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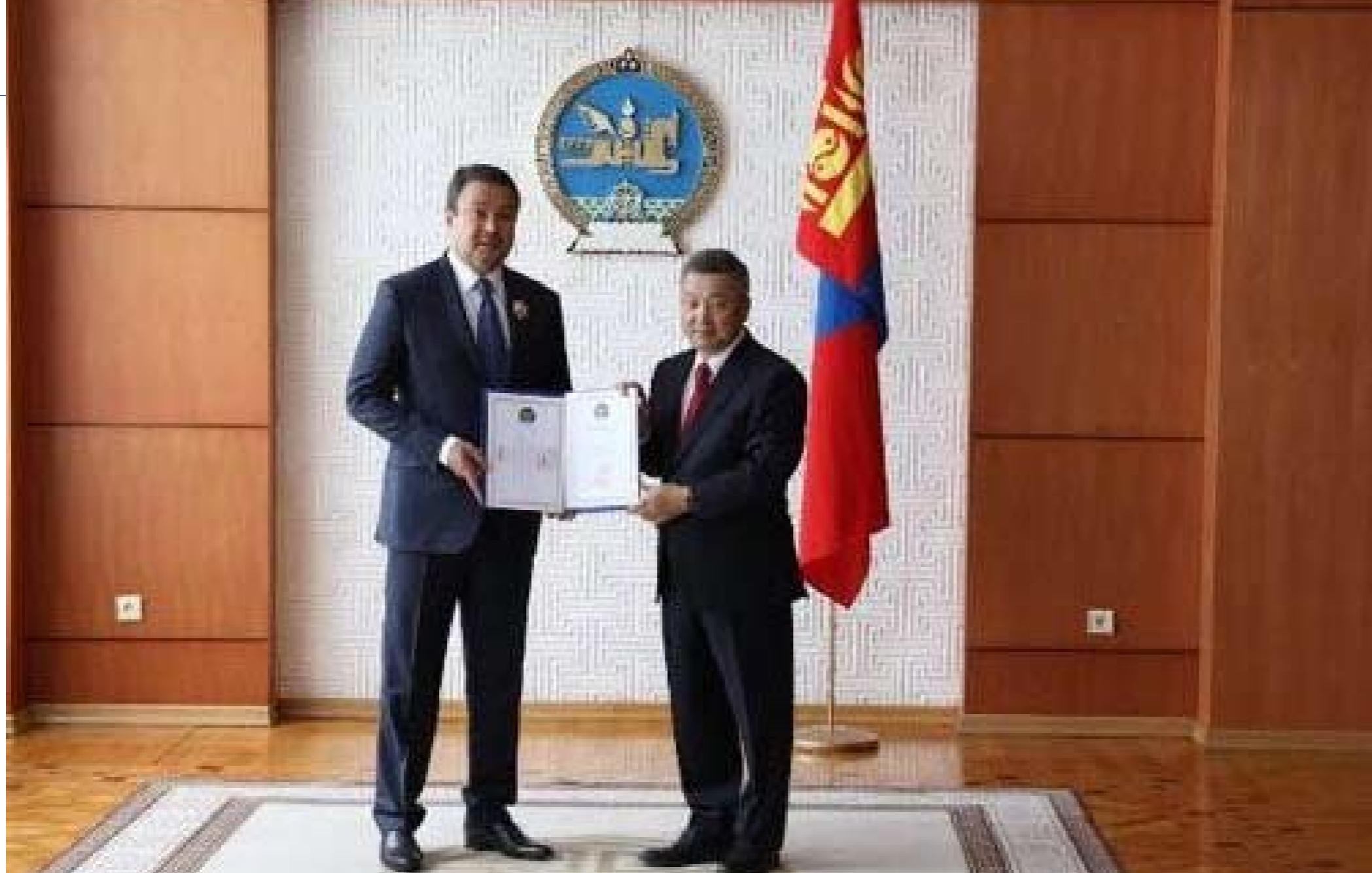


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MR. SERIK KONAKBAYEV HAD MEETINGS IN MONGOLIA WHERE HE WAS AWARDED BY THE POLAR STAR FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ASIA'S BOXING LIFE

June 21, Ulaanbaatar

President of the state of Mongolia Mr. Khaltmaa Battulga awarded AIBA Vice-President and President of the Asian Boxing Confederation Mr. Serik Konakbayev with the "Polar Star" for his development of boxing in the whole Asian continent.

Mr. Khaltmaa Battulga welcomed Mr. Serik Konakbayev in an official meeting in Ulaanbaatar during the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup. The parties discussed the future of development of boxing in the Asian region and the successes of the Mongolian boxers in the continental and world stages.

"Mongolia is one of the leading boxing countries in our continent and constantly confirms its strong status in the competitions. The country pays much attention to the development of sports, it is important when the state renders assistance and support to the sport for higher achievements. Now the athletes of this country have a big task, which is to win an Olympic gold medal repeating the success of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games where Enkhbat Badar-Uugan won the bantamweight," said Mr. Serik Konakbayev in the meeting.

Mr. Serik Konakbayev met also with Mr. Dr. Demchigjav Zagdsuren, the President of the National Olympic Committee of Mongolia. They discussed the future of the Mongolian boxing in the upcoming main World and Asian events during the meeting. The National Olympic Committee of Mongolia awarded Mr. Serik Konakbayev with the "Olympic glory" honorable medal.

The "Ulaanbaatar Box Cup" the traditional international boxing tournament of the Mongolians began with the participation of more than 120 athletes from 12 countries yesterday.

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MR. SERIK KONAKBAYEV AND THE WHOLE ASBC MANAGEMENT WISHES HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ASBC VICE-PRESIDENT MR. SHERZOD TASHMATOV

The President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and Vice-President of the International Boxing Association (AIBA) Mr. Serik Konakbayev, furthermore the whole ASBC management wishes Happy Birthday to AIBA EC member and Vice President of the Asian Boxing Confederation Mr. Sherzod Tashmatov of Uzbekistan. Mr. Sherzod Tashmatov

involved to the sports in 2009 when he was elected as Chairman of the Association of Amateur and Professional Muay Thai of Uzbekistan. He became First Deputy Chairman of the Uzbekistan Boxing Federation in 2014. Since 2016 he is member of the AIBA Executive Committee and Vice-President of the Asian Boxing Confederation.

MR. SERIK KONAKBAYEV AND ASBC MANAGEMENT CONGRATULATES TO MR. DANIYAR ABULGAZIN WHO WAS ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF THE KAZAKHSTAN TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

The President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and AIBA Vice-President Mr. Serik Konakbayev, furthermore the whole management of the Asian Boxing Confederation congratulates to the Vice-President

of Kazakhstan Boxing Federation and Secretary General of the National Olympic Committee of Kazakhstan Mr. Daniyar Abulgazin who was elected as President of the Kazakhstan Table Tennis Federation.



MR. SERIK KONAKBAYEV AND ASBC CONGRATULATES TO DANIYAR YELEUSSINOV'S SECOND PROFESSIONAL WINS

The President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and Vice-President of the International Boxing Association (AIBA) Mr. Serik Konakbayev, furthermore the whole ASBC management congratulates to Kazakhstan's star Daniyar Yeleussinov who won his second professional fight last night in the York Hall.

Kazakhstan's Rio 2016 Olympic Champion, AIBA World Champion and two-time Asian Games winner Daniyar Yeleussinov returned to the world of boxing this year and signed a contract with Mr. Eddie Hearn. Mr. Eddie Hearn of England is the Managing Director of Matchroom Sport and he promotes also London 2012 Olympic Champion Anthony Joshua, Ryan Burnett and Khalid Yafai.

Daniyar Yeleussinov has done his successful professional debut against Noah Kidd in Brooklyn on April 28 and continued his winning path against Hungary's Zoltan Szabo in the York Hall in the United Kingdom yesterday night. Following his TKO success in his second contest Yeleussinov won the welterweight fight against the Hungarian by points.



MR. SERIK KONAKBAYEV AND THE WHOLE ASBC MANAGEMENT WISHES HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO RUSSIA'S BOXING ICON MR. BORIS LAGUTIN

The President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and Vice-President of the International Boxing Association (AIBA) Mr. Serik Konakbayev, furthermore the whole ASBC management wishes Happy Birthday to Russia's two-time Olympic Champion boxing icon Mr. Boris Lagutin who is celebrating his 80th birthday today. Mr. Lagutin is Honored Master of Sports and received the highest Russian awards and medals in the recent decades.

Mr. Boris Lagutin was born in the city of Moscow on June 24 in 1938 and became one of the biggest boxing stars of the whole world. Mr. Lagutin won 241 contests out of his total 252 during his whole career between 1952 and 1968. Following his bronze medal at the Rome

1960 Olympic Games he won the gold medals in Tokyo in 1964 and defended his throne four years later in Mexico City. Besides to his Olympic titles he is two-time European Champion winning the gold medals in 1961 and repeating it in 1963.



MR. SERIK KONAKBAYEV AND THE WHOLE ASBC MANAGEMENT SEND THEIR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO MR. YURIY EMELYANOV'S FAMILY

The President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and Vice-President of the International Boxing Association (AIBA) Mr. Serik Konakbayev, furthermore the whole ASBC management is sending their sincere condolences to the Uzbekistan boxing family following their legendary coach Mr. Yuriy Emelyanov passed away.

Mr. Yuriy Emelyanov was born in the city of Chyrchyk on September 17 in 1948 and served Uzbekistan's and the world's boxing life since 1966. He dedicated 52 years of his life to boxing as a coach and built up boxing in Uzbekistan during the Soviet times. His pupils were National Champions of the Soviet Union as Rinat Trichev and Obid Zakirov.

Following the Soviet Union collapsed and Uzbekistan became an independent country he worked with a top boxer Sherzod Abdurakhmonov who was Olympian in the Athens 2004 Games. He trained Uzbekistan's several other Olympians and his pupil was also their strong WSB boxer Ulugbek Khakberdiev.

Asian Boxing Confederation official anthem



THE ASBC ANTHEM WAS OFFICIALLY APPROVED ON JULY 2

The Asian Boxing Confederation's official anthem was approved by ASBC President and AIBA Vice-President Mr. Serik Konakbayev and also by the management

of ASBC on July 2. The official music and the approval of the ASBC Anthem were sent to all affiliated Asian National Federations today.

The name of the official ASBC Anthem is the Asian spirit which contains modern epic, traditional and dramatic elements in the length of 2 minutes and 30 seconds.

The author of the ASBC Anthem is Mr. Balazs Alpar who is a well-known Hungarian composer and developed the music for the Asian Boxing Confederation.

THE BIDDINGS AND THE GUIDELINES FOR THE FIVE 2019 ASBC ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE OPEN

The Asian Boxing Confederation arrived to a new milestone to develop the sport in the continent in the final stage of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic era. The Asian Boxing Confederation decided to schedule five different continental events to cover each age group and both genders' competitions in 2019.

The management of the Asian Boxing Confederation sent through the bidding guidelines to each National Federation of the continent about the upcoming five ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships. The bidding documents contain all necessary information about the 2019 ASBC Championships.

The upcoming five 2019 editions of the ASBC Confederation Championships are the followings:

1. 2019 ASBC Asian Confederation Men's Elite Boxing Championships

The 2019 edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Men's Elite Boxing Championships could be a qualification event for the 2019 AIBA World Boxing Championships and also an important



preparation tournament for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Boxers who were born between 1979 and 2000 are eligible to compete in the event and its planning date is end of April and the first days of May.

2. 2019 ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Elite Boxing Championships

The 2019 edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Elite Boxing Championships will be also a top preparation tournament for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Boxers who were born between 1979 and 2000 are eligible to compete in the event and its planning date is between August and October depends on the host country and the detailed international calendar.

