medallist Daniyar Omurbek Uulu in the quarter-finals of the Light Welterweight class (64 kg) and surprisingly he could beat his younger rival. Another favourite for the gold Mayrambek Kaykiyev lost his opening bout in the Kyrgyzstan Youth National Championships which was won by Bekzhan Ilichbek Uulu in this category following his triumph over Erlan Kidyrov.

Heydar Aliyev Junior Cup bronze medallist and Junior National Champion 16-year-old Aybek Akylbek Uulu of Osh knocked down national team member Elkhan Nogoybayev in the semi-finals and continued his winning path against international competitor Argen Sherbekov in the final while experienced Salamat Seitkazyev missed to get any medal in the battles of the Welterweight class (69 kg).

Mamyt Akerov Youth Tournament winner Mukhamed Akbarov of Dzhahalal-Abad moved down to the Middleweight class (75 kg) and it was such a great decision from the young boxer. He eliminated Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships silver medallist Alisher Chatkalbekov in the quarter-finals and defeated Heydar Aliyev Junior Cup quarter-finalist Bekbolsun

Toktosun Uulu of Bishkek in the gold medal bout of the event. Azamat Amanov of Osh won the gold medal at the Light Heavyweight class (81 kg) where he was too strong for Danislan Toktorbayev of Chui. Junior National Champion Shokhrukh Mirzababayev of Osh region was too smart for Mamyt Akerov Youth Tournament winner 17-year-old Maksim Tkachev of Bishkek in

the final of the Heavyweight class (91 kg). Junior National Champion 18-year-old Kirill Novosad of Bishkek is an experienced Super Heavyweight class (+91 kg) boxer who defeated Bayaman Zhanzhigitov in the semi-finals and Zaman Kadiyev in the finals. Kirill Novosad is member of the national squad since 2013 therefore his gold medal was not a surprise.



WINNERS IN THE KYRGYZSTAN YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

49 kg: Syrgak Dzhanseitov

52 kg: Ramazan Suranchiyev

56 kg: Nursultan Mamataly

60 kg: Erzhan Yrskulov

64 kg: Bekzhan Ilichbek Uulu

69 kg: Aybek Akylbek Uulu

75 kg: Mukhamed Akbarov

81 kg: Azamat Amanov

91 kg: Shokhrukh Mirzababayev

+91 kg: Kirill Novosad



KYRGYZSTAN'S TALENTS BOXED

AT THE AIBEK ABDIMOMUNOV TOURNAMENT

The Aibek Abdimomunov Prizes Tournament was held in the city of Karakol, Kyrgyzstan where the new year's first event was finished. Their next competition will be the Youth National Championships of Kyrgyzstan and the Duisenkul Shopokov Memorial Tournament in Bishkek later this month.

Aibek Abdimomunov was a great boxer who won the gold medal at the 2004 AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships in Jeju island, Korea and qualified to the Athens 2004 Olympic Games at the age of 19. Abdimomunov had to retire from our beloved combat sport due his continuous injuries but his name is a historical one in Kyrgyzstan therefore the a prizes tournament has been launched in Karakol to remember his greatness.

Kyrgyzstan has got high number of boxers in the country and talents which their two boxers proved at the AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships in St. Petersburg last year where the country took two bronze medals in that important event in the front of the Vice-President of the Asian Boxing

Confederation, Mr. Orzubek Nazarov of Kyrgyzstan.

Boxers who were born in 2002 and 2003 were eligible to compete in the schoolboys level where their best performance was delivered by Maksat Zhusupov who came from a boxing family as all of his elder brothers are boxers. Temirlan Asanbekov (38 kg) and 13-year-old Argen Maksat Uulu (48 kg) also proved their skills are enough to compete out of Kyrgyzstan in the recent years.

The new junior age group relates to the athletes who were born in 2000 or in 2001. Kyrgyzstan's Junior National Champion Adilet Egemberdi Uulu has got high number of international bouts in spite of the fact he is only 15 yet. He defeated Aydar Azamat

Uulu in the final of the event and continued his winning path in the local boxing competitions. Beksultan Uran Uulu and Daniyar Abdrasulov both won their weight classes in Karakol.

Youth boxers will have great actions in 2016 therefore the 1998-1999 age group can expect busy months in the international level. A talented Kyrgyz youth hope Nurzhigit Dyushebayev defeated Junior National Champion 17-year-old Rustam Muratov in the final of the Youth Light Flyweight class (49 kg) which was a small sensation in the Aibek Abdimomunov Prizes Tournament in Karakol.

Kyrgyzstan's 17-year-old Ramazan Suranchiyev has got great experiences in the international level and he could prove his great technique once again in Karakol. Junior National Champion Anarbek Zhaparov of Issyk-Kul region moved up to the Lightweight class (60 kg) where he had to beat 17-year-old Dmitriy Puchnin in the final which was one of the best bout of the entire Aibek Abdimomunov Prizes Tournament.