3. 2019 ASBC Asian Confederation U22 Boxing Championships

The Asian Boxing Confederation is planning to launch this new competition

for the best men and women boxers who joined to the elite age groups to keep them in the sport. Boxers who were born between 1997 and 2000 will be eligible to attend in the 2019 ASBC Asian Confederation U22 Boxing Championships. These young boxers need strong experiences in the international level to make big things in their future career and ASBC has been focusing to their development and giving the chance to win Asian U22 titles. ASBC is planning to host the U22 event in November 2019.

4. 2019 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships

The 2018 edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships was a qualification event for the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games. Following that the 2019 edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships could see some

of our next Olympic heroes. Women and men boxers who were born in 2001 and in 2002 are eligible to attend in the event in 2019. The planning date of the 2019 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships is the second part of June.

5. 2019 ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships

The 2017 edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships was a great success in Puerto Princesa and continuing our tradition the next event for the 15-16 year-old age group to be continued in 2019. Boxers who were born in 2003 and in 2004 will be able to compete in the 2019 ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships. At the very first time the best Asian women junior boxers also can join to the competition. The planning date of the 2019 ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships is the end of July.



You can follow Macau Boxing Association's website here:
www.macaoboxing.org

You can follow their Boxing Federation of India's Facebook page here:
<https://www.facebook.com/BoxingFederationIndia/>

You can follow Kazakhstan Boxing Federation's Instagram page here:
[@boxingkazakhstan](https://www.instagram.com/boxingkazakhstan)



RESULTS OF THE 1ST ONLINE VOTING:

1. Macau Boxing Association - 37.5%
2. Chinese Taipei Boxing Association - 35.4%
3. Kazakhstan Boxing Federation - 12.5%



RESULTS OF THE 2ND ONLINE VOTING:

1. Boxing Federation of India - 91.7%
2. Chinese Taipei Boxing Association - 1.4%
3. Mongolian Boxing Federation - 1.15%



RESULTS OF THE 3RD ONLINE VOTING:

1. Kazakhstan Boxing Federation - 47.8%
2. Boxing Federation of India - 17.4%
3. Thailand Boxing Association - 13%

Asian Boxing Confederation launched online votings about the best websites of the Asian National Federations last month and following the process the winner was the Macau Boxing Association. Following the first voting the second was won by Boxing Federation of India and their Facebook page became the best among the Asian National Federations. The third online voting concerning the National Federation's Instagram pages was won by the Kazakhstan Boxing Federation.

The management of the Asian Boxing Confederation congratulates to the hard work and development to the Macau Boxing Association, Boxing Federation of India and Kazakhstan Boxing Federation to develop the level of communication.

BEST ASIAN NATIONAL FEDERATION PAGES – OVERVIEW OF THE THREE VOTINGS

MR. KEITH WALKER – “THE THAI LOC KNEW HOW TO ORGANIZE A BIG EVENT THEREFORE I AM SATISFIED WITH THE BANGKOK EVENT”

Mr. Keith Walker is the Technical Delegate of the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament who has got plenty of experiences from the major competitions of the recent decades including Olympic Games, AIBA and ASBC events. Mr. Keith Walker is President of Boxing New Zealand and he is the Honorary Vice-President of the International Boxing Association (AIBA).

Mr. Keith Walker arrived to the venue of the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament on June 27 and led the Technical Meeting, the Official Draw and supervised the competition days. ASBC asked Mr. Keith Walker in the venue of the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament and not only about the competition but the AIBA 3-star Referee & Judge and Oceania's boxing life.

“The organizers of the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament are doing great job as usual therefore I am satisfied



with the event. The Thai LOC is known how to organize a big event and they are well experienced to make this happen in world class level. The hospitality of the country's people makes us satisfied in Bangkok.

The venue of the Thailand Open is nice and the atmosphere of the competition is superb as in my recent events in Bangkok. This is my fifth times here in Thailand in a boxing competition after the King's Cup, ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships and FISU University World Boxing Championships. My ITOs as Lenny

D'Gama of India and Aslan Igubayev of Kazakhstan are well experienced, they can solve all of our issues in Bangkok.

The Referees & Judges did their very best in the examination and also in the competition but some of them are not ready yet to this level. Some of the Referees & Judges could be world class but most of them need even more experiences before joining to the big international events.

Evaluating of the Referees & Judges is very important which was done by the Instructors of the Course Mr. Terry Smith and Mr. Wayne Rose. Impression of the Referees & Judges, their decisions, abilities, knowing and following the rules, their movements and fitness in the ring are the key factors of the evaluation. We have to use feedbacks for the participants during and after the Courses in the future more often.

We have got powerful, experienced boxers here in Bangkok who could raise the level of the international event. Some of the participating nations are in developing stage but great to see them in the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament. The Mongolians are stronger than in the recent years and Japan has got great tactical development.

New Zealand won a gold medal in the Commonwealth Games and we hope we will be able to keep David Nyika at least until the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Tonga, Vanuatu, Samoa and Papua New-Guinea have got the abilities to make it better in the future but they need new coaching system. For these developing Oceanian countries boxing is the only sport where they have got chance to achieve something in the Olympic Games,” said New Zealand's Technical Delegate Mr. Keith Walker in Bangkok.

Mr. Marko Marovic is not only the General Secretary of the Croatian Boxing Federation but he is one of the most experienced boxing officials in the whole world. Mr. Marko Marovic arrived to Bangkok as the Team Manager of the Croatian Boxing Team and shared us his experiences about the venue and the Thailand Open Boxing Tournament.

Mr. Marko Marovic was the Supervisor of the Kharkiv 2017 EUBC European Confederation Boxing Championships, he worked in several matches as official in the World Series Boxing and he was the Deputy Supervisor of the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships.

"We came here finally with two boxers instead of the planned five due different reasons but we are happy to be here in Bangkok and attend in the Thailand Open Boxing Tournament. Some of our top team members are attending in the Mediterranean Games in Tarragona, Spain now and we had to spread the team between the two big competitions.

Matteo Komadina and Mate Rudan both will boxing with Singaporean opponents as first in the Thailand Open Boxing Tournament. Their next possible rivals could be from Chinese Taipei and Kazakhstan but we think they are able to beat some top opponents in Bangkok. Both attended in the Season VIII of the World Series Boxing which contests were good experiences for them this year.

We are really impressed about the high level of the organization and the Huamark Indoor Stadium is a world



MR. MARKO MAROVIC – “WE ARE IMPRESSED ABOUT THE LEVEL OF THE ORGANIZATION IN THE THAILAND OPEN BOXING TOURNAMENT”

class venue for not only this event. The organizational level of the Thailand Open Boxing Tournament is higher than many of the European international events and the local organizers are know how to

host a big competition. There are only tiny things which need to be improved in the future but we are really satisfied and it was a great decision to join to the Thailand Open Boxing Tournament.

Furthermore it is excellent experience for our boxers to feel the different time zone, environment and opponents,” said Mr. Marko Marovic in the Huamark Indoor Stadium.



MR. CHAIWAT CHOTIMA – “WE ARE PLANNING TO HOST MORE INTERNATIONAL EVENTS IN BANGKOK IN THE NEAR FUTURE”

Mr. Chaiwat Chotima is the General Secretary of the Thailand Boxing Association who followed the first competition day of the Thailand International Open Boxing Tournament in Bangkok from the venue.

Mr. Chaiwat Chotima is proud of Thailand's development, their efforts to host more international competitions and lead the Southeast Asian boxing power to the success in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Mr. Chaiwat Chotima shared with us his thoughts about the Thailand International Open Boxing Tournament and their strategic plans.

“The Thailand International Open Boxing Tournament is not an invitational competition anymore. We opened the participation for all of the countries of the world to reach the maximum number of competitors in the event.

Everything was running smoothly in the preparation for the Thailand International Open Boxing Tournament. Mr. Kraitach Kaewkate and his team were working hard for the success of the competition and they have got experiences how to make it.

Used to be our event was the King's Cup which we call now Thailand International Open Boxing Tournament. We had an

amazing ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok this April where the team claimed four gold medals which were over our expectations.

We are planning to host the first edition of the Thailand Open Women's Boxing Tournament in the first period of 2019. Also we have got the plan to host next year's Thailand Open Boxing Tournament between the continents. We are thinking about to host that as a team event with the best boxers of the world in 2019.

Our plan is to host the 2019 ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships in Bangkok and we would like to follow our tradition to arrange big competitions in our country every year. We are focusing to host the 2020 Asian Olympic Qualification Event in Bangkok as our main long term strategy,” said the General Secretary of the Thailand Boxing Association Mr. Chaiwat Chotima in the venue of the Thailand International Open Boxing Tournament.



MR. WAYNE ROSE – “THE THAILAND OPEN INTERNATIONAL BOXING TOURNAMENT IS THE PRACTICAL EXAM OF OUR AIBA 3-STAR R&J COURSE”

Australia’s Mr. Wayne Rose is one of the R&J Evaluators together with AIBA Administrator Mr. Terry Smith in the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament in Bangkok where an AIBA 3-star Referee & Judge Course is holding parallel with the boxing competition.

The Australian official worked in several boxing events as ITO and following his R&J experiences he is working at the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament in Bangkok as an Referee & Judge Instructor.

“The level of the organization is world class in the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament in Bangkok. Used to be the event was named as King’s Cup and it was well-known in the boxing world. As a Referee & Judge I have worked in the King’s Cup in the past and it was great to return to Thailand’s capital city.

Russia, Cuba and all of the strongest countries participated here in Bangkok in the past but currently these top nations were not able to join to the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament. Cuba has been preparing to the upcoming Central American & Caribbean Games and the date is seriously near to this event.

Among the developing boxing nations Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos, Sri Lanka, Nepal are participating here in Bangkok with their teams and these countries showed strong potential for me. Diversity in our sport is very important in the middle of the Olympic cycle.

The current AIBA 3-star Referee & Judge Course supports our future boxing life to make strong and fair competitions. We had written examinations in English, Arabic and Russian languages one day before the start of the competition.

Their practical exam is the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament itself and after the preliminaries and quarter-finals we could conclude already a few things. The referees are in different level and not all of them will be passed their exams. We have to select the best R&Js for the future events,” said Mr. Wayne Rose in the Huamark Indoor Stadium.



MR. KRAITACH KAEWKATE – “WE THINK THAT WE ARE READY TO HOST SOMETHING BIGGER IN THAILAND IN THE NEAR FUTURE”

Mr. Kraitach Kaewkate is not only the key official of the Thailand Boxing Association but he has been working as International Technical Official (ITO) in the Asian competitions. In the boxing world everybody knows him as Kamp who combines the Thai hospitality with his hard working attitude.

The Asian Boxing Confederation asked Mr. Kraitach Kaewkate about the conclusions of the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament and generally about Thailand's strategic plans and future boxing.

“We tried to do our best in the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament

to make the event comfortable for all of our guests, delegations and officials. We hosted the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships this April and the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament is our second big event in 2018.

We think that we are ready to host something bigger and our team well prepared to make this happen in Bangkok. We all hope in the Thailand Boxing Association that we will have the chance to show our potential in a bigger ASBC or AIBA Championships.

We tried to employ our well-known volunteers who are experienced already in boxing and they are educated strongly how to handle the issues during an event. The Technical Delegate of the event Mr.

Keith Walker and the ITOs are our friends, we can rely on them all the time and they are officiated the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament in the highest possible level.

We did not expect better results in the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament our mission were to raise the international experiences of our boxers. In spite of his injury Chatchai Butdee was our best boxer in the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament and he is high hope in the forthcoming Asian Games. Among the foreign boxers personally I think Philippines' young Carlo Paalam was the best in our event in Bangkok among the foreign boxers.

We hosted already also two national events in 2018 and we will have still two more to come in the upcoming months. We have got long term strategies and fully focusing to the next Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games which is our big target to achieve medals.

We are planning to host the 1st Thailand Open International Women's Boxing Tournament in the first months of 2019. Following that we are focusing to host the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships in Bangkok in August 2019 and we all hope our bidding will be successful.

The qualification system for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games is not known yet but our main goal is to host a Qualification event in Thailand. The strategic plans for the next 2024 Olympic cycle are under progress to secure our best future in boxing,” said Mr. Kraitach Kaewkate in the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament.

Mr. Ronald Chavez was gold medallist in the 1991 Asian Men's Elite Boxing Championships as a boxer and now he is leading as coach the Philippine national boxing team. Mr. Ronald Chavez is expecting strong performance from his team in the 1st edition of the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament in Bangkok.

Philippine has got a strong tradition in boxing and their team is using the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament as last preparation for the Jakarta 2018 Asian Games. We asked Mr. Ronald Chavez's opinion about the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament and also their preparation for the Asian Games.

"We came here finally with six boxers due our top athlete Eumir Felix Marcial had a small injury and we did not take any risk before the Asian Games. Carlo Paalam, Mario Fernandez and James Palicte are with us in Bangkok among our top boxers.

The Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament is a strong competition especially due the forthcoming Asian Games. The boxers of the Asian countries are near to their peak forms therefore the event is not easy for the top nations as well. Bangkok has got a very hot temperature but is a good place for the foreigners especially for those which arrive from a colder area.

We have prepared hard for this event as well as usual which is our last milestone before the Asian Games. I am expecting more medals from our team because we are ready to compete in higher level as



MR. RONALD CHAVEZ – “THE THAILAND OPEN INTERNATIONAL BOXING TOURNAMENT IS A STRONG COMPETITION DUE THE ASIAN GAMES”

well. All of my team members have got the potential to win more bouts, medals and I hope some of them can get gold medals.

We had Philippine National Games a few weeks ago and we are planning to host a special Box-off for the candidates

to the Asian Games. I will send 6-7 men boxers to the Asian Games depending on their performance and shape in the upcoming weeks. My colleague Noelito Velasco is responsible for our women team and he has got also good options to the Asian Games

Luckily we don't have any big issues in our boxing life because we are supported well by our Government and we have got a good sponsor the Smart Foundation," said Mr. Ronald Chavez during the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament.



MR. DMITRIY MOROZOV – “THANK YOU FOR THE ORGANIZERS OF THE THAILAND OPEN FOR THEIR HARD WORK WHILE THE LAOS BOXING TEAM HAS GOT POTENTIAL FOR THE FUTURE”

Mr. Dmitriy Morozov is the new head coach of the Laos national boxing team who signed his contract only a few months ago but his hard work is already paid off in the first competition day when his boxer won his opening bout with top performance.

Laos' boxing life is in developing stage and their President Mr. Sisouphanh Sengsavanh has got strategic plans for the future. Mr. Dmitriy Morozov is the member of the next generation of boxing coaches and his Russian roots are guarantee for the development in Laos.

“The accommodation, the meals, the transfer, the technical meeting and all important aspects of the organization is high level here in the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament. Thank you for the organizers for their hard work, we all impressed about the level of the competition.

The Lao team has been preparing to the international events under my leadership since two months and I am satisfied with their attitude to the work. We have done a lot of functional trainings, sparrings, combat practice and other kind of preparations to strengthen them physically, technically and tactically as well.

We could get boxers from the famous combat sport of muay thai such as Khamsathone Khamphouvanh who won his first contest here in the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament in Bangkok. All of our team members are in good shape and we are waiting for a medal in the competition.

We had National Boxing Championships in March which was also a selection event for the future actions. The Thailand International Open Boxing Tournament is our preparation for the Asian Games. We will have three men and one woman boxer in the forthcoming Asian Games in Indonesia.

We have got developing boxing life and our National Federation is trying to fix the main issues in Laos. Altogether six men and two women boxers are training with me under my leadership in our training center.

I did not discuss the next year's plans with our management yet but in 2019 we will be fully concentrated to the Southeast Asian Games and to the qualification events for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games,” said Mr. Dmitriy Morozov the new Russian head coach of the Laos national boxing team.

Mauritius had qualified boxers for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and they had gold medallist also in the last edition of the AFBC African Confederation Boxing Championships in Congo. The Cuban coach and his team are enjoying their participation in the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament and we asked him about his opinion, their plans and Mauritius' boxing life.

"We are attending with five elite men boxers in the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament in Bangkok. The venue is exciting, we amazed about the level of the organization here in Thailand.

The referees & judges are working superbly in this competition, I am really satisfied with their job in the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament. The accommodation, the transportation and the food are wonderful in Bangkok. The organizational level is like a World Championships here in Thailand.

All Africa Games winner Richarno Colin and Rio 2016 Olympian Merven Clair are our most experienced boxers who competed in the Commonwealth Games but I gave them some relaxation after that. They are preparing now hard and we are also looking for young talents in Mauritius.

We decided to come here with some new boxers but among our team members Jean Jordy Vadamootoo was AFBC African Champion in 2017, since then he had to move up two weight classes. I think his height could be



MR. ROBERTO IBANEZ – “THE LEVEL OF THE THAILAND OPEN IS LIKE A WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS WHICH COMPETITION IS USEFUL FOR OUR NEW MAURITIAN TEAM MEMBERS”

Mr. Roberto Ibanez is leading the Mauritian team as head coach since 2015 and he is working hard for the success of the African country. Mauritius is one of the strongest African nations in boxing in spite of the low number of population of the tourist island.

enough for the light welterweight (64kg) and he opened his campaign here with a success.

We have got strategic plans in Mauritius for the upcoming two years and our main focus is on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. We will be hosting the Indian Ocean Islands Games in July 2019 which is our region's main multisport event which holds every four years.

We will have All Africa Games in Zambia in 2019, AFBC African Confederation Boxing Championships and also AIBA World Boxing Championships next year. Qualifications for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games are our key point of view in our strategy and we are hoping that some of our best boxers will be qualified.

Mauritius' geographical location is our main disadvantage therefore we had to spend a lot of money for travelling to the events from our small island. We have got national events in Mauritius but the international level is totally different as our homeland competitions.

The facilities are excellent in Mauritius in comparison to other African countries, I have got experiences in this area. Our boxing hall is under renovation and I hope we can see great bouts there in the near future. Hosting an AFBC African Confederation Boxing Championships would be also excellent in Mauritius where we have got all of the potentials to made it happen," said Mr. Roberto Ibanez in the Huamark Indoor Stadium.



MR. SAW HTUN HLA BAW – “MYANMAR BOXING TEAM CAN RAISE THEIR EXPERIENCES IN THE THAILAND OPEN”

Mr. Saw Htun Hla Baw is the General Secretary of the Myanmar Boxing Federation who is following the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament in Bangkok from the venue. Mr. Saw Htun Hla Baw shared us his thoughts about the current running competition and Myanmar’s boxing life.

“The Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament is in world class level, the organizers did extremely great job, we don’t need to worry about the transportation and anything in Bangkok. We are very happy to be here and the whole team is feeling comfortable in the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament. We are proud of the fact that we are member of the Asian boxing family.

We could prepare three months with the team before the start of the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament. We don’t expect too much this time, our main goal is to give international experiences to our new national team members.

Myo Kyaw Thu has got great potential, he is fighting at the welterweight (69kg) here in Bangkok. He has got good technique, strong and his stamina is also excellent but this is his first ever international competition.

Our last National Championships was held in September 2017 and we will be hosting the next edition in the same month soon after the Asian Games. We are planning to compete in more international competitions in the future to give chance to our boxers.

Our next meeting will be decided the participation in the Asian Games which will be held in August. We have got financial, technical and management issues in Myanmar but we are trying to work on them,” expressed Mr. Saw in the venue of the competition.

Mr. Daniyar Jusubaliev is the head coach of the Kyrgyz national boxing team who replaced Mr. Adylkan Bekbolotov in 2017. Kyrgyzstan's head coach led the Kyrgyz team in the previous training camps in Almaty and also in Ashgabat which actions was part of the ASBC Development Program.

Kyrgyzstan's head coach has been preparing with his team to the upcoming Asian Games which will be taking place in Jakarta, Indonesia where the country is planning to get medals. We asked Mr. Daniyar Jusubaliev about the training camps, Kyrgyzstan's performance and what to expect in the Asian Games.

- Daniyar, how did you feel yourself in the training camp in Ashgabat?

- We had a great experience in Ashgabat, our team learned a lot in all aspects of boxing in that wonderful training camp. We could realize the result of the training camp in the next international competitions which were held in the recent two weeks.

- How satisfied you are with the environment and training facilities in Turkmenistan?

- The training facilities in Ashgabat are one of the best in the whole world and the environment is friendly for all teams and delegations. These together make their training camp and its atmosphere unique.

- What are the most important factors and key factors of the current training camp in Ashgabat?

- The most important factor of the training camp was the support of the



KYRGYZSTAN'S HEAD COACH MR. DANIYAR JUSUBALIEV – "ASBC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SUPPORT US ON OUR WAY TO THE ASIAN GAMES"

management of the Asian Boxing Confederation before and during the event, furthermore the collaboration of the world class coaches.

- How can you compare the first training camp in Almaty with this second in Ashgabat?

- The training camp in Ashgabat for us was the next phase of the development of Asian boxing. Both training and sparring camps were part of the ASBC program and created us a lot of new opportunities.

- What was your opinion about your boxing team in Ashgabat? Did your boxers develop since the last training camp which was held in Almaty?

- The boxers of our Kyrgyz national team are showing astonishing improvements. Thanks to the first camp in Almaty and the second in Ashgabat.

- What are the main strengths of the Turkmenistan's boxing team?

- The main strength of the Turkmenistan's boxing team is the ethic

for the hard work and their strong mission to be the best.

- Who was the best boxer in the training camp in your opinion?

- The Achilov brothers are strong, I can say they are valuable boxers in the team and also well experiences in the international level.

- In which events did you compete or still planning to attend with the Kyrgyz boxing team before the Asian Games?

- Following the training camps we competed in the Governor Cup in St. Petersburg, Russia and attended also in the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup in Mongolia. Our ASBC Asian Champion Azat Usenaliev won the gold medal in the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup last week and defeated strong boxers in Mongolia.

- What do you expect in the Asian Games in August?

- We hope our team can show its potential in the Asian Games and the Kyrgyz boxers can achieve four medals in Indonesia.

- What is your main goal with the Kyrgyz national boxing team?

- Our main goal is to succeed in all of the major international boxing events. I want to thank you for ASBC launching this great development program supporting the countries as us to compete well in the Asian Games.

- Many thanks for your kind answers and for the interview.

MR. HIROKUNI MOTO – “WE WANT DEEPEN FRIENDSHIPS BETWEEN THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES THROUGH BOXING”

Mr. Hirokuni Moto is the head coach of the Japanese boxing team who was named as the Best Asian Coach of the Year in 2017 following their great elite, youth and junior successes. Mr. Hirokuni Moto arrived to Bangkok with their strong and developing team to attend in the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament.

Their boxers have been preparing to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and this event and also the Asian Games are only footsteps for their road to the most important event of the cycle. Mr. Hirokuni Moto shared us his thoughts and opinions about the current Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament and Japan's participation in the Asian Games.

“We came here to Bangkok finally with six boxers to give them chance to box in the international competitions. The organizing committee of the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament is wonderful as usual, they are doing excellent job in all areas of the competition so we are satisfied.



We are in the middle stage of the Kanto University National Boxing League and we were not able to come with our best boxers as Tomoya Tsuboi, Ryusei Baba, Hayato Tsutsumi, Arashi Morisaka and Issei Aramoto. We selected those who are over their university ages or needs more international experiences to develop.

We did not prepare specifically to the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament, we are on the road to the Asian Games. We are expecting to win as much as possible here in Bangkok and

hopefully a few medals as well. ASBC Asian Youth Champion 19-year-old Ryutaro Nakagaki has got the biggest potential for the future in our current participating team but he is new in the elite level.