WINNERS IN THE AIBEK ABDIMOMUNOV TOURNAMENT

Schoolboys 34 kg:	Erzhan Avenov, Kyrgyzstan	Junior 50 kg:	Beksultan Uran Uulu, Kyrgyzstan
Schoolboys 36 kg:	Maksat Zhusupov, Kyrgyzstan	Junior 54 kg:	Adilet Egemberdi Uulu, Kyrgyzstan
Schoolboys 38 kg:	Temirlan Asanbekov, Kyrgyzstan	Junior 60 kg:	Daniyar Abdrasulov, Kyrgyzstan
Schoolboys 40 kg:	Nurbolot Zhyrgalov, Kyrgyzstan	Youth 49 kg:	Nurzhigit Dyushebayev, Kyrgyzstan
Schoolboys 48 kg:	Argen Maksat Uulu, Kyrgyzstan	Youth 52 kg:	Ramazan Suranchiyev, Kyrgyzstan
Schoolboys 57 kg:	Nursalim Kurmanbayev, Kyrgyzstan	Youth 60 kg:	Anarbek Zhaparov, Kyrgyzstan
		Youth 64 kg:	Daniyar Muratbekov, Kyrgyzstan
		Youth 75 kg:	Kairat Turusbekov, Kyrgyzstan
		Youth 81 kg:	Islam Abdukadyrov, Kyrgyzstan



RUSLAN ABDULLAYEV

IS THE HERO AT THE UZBEKISTAN SCHOOLBOYS NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Uzbekistan Boxing Federation hosted its first national event in Tashkent in the year of 2016 where the number of the entered boxers was almost 200. Their first national tournament was held for the schoolboys in the capital city of the country in Tashkent where the level of the competition was high in spite of the young age of the competitors.

Boxers who were born in 2002 and in 2003 were eligible to compete in the Uzbekistan Schoolboys National Tournament which was a pre-ranking event for their youngest age group before the main events this year. Sixteen talented young boxers have been crowned in the Uzbekistan Schoolboys National Tournament in Tashkent. Tashkent, Khorezm, Namangan, Ferghana, Andizhan, Bukhara, Tashkent region and Surkhondarya all claimed at least one gold medal in the national event.

Tashkent's Temur Kushakov had a big challenge to win the lowest weight class in the Uzbekistan Schoolboys National Tournament as 24 boxers competed in his category. The 36 kg weight class miniman defeated Avazjon Yuldashev in the first final and claimed his first national title during his career.

The second gold medal of the competition was achieved by Akhmadjon Akhmedov who trains in the city of Khorezm which is a historical one but not so famous about its boxing life. Akhmedov delivered a small sensation when he could beat favourite Jakhonmurad Imomaliyev of Andizhan in the final of the 38 kg weight class. Namangan's Bekzod Turdialiye's elder brothers and sisters are boxers therefore his gold at the 40

kg weight class was not a surprise. Tashkent region's 14-year-old Ruslan Abdullayev is a big talent in our sport and the Uzbek coaches is waiting for his international debut successfully in the upcoming years. Abdullayev won the gold medal at the 38 kg weight class in the 2015 Uzbekistan Schoolboys National Championships and he was able to get another title in Tashkent after beating Mukhammadali Khasanbayev of Andizhan at the 42 kg category.

Husanboy Abdurakhmonov of Andizhan, Temurmalik Rakhmankulov from also Andizhan, Jamshidbek Ergashev of Ferghana, Rahmatullo Tashpulatov of Andizhan, Muzaffar Ulmasov of Ferghana and 14-year-old Timur Solimov of Tashkent secured their first ever national titles in Uzbekistan.

Sirodjiddin Teshabayev of Tashkent region claimed silver medal at the 2015 Uzbekistan Schoolboys National Championships but now he was able to change that into a brighter one. Teshabayev was too smart for Khasan Musakhanov of Namangan in the final of the Featherweight class (57 kg) and claimed his first national title. Amirshokh Samatov and talented Mukhammadali Yakhshiboyev won the last two weight classes in Tashkent.



WINNERS IN UZBEKISTAN SCHOOLBOYS NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

36 kg: Temur Kushakov

38 kg: Akhmadjon Akhmedov

40 kg: Bekzod Turdialiye

42 kg: Ruslan Abdullayev

44 kg: Husanboy Abdurakhmonov

46 kg: Temurmalik Rakhmankulov

48 kg: Jamshidbek Ergashev

50 kg: Rahmatullo Tashpulatov

52 kg: Muzaffar Ulmasov

54 kg: Timur Solimov

57 kg: Sirodjiddin Teshabayev

60 kg: Shokhjakhon Abdullayev

63 kg: Beruniy Turgunov

66 kg: Jamshidbek Tojiboyev

70 kg: Amirshokh Samatov

75 kg: Mukhammadali Yakhshiboyev



UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY 2016

1-4 FEBRUARY 2016

Syrian Junior National Championships, Damascus, Syria

3-7 FEBRUARY 2016

Duisenkul Shopokov Memorial Tournament, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

5-12 FEBRUARY 2016

Bekabad Junior Tournament, Bekabad, Uzbekistan

11-14 FEBRUARY 2016

Saudi Arabian Junior National Championships, Al Qasem, Saudi Arabia

13-16 FEBRUARY 2016

South Asian Games, Guwahati, India

14-21 FEBRUARY 2016

Mongolian Youth National Championships, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

22-28 FEBRUARY 2016

Kazakhstan Women's National Championships, Astana, Kazakhstan

25-28 FEBRUARY 2016

Saudi Arabian Youth National Championships, Al Qasem, Saudi Arabia

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Maluku Governor Cup, Ambon, Indonesia