We have selected 7 men athletes and 1 woman boxer to the boxing tournament of the upcoming Asian Games. We will have National Sports Festival in October, then Men's National Championships and Women's National Championships which will be closing our busy year in Japan.

We have got strict financial politics and we have to follow the decisions of our President and Board. We would like to be in the top level in the upcoming two years and Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Hosting an ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships would be also wonderful before the Games. I also want deepen friendships between the participating countries through boxing,” said Mr. Hirokuni Moto in the Huamark Indoor Stadium.

Mr. Deepak Maharjan was Nepal's last medallist boxer in an Asian Games, he claimed bronze in the Guangzhou edition in 2010. Mr. Deepak Maharjan retired from the sport but he has been serving Nepal's boxing life as a coach and working in the ringside at the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament. Mr. Deepak Maharjan replied to our questions in the Huamark Indoor Stadium which is the venue of Asia's strongest competition.

"We are here with seven men boxers at the Thailand Open International Tournament which is our active preparation for the Asian Games. The organizational level of the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament is like a mini World Championships, we are impressed as many other countries.

I feel myself very excited to be here in Bangkok at the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament, my team is also waited for this fantastic event so much. We had approximately 40 days of preparation before the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament which is more than an active training for the Asian Games.

I am expecting their best efforts to win more bouts and repeat at least my 2010 performance when I claimed bronze medal in Bangkok. All of the selected boxers are the bests in Nepal but our best hope is the light flyweight (49kg) boxer Tej Bahadur Deuba who won several national events and attended in a few international competitions in the recent years.



MR. DEEPAK MAHARJAN – “NEPAL’S BOXERS ARE EXCITED TO BE HERE IN THE THAILAND OPEN TOURNAMENT”

We had a National Selection Trials for the Asian Games in April which was a special Box-off to select our squad. We registered 7 men and 3 women boxers to the Asian Games which is the maximum number. Our two women boxers who will be there in the Asian

Games are with us here in Bangkok to train with tough Thai athletes.

We will be holding our 29th National Boxing Championships in November after the Asian Games which will be important for our boxers before the Olympic Qualifiers. Lack of boxing

hall and good equipments are our main issues in Nepal. The economic situation is not best in Nepal but we are trying to do our best," said Mr. Deepak Maharjan in the venue of the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament.

DANIYAR YELEUSSINOV DEFENDED HIS THRONE AT THE INCHEON 2014 ASIAN GAMES AND KAZAKHSTAN TOPPED THE TEAM RANKINGS

The 2014 edition of the boxing tournament of the Asian Games was held in Incheon, South Korea from September 23 until October 3. Kazakhstan's Daniyar Yeleussinov was the only boxer in the Asian Games who could defend his throne in Incheon where his country claimed six gold medals.

This event was the last edition of the Asian Games and the next will be coming soon in Indonesia this August. The Incheon 2014 Asian Games was the second competition for the women boxers after their debut in 2010. The event was the seventeenth edition of the Asian Games and the sixteenth boxing tournament in the history of the multisport event.

Some of the stars of the Incheon 2014 Asian Games are in the position to defend their thrones in the upcoming Jakarta event such as South Korea's Shin Jong Hun, Thailand's Wuttichai Masuk, India's Chungneijang Mary Kom Hmangte and China's Yin Junhua. The Hiroshima 1994 Asian Games was the first when the ex-Soviet Central Asian boxing powers could attend at the very first time. Their boxers have done superb performance also in the Incheon 2014 Asian Games.

Uzbekistan dominated the 2002 and 2006 editions of the Games before China was able to win the team rankings of the Guangzhou event in 2010 but in 2014

Kazakhstan topped the medal standings. A previous boxing super power South Korea topped the medal rankings in 1962, in 1966, in 1970, in 1974, in 1978, in 1982, in 1986 and in 1990 but their position was lost in 1994 and never regained it.

The first boxing tournament was held in 7 men weight classes in Manila in 1954 but from the second edition boxers could attend in 10 different categories. The Olympic Council of Asia raised the number of the weight classes up to 11 in the 1966 edition and also added a new category raising to 12 the divisions in 1982. Men boxers could attend in 10 weight classes from the 49kg up to the +91kg in Incheon while the women athletes competed in three categories: 51kg, 60kg and 75kg.

Record number of seven countries claimed gold medals in 1990 and it was repeated by the strong Asian boxing powers in 1994, in 2010 and also in 2014. Kazakhstan won six gold medals in Incheon, South Korea achieved two as host of the 2014 edition while the remaining titles were taken by China, India, Mongolia,



2014 Asian Games boxing Champions

Incheon, South Korea, September 24 – October 3

MEN

Name	Country	Weight category (kg)
Shin Jong Hun	South Korea	49
Ilyas Suleimenov	Kazakhstan	52
Ham Sang Myeong	South Korea	56
Dorjnyambuu Otgondalai	Mongolia	60
Wuttichai Masuk	Thailand	64
Daniyar Yeleussinov	Kazakhstan	69
Zhanibek Alimkhanuly	Kazakhstan	75
Adilbek Niyazymbetov	Kazakhstan	81
Anton Pinchuk	Kazakhstan	91
Ivan Dychko	Kazakhstan	+91

WOMEN

Name	Country	Weight category (kg)
Chungneijang Mary Kom Hmangte	India	51
Yin Junhua	China	60
Jang Un Hui	DPR Korea	75

Thailand and DPR Korea. Record number of 16 Asian countries claimed at least one bronze medal in the Incheon 2014 Asian Games. Next to the gold medallist nations Uzbekistan, Iran, Philippines, Jordan, Japan, Turkmenistan, Vietnam, Kyrgyzstan and Pakistan were also on the medal rankings.

Altogether 216 elite boxers from 34 nations attended in the Incheon 2014 Asian Games which broke the previous record. The participating countries at the Incheon 2014 Asian Games were the followings: Afghanistan, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Chinese Taipei, East Timor, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, DPR Korea, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Vietnam.

India's five-time AIBA Women's World Champion Chungneijang Mary Kom Hmangte moved up to the flyweight (51kg) and realized her golden dreams in Incheon after beating Kazakhstan's Zhaina Shekerbekova. The further gold medals in the women part of the Incheon 2014 Asian Games were taken by China's Yin Junhua (60kg) and DPR Korea's Jang Un Hui (75kg).

South Korea's AIBA World Boxing Championships silver medallist Shin Jong Hun had difficulties in the final of

the men's light flyweight (49kg) against Kazakhstan's Birzhan Zhakypov but finally his hand was raised after the last gong. His teammate Ham Sang Myeong exceeded all of the previous expectations with his gold medal after beating Kazakhstan's Kayrat Yeraliyev and China's Zhang Jiawei.

Mongolia claimed its first ever gold medal in the history of the boxing tournaments of the Asian Games and that big step was achieved by Dorjnyambuu Otgondalai at the lightweight (60kg). Thailand's Wuttichai Masuk took bronze medal in the 2010 edition and he changed that podium place to gold in Incheon where he defeated South Korea's Lim Hyun Chul in the final of the light welterweight (64kg).

Kazakhstan dominated the men part of the Incheon 2014 Asian Games, their boxers won 6 out of the 10 possible gold medals in South Korea. AIBA World Champion Daniyar Yeleussinov defended his throne with top performance in the final of the welterweight (69kg) against Uzbekistan's Israil Madrimov. Another AIBA World Champion from Kazakhstan, Zhanibek Alimkhanuly dominated all of his contests at the middleweight (75kg). Ilyas Suleimenov (52kg), Olympic Games runner-up Adilbek Niyazymbetov (81kg), Anton Pinchuk (91kg) and Ivan Dychko (+91kg) were their further gold medallists in Incheon.

WOMEN'S BOXING MADE ITS DEBUT AT THE GUANGZHOU 2010 ASIAN GAMES WHERE CHINA WON FIVE TITLES

The 2010 edition of the boxing tournament of the Asian Games was held at the Foshan Gymnasium in Guangzhou, China from November 16 to 26. The Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games was the first ever competition when women boxers were added to the event before the Olympic participation of female boxing.

The event was the sixteenth edition of the Asian Games and the fifteenth boxing tournament in the history of the multisport event. Some of the stars of the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games are still active in our sport such as India's Vikas Krishan Yadav, China's Zhang Jiawei, Thailand's Wuttichai Masuk, Tajikistan's Jakhon Qurbonov and some others.

Uzbekistan dominated the 2002 and 2006 editions but host China was able to win the team rankings of the Guangzhou event in 2010. South Korea topped the medal rankings in 1962, in 1966, in 1970, in 1974, in 1978, in 1982, in 1986 and in 1990 but their position was lost in 1994 and never regained it.

The Hiroshima 1994 Asian Games was the first when the ex-Soviet Central Asian boxing powers could attend at the very first time. Their boxers have done superb performance also in the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games won altogether 12 medals in the boxing tournament.

The first boxing tournament was held in 7 men weight classes in Manila in 1954 but from the second edition boxers could attend in 10 different categories. The Olympic

Council of Asia raised the number of the weight classes up to 11 in the 1966 edition and also added a new category raising to 12 the divisions in 1982. Men boxers could attend in 10 weight classes from the 49kg up to the +91kg in Guangzhou while the women athletes competed in three categories: 51kg, 60kg and 75kg

Record number of seven countries claimed gold medals in 1990 and it was repeated by the strong Asian boxing powers in 1994 and also in 2010. In the 2010 edition China claimed five titles in Guangzhou, India and Kazakhstan both achieved two gold medals in the boxing event. The remaining four titles were taken by Uzbekistan, Thailand, Philippines and Syria.

Record number of 15 countries won medals in the Bangkok 1998 Asian Games and 14 achieved at least one bronze in the new Guangzhou 2010 edition. Next to the gold medallist nations Mongolia, Iran, Japan, DPR Korea, South Korea, Nepal and Tajikistan took the further medals in the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games.

Altogether 210 elite boxers from 35 nations attended in the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games which broke the previous record. The

participating countries at the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games were the followings: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Chinese Taipei, East Timor, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, DPR Korea, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Vietnam.

The Chinese ladies dominated the first historical edition in women's boxing and their experienced hopes as three-time AIBA Women's World Champion Ren Cancan (51kg), Chen Dong (60kg) and AIBA Women's World Champion Li Jinzi (75kg) won the titles. Philippines, Thailand and Mongolia acquired silver medals in the women part of the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games.

China's first gold medal was achieved by their national boxing icon Zou Shiming who had a close final against Kazakhstan's AIBA World Champion Birzhan Zhakypov at the light flyweight (49kg). The second Chinese men gold medal was taken by their super heavyweight (+91kg) star Zhang Zhilei who defeated Kazakhstan's Ivan Dychko in a remarkable final.

Kazakhstan's dream duo Daniyar Yeleussinov and Serik Sapiyev both claimed gold medals in the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games. Two-time AIBA World Champion Sapiyev defeated Uzbekistan's Uktamjon Rahmonov in the final of the welterweight (69kg) short after the 19-year-old Yeleussinov won his first elite title. Thailand's participation was not 100% in October

before the start of the event but AIBA allowed it just before the Asian Games. The best Southeast Asian boxing country claimed one gold, one silver medal and two bronze medals in Guangzhou. Veteran Olympic Games silver medallist Worapoj Petchkoom was back on track with the gold medal at the bantamweight (56kg) while the team was the most experienced at the Asian Games.

Philippines' boxing team had a great target, the gold medal before the Asian Games and their flyweight (52kg) No.1 Rey Saludar reached the final victory in Guangzhou despite of the fact that India's Suranjay Mayengbam Singh, Japan's Katsuaki Susa, Uzbekistan's Shakhriyor Isakov and Mongolia's Tugstsogt Nyambayar were the top favourites. The experienced Filipino boxer defeated China's Chang Yong in the final of the Games and celebrated his title after the last gong.

The Syrian boxers were also excellent at the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games, their heavyweight (91kg) ASBC Asian Champion Mohammad Ghossoun broke a twenty years of hiatus without boxing gold of the country in Guangzhou. Their next top boxer Wessam Salamana also acquired a further bronze medal for Syria at the bantamweight (56kg).

Nepal's powerful Deepak Maharjan secured an unexpected bronze medal at the light heavyweight (81kg) and it was his country's first boxing medal in the history of the Asian Games since 1990. Bhutan also made history at the Asian Games their Sigyel Phub won two bouts in Guangzhou as first boxer from the small country.



2010 Asian Games boxing Champions

Guangzhou, China, November 16-26

MEN

Name	Country	Weight category (kg)
Zou Shiming	China	49
Rey Saludar	Philippines	52
Worapoj Petchkoom	Thailand	56
Vikas Krishan Yadav	India	60
Daniyar Yeleussinov	Kazakhstan	64
Serik Sapiyev	Kazakhstan	69
Vijender Singh	India	75
Elshod Rasulov	Uzbekistan	81
Mohammad Ghossoun	Syria	91
Zhang Zhilei	China	+91

WOMEN

Name	Country	Weight category (kg)
Ren Cancan	China	51
Cheng Dong	China	60
Li Jinzi	China	75

ZOU SHIMING, RASULOV, SAIDOV AND SARSEKBAYEV IMPRESSED IN THE DOHA 2006 ASIAN GAMES

The 2006 edition of the boxing tournament of the Asian Games was held in Doha, Qatar from December 2 until the 13th. The event was the fifteenth edition of the Asian Games and the fourteenth boxing tournament in the history of the multisport event. China's Zou Shiming, Uzbekistan's Elshod Rasulov and Kazakhstan's Bakhyt Sarsekbayev impressed in the finals where Rustam Saidov defended his throne.

Uzbekistan dominated the 2002 edition in Busan and their boxers were able to win the medal rankings in the Doha 2006 Asian Games as well. South Korea topped the medal rankings in 1962, in 1966, in 1970, in 1974, in 1978, in 1982, in 1986 and in 1990 but their position was lost in 1994 and never regained it.

The Hiroshima 1994 Asian Games was the first when the ex-Soviet Central Asian boxing powers could attend at the very first time. Their boxers have done amazing performance also in the 2006 edition when besides to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, another Central Asian country, Tajikistan also won a historical gold medal in Doha.

The first boxing tournament was held in 7 men weight classes in Manila in 1954 but from the second edition boxers could attend in 10 different categories. The Olympic Council of Asia raised the number of the weight classes up to 11 in the 1966 edition and also added a new category raising to 12 the divisions in

1982. Boxers could attend in 11 weight classes in the 2006 edition from the 48kg up to the +91kg weight categories.

Record number of seven countries claimed gold medals in 1990 and it was repeated by the strong Asian boxing powers in 1994 and in 2006 as well. In the 2006 edition Uzbekistan achieved three titles in Doha, China and Philippines both won two gold medals. The remaining gold medals were taken by Thailand, Kazakhstan, Iran and Tajikistan.

Fourteen countries won medals in the Doha 2006 Asian Games and next to the gold medallist nations South Korea, Mongolia, India, Japan, DPR Korea, Qatar and Syria were also bagged at least one podium place. The host of the 2006 edition Qatar achieved its first ever medal in boxing, their Hzam Nabah claimed bronze at the light heavyweight (81kg).

Altogether 192 elite boxers from 32 nations attended in the Busan 2002 Asian Games which broke the previous record. The participating countries at the Busan



2006 Asian Games boxing Champions

Doha, Qatar, December 2-13

MEN

Name	Country	Weight category (kg)
Zou Shiming	China	48
Violito Payla	Philippines	51
Joan Tipon	Philippines	54
Bakhodirjon Sultanov	Uzbekistan	57
Hu Qing	China	60
Manus Boonjumnong	Thailand	64
Bakhyt Sarsekbayev	Kazakhstan	69
Elshod Rasulov	Uzbekistan	75
Jakhon Qurbonov	Tajikistan	81
Ali Mazaheri	Iran	91
Rustam Saidov	Uzbekistan	+91

2002 Asian Games were the followings: Afghanistan, China, Chinese Taipei, East Timor, India, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, DPR Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan and Vietnam.

The first gold medal of the whole competition was achieved by China's Zou Shiming who claimed two Olympic titles following his first Asian Games success. The Chinese light flyweight (48kg) boxer outpointed Thailand's Suban Pannon in the final and following that his teammate Hu Qing secured the second title for China at the lightweight (60kg) where he triumphed over Mongolia's Uranchimeg Munkherdene.

Thailand's Somjit Jongjohor, who became AIBA World Champion in 2003, arrived to Doha as the titleholder of the flyweight (51kg) but surprisingly he was defeated by Philippines' Violito Payla in the final. Philippines' second gold medal was achieved by Joan Tipon at the bantamweight (54kg) who defeated Olympic medallists as Thailand's Worapoj Petchkoom and South Korea's Han Soon Chul in the final stages of the Games.

Uzbekistan claimed three titles in the 2006 Asian Games in Doha where their first was taken by Bakhodirjon Sultanov at the featherweight (57kg) after beating Mongolia's Enkhzorigt Zorigtbaatar. Elshod Rasulov impressed in the final

of the middleweight (75kg) against Kazakhstan's Athens 2004 Olympic Games winner Bakhtiyar Artayev and won Uzbekistan's second gold medal in Doha.

Kazakhstan's star Bakhyt Sarsekbayev did not give any chance to his opponents in Doha and won the title of the welterweight (69kg). His star teammates as AIBA World Champion Galib Dzhabfarov (57kg), later Olympic Champion Serik Sapiyev (64kg) and Dmitriy Gotfrid (91kg) claimed only bronze medals in Doha. Among the stars Uzbekistan's Dilshod Mahmudov (64kg), Mongolia's Enkhbat Badar-Uugan (54kg) and India's Vijender Singh (75kg) also took bronze medals in the 2006 edition.

Tajikistan's Jakhon Qurbonov won his first Asian title in 2005 at the age of 19 and one year later he did a historical success in Doha becoming the first Tajik who could win gold in the Asian Games. The Tajik light heavyweight (81kg) boxer was too strong for China's Olympic Champion Zhang Xiaoping, Kazakhstan's AIBA World Champion Yerdos Dzhanabergenov, Iran's Mehdi Ghorbani and South Korea's Song Hak Sung during his road to the gold.

The last gold medal of the 2006 edition was achieved by Uzbekistan's Olympic Games bronze medallist Rustam Saidov who defeated Kazakhstan's Mukhtarkhan Dildabekov in the repeat final of the 2002 Asian Games. The Uzbek super heavyweight (+91kg) boxer defended his throne in Doha with top performance in the final.

UZBEKISTAN CLAIMED FIVE GOLD MEDALS IN THE BUSAN 2002 ASIAN GAMES WHERE KAZAKHSTAN'S GENNADIY GOLOVKIN WAS ALSO A WINNER

The 2002 edition of the boxing tournament of the Asian Games was held at the Masan Gymnasium in Busan, South Korea from October 1 until the 14th. The event was the fourteenth edition of the Asian Games and the thirteenth boxing tournament in the history of the multisport event. Uzbekistan dominated the 2002 edition in Busan where Kazakhstan's star Gennadiy Golovkin was also among the winners.

South Korea topped the medal rankings in 1962, in 1966, in 1970, in 1974, in 1978, in 1982, in 1986 and in 1990 but their position was lost in 1994 when Philippines took over them. The medals standings were won by the host Thai team in 1998 and at the very first time Uzbekistan topped the medal rankings with five titles and altogether nine podium places in the Busan 2002 Asian Games.

The Hiroshima 1994 Asian Games was the first when the ex-Soviet Central Asian boxing powers could attend at the very first time. Their boxers have done much better in the Busan 2002 Asian Games winning more than 50% of the available gold medals. Besides to the Uzbeks and Kazakhs, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan also won medals in Busan.

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could attend in 10 different categories. The Olympic Council of Asia raised the number of the weight classes up to 11 in the 1966 edition and also added a new category raising to 12 the divisions in 1982. Boxers could attend in the 2002 edition from the 48kg up to the +91kg weight categories.

Record number of seven countries claimed gold medals in 1990 and it was repeated by the strong Asian boxing powers in 1994. In the 2002 edition Uzbekistan claimed five titles in Busan, host South Korea achieved three, Kazakhstan two, Pakistan and Thailand both one gold medal.

Fifteen countries won medals in the Bangkok 1998 Asian Games but only 12 achieved at least one bronze in the new Busan 2002 edition. Next to the gold medallist nations Philippines, China, Kyrgyzstan, Syria, Tajikistan, Malaysia and

Palestine took the further medals in the Busan 2002 Asian Games.

Altogether 161 elite boxers from 32 nations attended in the Busan 2002 Asian Games which broke the previous record. The participating countries at the Busan 2002 Asian Games were the followings: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Chinese Taipei, East Timor, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, DPR Korea, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Qatar, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

The first gold medal of the whole competition was achieved by South Korea's Kim Ki Suk who defeated Philippines' AIBA World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Harry Tannamor in the final of the light flyweight (48kg). His teammates Kim Won Il (54kg) and two-time Olympic Games bronze medallist Kim Jung Joo (67kg) also won their weight classes in Busan.

Thailand's Somjit Jongjohor, who became AIBA World Champion one year later, was too quick for Pakistan's Nouman Karim in the final of the flyweight (51kg). Pakistan had five finalists in the Busan 2002 Asian Games and among them Lassi Meharullah was able to win the title who had a close triumph over Kazakhstan's AIBA World Champion Galib Dzhafarov at the featherweight (57kg).

Uzbekistan's Dilshod Mahmudov, who competed still at the AIBA Professional Boxing in 2016, reached his first highlight at the 2002 Busan Asian Games where

he controlled his lightweight (60kg) final against South Korea's Baik Jong Sub. Malaysia's Asian Champion Adnan Bin Yusoh and Kazakhstan's strong Ruslan Mussinov claimed only bronze medals in this weight class.

Kazakhstan's two-time Olympian Nurzhan Karimzhanov eliminated his main rival Uzbekistan's Bakhyt Sarsekbayev in the semi-final and continued his winning path against Pakistan's Asghar Ali Shah in the final of the light welterweight (63.5kg). Kazakhstan's second gold medal in Busan was achieved by their star Gennadiy Golovkin who was only 20 by the time of the Games and dominated all of his light middleweight (71kg) fights.

The highest four weight classes in the Busan 2002 Asian Games were won by the Uzbeks with their stars boxers. AIBA World Champion Utkirbek Haydarov stopped Pakistan's Ahmed Ali Khan in the final of the middleweight (75kg) while veteran Ikrom Berdiyev won the next light heavyweight (81kg) final against South Korea's Choi Ki Soo.

Uzbekistan's Olympic Games bronze medallist Sergey Mihaylov won his first success in 1998 when he defeated South Korea's Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games silver medallist Lee Seung Bae and after that he was able to defend his title in 2002 winning the heavyweight (91kg) with top performance. The last gold medal of the 2002 edition was achieved by Uzbekistan's Olympic Games bronze medallist Rustam Saidov who did revenge against Kazakhstan's Mukhtarkhan Dildabekov due his previous loss.



2002 Asian Games boxing Champions

Busan, South Korea, October 1-14

MEN

Name	Country	Weight category (kg)
Kim Ki Suk	South Korea	48
Somjit Jongjohor	Thailand	51
Kim Won Il	South Korea	54
Lassi Meharullah	Pakistan	57
Dilshod Makhmudov	Uzbekistan	60
Nurzhan Karimzhanov	Kazakhstan	63,5
Kim Jung Joo	South Korea	67
Gennadiy Golovkin	Kazakhstan	71
Utkirbek Haydarov	Uzbekistan	75
Ikrom Berdiyev	Uzbekistan	81
Sergey Mikhaylov	Uzbekistan	91
Rustam Saidov	Uzbekistan	+91

IBRAIMOV, CHAGAYEV AND KAMSING WERE AMONG THE WINNERS AT THE RECORD-BREAKING ASIAN GAMES IN 1998

The 1998 edition of the boxing tournament of the Asian Games was held in Bangkok, Thailand from December 7 until the 18th. The event was the thirteenth Asian Games and the twelfth boxing tournament in the history of the multisport event. Stars of the Asian continent as Thailand's Somluck Kamsing, Kazakhstan's Yermakhan Ibraimov and Uzbekistan's Ruslan Chagayev were also among the winners in 1998.

The Hiroshima 1994 Asian Games was the first when the ex-Soviet Central Asian boxing powers could attend at the very first time but their boxers have done much better in the Bangkok 1998 Asian Games winning 50% of the available gold medals.

The South Koreans have done a remarkable performance their boxers won all of the 12 gold medals in the 1986 edition which is record in the history of the Asian Games. South Korea topped the medal rankings in 1962, in 1966, in 1970, in 1974, in 1978, in 1982, in 1986 and in 1990 but their position was lost in 1994 when Philippines took over them. The medals standings were won by the host Thai team in 1998 while the South Koreans were not able to get any title in Bangkok.

The first boxing tournament was held in 7 men weight classes in Manila in 1954 but from the second edition boxers could attend in 10 different categories. The Olympic Council of Asia raised the number of the weight classes up to 11 in the 1966 edition and also added a new category raising to 12 the divisions in 1982. Boxers could attend in the 1998 edition from the 48kg up to the +91kg weight categories.

Record number of seven countries claimed gold medals in 1990 and it was repeated by the strong Asian boxing powers in 1994.

In the 1998 edition host Thailand claimed five gold medals, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan each three and the last twelfth title was won by the Indians in Bangkok.



1998 Asian Games boxing Champions

Bangkok, Thailand, December 7-18

MEN

Name	Country	Weight category (kg)
Suban Pannon	Thailand	48
Pramuansak Phosuwan	Thailand	51
Dingko Singh	India	54
Somluck Kamsing	Thailand	57
Viangwiset Phongsit	Thailand	60
Makhammatkodir Abdullaev	Uzbekistan	63,5
Jangphonak Parkpoom	Thailand	67
Yermakhan Ibraimov	Kazakhstan	71
Vyacheslav Burba	Kazakhstan	75
Sergey Mikhaylov	Uzbekistan	81
Ruslan Chagayev	Uzbekistan	91
Mukhtarkhan Dildabekov	Kazakhstan	+91

Thirteen countries won medals in the Beijing 1990 Asian Games and fourteen nations were able to get at least one podium place in 1994 which was raised up to 15 in 1998. Next to the gold medallist nations South Korea, Indonesia, Pakistan, Iran, China, Mongolia, Japan, Jordan, DPR Korea, Philippines and Syria were also on the medal rankings.

Altogether 159 elite boxers from 27 nations attended in the Bangkok 1998 Asian Games which was a new record in the history of the competition. The participating countries at the Bangkok 1998 Asian Games were the followings: Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Chinese Taipei, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, DPR Korea, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, South Korea, Syria, Thailand, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

The first gold medal of the whole competition was achieved by Suban Pannon who dominated all of his fights at the light flyweight (48kg). His teammate Pramuansak Phosuwan was an experienced boxer who finally reached the top of the podium in the Bangkok 1998 Asian Games after beating Indonesia's Ballo Hermensen in the final of the flyweight (51kg).

Thailand's Somluck Kamsing dominated the featherweight (57kg) in the Hiroshima 1994 Asian Games and two years later

he became Olympic Champion in Atlanta. The Thai star had a close final against Uzbekistan's AIBA World Boxing Championships silver medallist Tulkunbay Turgunov but he was able to defend his throne in Bangkok.

Uzbekistan's Makhammatkodir Abdullaev qualified for the Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games but his best years were still coming for him after that participation. The Andizhan-based boxer won his first big title at the Bangkok 1998 Asian Games where he was too strong for Indonesia's Wellem Papilaya in the final of the light welterweight (63.5kg).

Kazakhstan's super strong Yermakhan Ibraimov won strong international events from 1995 therefore his gold medal at the light middleweight (71kg) was not a surprise in Bangkok. His teammate Vyacheslav Burba shocked Uzbekistan's AIBA World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Dilshod Yarbekov in the final of the middleweight (75kg).

Following Uzbekistan's Sergey Mihaylov's success at the light heavyweight over South Korea's Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games silver medallist Lee Seung Bae, his AIBA World Champion star teammate Ruslan Chagayev won the heavyweight (91kg) in Bangkok. The last gold medal was achieved by another star boxer Kazakhstan's Mukhtarkhan Dildabekov who knocked out Iran's Mohammad Reza Samadi in the final.

PHILIPPINES TOPPED THE TEAM RANKINGS IN THE HIROSHIMA 1994 ASIAN GAMES WHERE THE EX-SOVIET BOXING POWERS ATTENDED AT THE FIRST TIME

The 1994 edition of the boxing tournament of the Asian Games was held in Hiroshima, Japan from October 4 until the 13th. The event was the twelfth Asian Games and the eleventh boxing tournament in the history of the multisport event. The Hiroshima 1994 Asian Games was the first when the ex-Soviet Central Asian boxing powers could attend at the very first time in Japan where the medal rankings were won by the Philippines.

The Soviet Union was collapsed in 1991 and 15 new strong boxing countries came up in the international level events. Among them Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan are located in the Asian continent and these nations changed the strengths of the Asian Games.

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Record number of seven countries claimed gold medals in 1990 and it was repeated by the strong Asian boxing powers in 1994. Philippines achieved three titles, Kazakhstan, South Korea and Uzbekistan took each two gold medals in Hiroshima. Thailand, Iran and Japan were the further gold medallist nations in the event.

Thirteen countries won medals in the Beijing 1990 Asian Games and fourteen nations were able to get at least one podium place in 1994. Next to the gold medallist nations Pakistan, China,

Saudi Arabia, India, Indonesia, Syria and Turkmenistan also achieved at least one bronze medal in Hiroshima.

Altogether 141 elite boxers from 24 nations attended in the Hiroshima 1994 Asian Games which was another record in the history of the boxing event. The participating countries at the Hiroshima 1994 Asian Games were the followings: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Chinese Taipei, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, South Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Thailand, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Philippines' Mansueto Velasco impressed in the final of the light flyweight (48kg) and he was able to beat Thailand's Pramuansak Phosuwan in the gold medal contest. In this category Kazakhstan's super talented Bulat Dzhumadilov lost his quarter-final bout closely but later he became AIBA World Champion and two-time Olympic Games silver medallist.

Philippines' second title was achieved by Elias Recaido who claimed bronze in

1990 which he changed into gold in 1994 following his triumph over Japan's Kenji Nakazono in the final of the flyweight (51kg). Philippines' third title was taken by Reynaldo Galido who stopped Pakistan's Usman Ullah Khan in the final of the light welterweight (63.5kg) where Kazakhstan's Bolat Niyazymbetov claimed bronze medal who is coach in South Korea in our present days.

Thailand's Somluck Kamsing dominated the featherweight (57kg) in the Hiroshima 1994 Asian Games and two years later he became Olympic Champion in Atlanta. Kazakhstan's strong duo Nurzhan Smanov (67kg) and Kanatbek Chagatayev (71kg) claimed the countries historical gold medals in the Asian Games.

Uzbekistan dominated the heavyweight (91kg) and super heavyweight (+91kg) in the competition where Alisher Avezbayev and star Oleg Maskayev claimed their titles. South Korea's Lee Seung Bae (75kg) defeated Kazakhstan's Arkadiy Topayev in the final of the middleweight (75kg) while Japan's Tsuyoshi Yaegashi also proved top performance in the Hiroshima 1994 Asian Games.



1994 Asian Games boxing Champions

Hiroshima, Japan, October 4-13

MEN

Name	Country	Weight category (kg)
Mansueto Velasco	Philippines	48
Elias Recaido	Philippines	51
Yeom Jong Kil	South Korea	54
Somluck Kamsing	Thailand	57
Tsuyoshi Yegashi	Japan	60
Reynaldo Galido	Philippines	63,5
Nurzhan Smanov	Kazakhstan	67
Kanatbek Chagatayev	Kazakhstan	71
Lee Seung Bae	South Korea	75
Ayoub Pourtaghi Ghouschi	Iran	81
Alisher Avezbayev	Uzbekistan	91
Oleg Maskayev	Uzbekistan	+91

SYRIA AND CHINA WON HISTORICAL GOLD MEDALS IN THE BEIJING 1990 ASIAN GAMES WHERE SEVEN NATIONS TOOK THE TITLES

The 1990 edition of the boxing tournament of the Asian Games was held in Beijing, China from September 22 until October 7. The event was the eleventh Asian Games and the tenth boxing tournament in the history of the multisport event. China and Syria won their first historical titles in Beijing where seven nations took the gold medals.

The South Koreans have done a remarkable performance their boxers won all of the 12 gold medals in the 1986 edition and they did well also in 1990 with their five titles in the boxing tournament. South Korea topped the medal rankings in 1962, in 1966, in 1970, in 1974, in 1978, in 1982, in 1986 and their boxers continued that tradition also in Beijing.

The first boxing tournament was held in 7 men weight classes in Manila in 1954 but from the second edition boxers could attend in 10 different categories. The Olympic Council of Asia raised the number of the weight classes up to 11 in the 1966 edition and also added a new category raising to 12 the divisions in 1982. Boxers could attend in the 1990 edition from the 48kg up to the +91kg weight categories.

Record number of seven nations achieved at least one title in the 1990 edition of the Asian Games which event was China's debut in boxing. Next to the five South Korean gold medals Thailand finished as second in the rankings with their two titles in Beijing. China, Pakistan, Philippines, Indonesia and Syria each claimed one gold medal in 1990. Syria bagged its first ever title in the history of the Asian Games.

Thirteen countries won medals in the Beijing 1990 Asian Games, besides to the gold medallists Mongolia, Iran, Japan, India, Laos and Nepal acquired at least one bronze in the Chinese multisport event. The Mongolians claimed one silver and four


bronze medals in Beijing which was their peak performance until 1990.

South Korea won the light flyweight (48kg) in the recent editions and their newcomer Yang Suk Jin continued that tradition in Beijing as well. The Korean talent defeated Thailand's two-time Southeast Asian Games winner Chatchai Sasakul in the final while Philippines' favourite Elias Recaido claimed only bronze medal in Beijing.

Philippines' 24-year-old Roberto Jalnaiz attended in the Seoul 1988 Olympic Games and following his international experiences he was able to beat South Korea's Hwang Kyung Sup in the final of the bantamweight (54kg). One year later Jalnaiz also won the titles in the Asian Boxing Championships and in the Southeast Asian Games.

Syria's historical first gold medal was achieved by Ahmad Mayez Khanji at the light welterweight (63.5kg) where he was too strong for Japan's Kunihiro Miura. The host country China also won its historical first title in the boxing tournament of the Asian Games, their Bai Chongguang defeated Iran's Ali Asghar Kazemi in the final of the light heavyweight (81kg).

Indonesia claimed two gold medals in the boxing tournament of the Asian Games at the middleweight (75kg) in the '70s and their Pino Bahari continued that tradition in Beijing where he was too strong for Mongolia's Bandi Altangerel. Pakistan's lone title in 1990 was achieved by 29-year-old Abrar Hussain who was member of the



1990 Asian Games boxing Champions

Beijing, China, September 22 – October 7

MEN

Name	Country	Weight category (kg)
Yang Suk Jin	South Korea	48
Lee Chang Hwan	South Korea	51
Roberto Jalnaiz	Philippines	54
Raiman Boonthou	Thailand	57
Lee Jae Hyuk	South Korea	60
Mayen Khanji	Syria	63,5
Chainawong Kanha	Thailand	67
Syed Abrar Hussain Shah	Pakistan	71
Pino Bahari	Indonesia	75
Bai Chongguang	China	81
Chae Sung Bae	South Korea	91
Baik Hyun Man	South Korea	+91

national team since 1983 and attended in three Olympic Games between 1984 and 1992.

South Korea's Chae Sung Bae had tough contests against the world's best boxers therefore he was enough prepared to beat

China's Wang Weixiong in the final of the heavyweight (91kg). His teammate Baik Hyun Man won the gold of the super heavyweight (+91kg) in the Seoul 1986 Asian Games and repeated that performance in Beijing four years later.



THAILAND WON THREE GOLD MEDALS BUT MONGOLIA BECAME THE BEST TEAM IN THE THAILAND OPEN BOXING TOURNAMENT

The first edition of the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament was finished with its final day when 7 title contests which were held in one session in Bangkok. Thailand claimed three gold medals in the competition but Mongolia also impressed with their two titles in Bangkok where Philippines and South Korea were also able to win categories.

Thailand A, B and C squads each won one title therefore Mongolia became the best team in Bangkok.

Altogether 127 men elite boxers from 27 different nations are attending in the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament in Bangkok from three different continents. The winners of today's bouts are gold medallist of the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament in Bangkok where the Best Boxer Trophy was achieved by Thailand's Pathomsak Kuttiya.

Philippines have been producing always top boxers at the light flyweight (49kg) which is the tradition of the Southeast Asian boxing power. Their AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Carlo Paalam won several international elite events in the last one year in spite of the fact he is only 20 now. The best Filipino light flyweight (49kg) eliminated Japan's Ryusei Matsumoto, Thailand's Samak Saehan and Chinese Taipei's technician Tu Po Wei during his road to the finals. Paalam was patient in the first round and he was waiting for the best attacking positions in the final. The young Filipino was able to beat his Iranian opponent by unanimous decision in the title contest.

The flyweight (52kg) delivered tough battles in the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament in Bangkok where South Korea's No.1 Kim In Kyu was not able to get any medals. Thailand's Yuttapong Tongdee replaced their former ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships bronze medallist Tanes Ongjunta in Team A and he proved strong performance at the flyweight (52kg) in Bangkok. He eliminated Sri Lanka's Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Vidanalage Ishan Roshan Seneviratne Bandara and DPR Korea's Ri Myong Ryong as well. The 25-year-old Tongdee had to meet for the gold medal with his teammate Kritiphak Duangnuch

who was a taller opponent. Tongdee was able to reduce the fighting distance and his tough combinations delivered for him a gold medal.

Mongolia's Rio 2016 Olympian and Summer Universiade winner Enkh-Amar Kharkhuu advanced to the final of the bantamweight (56kg) in Bangkok and realized his minimum goal. The 26-year-old Mongolian eliminated Bhutan's Dorji Nima and Kazakhstan's National Championships bronze medallist Zhanbolat Kydyrbayev in the recent two rounds. Kharkhuu had to face in the final with Japan's new sensation Ryoma Kitaura who eliminated Thailand's star Chatchai Butdee in the quarter-finals. The more experienced Mongolian moved more on feet and he was a hard target for the 21-year-old Japanese boxer which meant Kharkhuu won his next international tournament title after the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup.

Philippines' former ASBC Asian Youth Champion James Palicte has been fighting for a place in their Asian Games squad therefore he did his very best against Japan's Rentaro Kimura in the quarter-final. The 24-year-old Filipino lightweight (60kg) boxer walked over to the final of the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament following his opponent Mongolia's Indian Open Boxing Tournament silver medallist Battumur Misheelt was unable to fight against him in the semi-finals. Palicte worked from longer distance in the first round of the final against Thailand's surprise Seeteep Anu who exceeded all of the previous expectations in Bangkok. Anu had amazing stamina in the final and in spite of his low number of international

experiences he was able to beat technician Palicte.

Two of the top Asian stars had to meet in the final of the light welterweight (64kg) at the Thailand International Open Boxing Tournament. Thailand's defending Asian Games winner and AIBA World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Wuttichai Masuk proved even better and better performances during his road to the finals. The Thai southpaw had a tough final opponent Mongolia's Rio 2016 Olympian and ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships silver medallist Chinzorig Baatarsukh in Bangkok. Both of the boxers were patient and tried to use their own rhythm in the best final of the competition. The Mongolian boxer used his best fighting distance from the first seconds and his punches came with perfect timing. The final verdict was unanimous decision in the favour of Chinzorig Baatarsukh who defeated one of the best Asian boxers in Bangkok.

Iran's No.1 ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships bronze medallist Sajjad Kazemzadeh eliminated Thailand's three-time Olympian Saylom Ardee in a hectic quarter-final. The 22-year-old Iranian welterweight (69kg) boxer stopped Stanislav Tsoy of Kazakhstan in the semi-final of the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament. Kazemzadeh had a smaller opponent in the final South Korea's Incheon 2014 Asian Games silver medallist Lim Hyun Chul. The Korean boxer used his aggressive style and surprisingly virtuoso Kazemzadeh approved that fighting tactic and launched mainly hooks and uppercuts. The in-fighting style of their final was spectacular for the crowd and

surprisingly Lim was able to win their difficult title contest by split decision.

Thailand's Pathomsak Kuttiya attended in the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent and he has got enough international experiences to win key contests. The Thai middleweight (75kg) boxer was too strong for Mauritius' Jean Luc David Rosalba in the quarter-final and walked over to the final following his opponent Iran's Seyed Shahin Mousavi was not able to fight in the last four. Kuttiya was surprised in the first round of the final when South Korea's new national team member Kim Jin Jea knocked him down. Following that the smaller Thai boxer returned to the match with tough punches and he landed strong left-handed jabs in the second round. Kuttiya launched strong hooks in the second part of the bout and he was able to turn back their fight which was the last ones in Bangkok.



LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE THAILAND OPEN INTERNATIONAL BOXING TOURNAMENT

- 49 kg: Carlo Paalam, Philippines
- 52 kg: Yuttapong Tongdee, Thailand
- 56 kg: Enkh-Amar Kharkhuu, Mongolia
- 60 kg: Seeteep Anu, Thailand
- 64 kg: Chinzorig Baatarsukh, Mongolia
- 69 kg: Lim Hyun Chul, South Korea
- 75 kg: Pathomsak Kuttiya, Thailand



MONGOLIA WON FIVE TITLES BUT SEVEN NATIONS SHARED THE 12 GOLD MEDALS IN THE ULAANBAATAR BOX CUP

The 5 women and the 7 men finals were held in the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup in the Mongolian capital city in Ulaanbaatar where the fifth and last competition day delivered world class battles between the Asian future stars. Mongolia claimed five gold medals in the event but Chinese Taipei, India, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Thailand also won titles in the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup.

President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and AIBA Vice-President Mr. Serik Konakbayev arrived to Mongolia in the first day of the competition and visited the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup in Mongolia. He had successful negotiations also with the President of the State of Mongolia and the leaders of the Mongolian sport and boxing.

The Ulaanbaatar Box Cup was a strong preparation event for the Jakarta 2018 Asian Games and another selection tournament for the Mongolian boxers and other participating nation's athletes. Among the top Asian boxing nations Kazakhstan, South Korea, DPR Korea, Thailand, China, host Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan and Iran were taking part in the second edition of the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup.

Mongolia's AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships quarter-finalist Lutsaikhan Altantsetseg returned to the light flyweight (48kg) in the recent months and following her victory over Thailand's Ratchaneekorn Sikadon in the semi-final, she was able to repeat a strong performance once again. The 23-year-old Mongolian was in trouble after one minute of fight when she met with DPR Korea's Kim Kum Sun but her stamina was enough to turn back their narrow final which means the first gold medal remained in Ulaanbaatar.

Thailand's AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Chuthamat Raksat is in the same top form as in 2014 when she reached her career highlight. Thailand's No.1 flyweight (51kg) boxer eliminated Mongolia's Incheon 2014 Asian Games bronze medallist Nandintsetseg Myagmardulam in the semi-final on Day4. The 25-year-old Thai boxer had to meet for the title with DPR Korea's National Championships silver medallist Han Kyong and she did enough to win the gold medal. Sri Lanka's veteran Anusha Kodituwakku is settled to bronze medal in Ulaanbaatar.

Mongolia's Bolortuul Tumurkhuyag claimed gold medal at the light flyweight (48kg) in the 2012 ASBC Asian Confederation

Women's Boxing Championships. After six years of her highlight she attended at the featherweight (57kg) in the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup and advanced to the final. The 31-year-old Mongolian impressed in the final and defeated India's Sonia Lather Singh who achieved silver medals in the last AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships and also in the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships.

Chinese Taipei's Wu Shih Yi attended in the last edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships and almost defeated the Chinese AIBA Women's World Champion in Ho Chi Minh City. The 19-year-old talent moved down to the lightweight (60kg) and eliminated former AIBA Women's World Champion Sarita Devi Laishram and South Korea's two-time ASBC Asian Women's Champion Oh Yeon Ji during her road to the finals. Wu was exhausted after those world class fights and lost in the final to an experienced boxer, Russia's Natalia Shadrina.

Chinese Taipei's Chen Nien Chin was her country's first Olympian in women's boxing who is only 21 now but has got already bronze medal from the last AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships. Chinese Taipei's pride moved down to the welterweight (69kg) just to this Ulaanbaatar Box Cup and she dominated her fights against China's Liu Yang and India's Commonwealth Games competitor Lovlina Borgohain who was also born in 1997.

Iran's Omid Ahmadiisafa is his country's best light flyweight (49kg) boxer in the recent one decade who won the Taimanov & Utemisov Memorial Tournament in Atyrau this April. The 26-year-old Iranian eliminated Kazakhstan's Saday Farzaliyev in the semi-final and continued his winning path against

India's Himanshu Sharma in the final as well. The final verdict was split decision to the experienced Iranian who won the first men's gold in Ulaanbaatar. The younger Indian boxer impressed in the event and could have bright future in our sport.

Kyrgyzstan's Amman 2013 ASBC Asian Champion Azat Usenaliev is in top form this year after his international training camps and strong preparations. The 27-year-old Kyrgyz boxer, who has been preparing to his third Asian Games, eliminated DPR Korea's Kim Un Song and Mongolia's ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships silver medallist Gan-Erdene Gankhuyag during his road to the finals. Usenaliev's final opponent was South Korea's ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships silver medallist Lee Hee Seop. Usenaliev was not only quicker than his 19-year-old Korean rival but he was also strong this time and Lee's ringside abandoned their final.

Mongolia's Rio 2016 Olympian and Summer Universiade winner Enkh-Amar Kharkhuu is member of the national elite team since 2013 and he used up all of his experiences to win his next important title in Ulaanbaatar. The Mongolian boxer knocked out his first rival quickly on Day1 and eliminated Kyrgyzstan's Almambet Alibekov as second. The 26-year-old Kharkhuu was impressed in the semi-finals against DPR Korea's Ri Sung Jin and defeated a super talented rival India's 18-year-old Muhammed Etash Khan in the final of the men's bantamweight (56kg).

Mongolia's Rio 2016 Olympic Games quarter-finalist Erdenebat Tsendbaatar is fighting for his place in their Asian Games squad at the men's lightweight (60kg) therefore he showed his very best in the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup. The 22-year-old

local star eliminated Byambatsogt Tuguldur in the quarter-finals and controlled all of the rounds against Kazakhstan's Aidyn Sikhimbayev in the last four. Tsendbaatar delivered his best performance in the right time and controlled all of the rounds against his teammate and main rival Battumur Misheelt winning the gold medal in the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup.

Mongolia's Chinzorig Baatarsukh was member of their national team already in the Incheon 2014 Asian Games and since then he claimed silver in the Tashkent 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships and qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. The 27-year-old strong Mongolian spent only a short time in the ring and delivered a classical KO success against Kazakhstan's Abdulkhasim Baltiyev in the final of the light welterweight (64kg).

India's Mandeep Jangra achieved silver medal in the Amman 2013 ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships but after a few poor years he returned to his welterweight (69kg) in top shape. The 25-year-old Indian boxer took out of his way Mongolia's Tsend-Ayush Otgon-Erdene in the semi-final and his technician style was enough to beat another host country talent Otgonbaatar Byamba-Erdene in the gold medal contest.

Iran's Seyed Shahin Mousavi joined to the national team one and half year ago and has done significant development in that period. The 24-year-old Iranian middleweight (75kg) boxer, who attended in the Tashkent 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships, found his best rhythm in the first round and his performance was enough to beat Thailand's Kittisak Klinson in the final which was Iran's second success in the Ulaanbaatar Box Cup.



LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE ULAANBAATAR BOX CUP

- Women's 48 kg: Lutsaikhan Altantsetseg, Mongolia
- Women's 51 kg: Chuthamat Raksat, Thailand
- Women's 57 kg: Bolortuul Tumurkhuyag, Mongolia
- Women's 60 kg: Natalia Shadrina, Russia
- Women's 69 kg: Chen Nien Chin, Chinese Taipei
- Men's 49 kg: Omid Ahmadiisafa, Iran
- Men's 52 kg: Azat Usenaliev, Kyrgyzstan
- Men's 56 kg: Enkh-Amar Kharkhuu, Mongolia
- Men's 60 kg: Erdenebat Tsendbaatar, Mongolia
- Men's 64 kg: Chinzorig Baatarsukh, Mongolia
- Men's 69 kg: Mandeep Jangra, India
- Men's 75 kg: Seyed Shahin Mousavi, Iran



AS PART OF THE ASBC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THE NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CAMP WILL BE HELD IN KYRGYZSTAN IN HIGH ALTITUDE

The Asian Boxing Confederation supported two international training camps earlier this year to prepare to the main goal of the year the Asian Games. The next third international training and sparring camp will be held in Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan from July 4 until the 24th where the teams can enjoy the positive effects of the region's high altitude.

The first training camp of the ASBC Development program was hosted in Almaty, Kazakhstan in February with a great success which was also visited by

ASBC President Mr. Serik Konakbayev. Turkmenistan Boxing Federation with the active support of the Asian Boxing Confederation was also hosted an

international training and sparring camp for the Asian nations in Ashgabat last month.

ASBC President Mr. Serik Konakbayev had meetings in the capital city of the Kyrgyz Republic in Bishkek and he discussed also about the upcoming third training camp with the President of the Kyrgyz Boxing Federation Mr. Abdybakyt Khalmurzaev and their head coach Mr. Daniyar Jusubaliev.

The Kyrgyz Boxing Federation has already invited the national team of Turkmenistan and the best boxers of Sri Lanka to the training camp which will be held in Issyk-Kul but the event is open for all Asian National Federations. Top coaches as Turkmenistan's former Russian head coach Mr. Aleksandr Lebziak and Sri Lanka's Ukrainian coach Mr. Vladimir Vynnykov will be supporting the participants in Issyk-Kul.

The Issyk-Kul is the biggest lake of the Kyrgyz Republic and its location is in the picturesque mountains with unique climate and the place is famous as a holiday option. The training camp is located over 1500m above the sea level on high altitude which could be perfect place for preparation before the start of the Asian Games.

The Kyrgyz Boxing Federation has got strong management and new young coaching staff which is widen their focus to outside of the country and trying to increase their possibilities and results into a new level. The main purpose of the international training camp is a preparation for the upcoming Asian Games which will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia this August. The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games is also on the focus for the Kyrgyz Boxing Federation.



The final competition day was held in the boxing tournament of the Mediterranean Games in Tarragona, Spain where the men boxers could attend in nine different weight classes. Syria had two finalists and among them ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships bronze medallist Ahmad Ghossoun won the gold medal in Tarragona. Syria finally claimed one gold medal, one silver and one bronze in the Games.

SYRIA'S AHMAD GHOSSOUN TAKES GOLD MEDAL, HUSSIN AL-MASRI SILVER IN THE MEDITERRANEAN GAMES

The Mediterranean Games is a multisport event which holds every four year generally but the last edition was held in Mersin, Turkey in 2013. Due the busy competition schedule the organizers of the

Mediterranean Games decided to host the multisport event in 2018 and not in 2017 as the previous plan.

Syria was taking part in the event with strong team, six of their best boxers are

attending in the event in spite of their crisis in the country. The Syrian boxing team worked well in the last edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships in Tashkent and also in the Islamic Solidarity Games one year ago therefore their goals are high in Tarragona.

Islamic Solidarity Games winner Hussin Al-Masri (52kg), Mohamed Kherim Mousatat (64kg), veteran Abdelmouen Aziz (69kg), their star Ahmad Ghossoun (75kg), powerful Alaaldin Ghossoun (91kg) and two-time ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships bronze medallist Mohamed Moulayes (+91kg) were representing Syria in the boxing tournament of the Mediterranean Games.

Syria's Hussin Al-Masri moved up to the flyweight (52kg) only in the recent weeks but in his original category he was gold medallist at the Islamic Solidarity Games and became the ASBC Discovery of the Year 2017. The Syrian talent eliminated Morocco's Yassine Bendadda in the quarter-finals and triumphed over Italy's two-time Olympian Manuel Cappai in the last four. The experienced Syrian boxer had to meet in the final with Spain's No.1 Gabriel Escobar but he was defeated by his European opponent which meant Al-Masri claimed silver medal in Tarragona.

Syria's ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships bronze medallist Ahmad Ghossoun is only 22 but he is member of their national elite team since 2015. The Syrian boxer moved up to the middleweight (75kg) in the recent months and following his first success over Slovenia's Aljaz Venko he was able to eliminate Algeria's Azzouz Boudia in the quarter-final and Serbia's Trifun Dasic in the semi-final stages of the Mediterranean Games. Ghossoun's fourth and final opponent was Italy's EUBC European Confederation Boxing Championships bronze medallist Salvatore Cavallaro and he was able to beat his opponent by split decision winning the gold medal of the Games.

Syria's third semi-finalist in the Mediterranean Games was two-time ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships bronze medallist Mohamed Moulayes who had a successful quarter-final against Algeria's Amar Ouarzedine. The 25-year-old Syrian super heavyweight (+91kg) boxer landed good punches against Morocco's Mohamed Firisse and he received also tough shots. Their contest was one of the closest semi-finals in Tarragona which was won by the Moroccan by 3:2 therefore Moulayes won bronze medal in the Games.



INDIA CLAIMED TWO FANTASTIC GOLD MEDALS IN THE SUPER STRONG CHEMISTRY CUP IN GERMANY WHERE JORDAN ALSO HAD FINALIST

The Chemistry Cup is one of the strongest European international competitions where three Asian teams are attending as preparation for the Jakarta 2018 Asian Games. India finally claimed two gold medals in the competition where Cuba, Russia, Ukraine, United States of America, Ireland and Germany also attended with their best teams.

India, Jordan and Qatar were taking part in the Chemistry Cup with their top boxers to prepare themselves actively to the Asian Games. India had three finalists in the 45th edition of the Chemistry Cup following Gaurav Solanki, Madan Lal and Mohamed Hussamuddin defeated their rivals on Day3 when Jordan's Obada Al-Kasbeh also has done a remarkable performance advancing to the finals. Among them Gaurav Solanki and Mohamed Hussamuddin won the titles

in the Chemistry Cup. India's Commonwealth Games gold medallist Gaurav Solanki was Youth Olympian four years ago but he needed time to reach the top level of the elite boxers. The 21-year-old Indian flyweight (52kg) talent eliminated Ireland's Conor Quinn in the semi-final and advanced to the gold medal bout in Halle. Solanki's opponent was Cuba's AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships Jorge Alejandro Grinan in the final which bout was a spectacular one. The Indian boxer had slightly better efficiency in the title contest and won the bout by split decision in Halle.

India's Strandja Memorial Tournament runner-up Mohamed Hussamuddin won bronze medal in the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games and has done superb performance in the third and fourth competition days in Halle as well. The 24-year-old Indian bantamweight (56kg) boxer defeated Germany's best future hope Hamsat Shadalov who eliminated Cuba's two-time Olympic Games winner Robeisy Ramirez in the quarter-finals. Following that success Hussamuddin had to meet in the final with his teammate Madan Lal and he looked more fresh. Hussamuddin was strong and smart in the day of the finals and delivered the second gold medal for India.

Jordan's Rio 2016 Olympian and Asian Games bronze medallist Obada Al-Kasbeh eliminated Russia's former AIBA Junior World Champion Ivan Kozlovskii in the quarter-final of the light welterweight (64kg). Jordan's experienced boxer defeated also Indian opponent Dheeraj Singh using his amazing physical condition in the semi-finals of the Chemistry Cup. Jordan's No.1 settled for the silver finally following he was not able to box in the final against Cuba's defending AIBA World Champion Andy Cruz.



CHINESE TAIPEI'S ASBC ASIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPION LIN YU TING DOMINATED THE KAPOLRI CUP IN MANADO CITY

The second edition of the Kapolri Cup finished with the finals in the city of Manado where 14 champions are crowned in the Indonesian event. Chinese Taipei's ASBC Asian Women's Champion Lin Yu Ting dominated her final against a tough Japanese opponent and proved once again she is among the bests in the whole globe.

The Indonesians are preparing hard to the upcoming Asian Games which will be held in their capital city in Jakarta therefore their best hopes are near to their peak performance. The boxing tournament of the Asian Games will be starting on August 22 and the Indonesians are hoping to get at least one medal in our sport.

Altogether 70 women and 88 men boxers were attended in the second edition of the Kapolri Cup in Manado. The women boxers could attend in six different weight classes from the light flyweight (48kg) up to the light welterweight (64kg). The men participants were fighting in eight categories from the pinweight (46kg) up to the middleweight (75kg).

Australia, Chinese Taipei, host Indonesia, Indonesia's regional teams, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam attended in the second edition of the Kapolri Cup in Manado with women and men boxers as well. Among the participating nations Australia, Chinese Taipei, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam were able to get at least one gold medal in Manado City.

Philippines' Josie Gabuco won the gold medal in the Qinhuangdao 2012 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships and she returned to the competitions after a short break. The 31-year-old Filipino hope is in top shape which she proved against Indonesia's most experienced woman light flyweight (48kg) boxer Endang in the title contest which she won by unanimous decision.

Vietnam's reigning ASBC Asian Women's Champion Nguyen Thi Tam eliminated Japan's Asian Games bronze medallist Aya Shinmoto in a narrow semi-final which was her most difficult contest in Manado City. The 24-year-old flyweight (51kg) boxer has done stronger performance in the final of the Kapolri Cup against Thailand's AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Chuthamat Raksat who

celebrated her 25th birthday during the event. Nguyen impressed with her jabs and her counter-attacks were effective against Thailand's No.1 in the final.

Chinese Taipei's defending ASBC Asian Women's Champion at the bantamweight (54kg) Lin Yu Ting impressed in all of her four contests at the Kapolri Cup in Manado City, stopped their opponents before the final gong in her opening two bouts. The 22-year-old star eliminated Australia's Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Taylah Robertson in the semi-finals and continued her winning path against Japan's Republic of Kazakhstan President's Cup silver medallist Mizuki Hiruta.

Philippines' AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships silver medallist Nesthy Petecio is in top form in the recent one year and dominated her quarter-final against Indonesia's No.1 at the featherweight (57kg) Southeast Asian Games silver medallist Christina Marwan Jembay. Petecio continued her strong performance and stopped Indonesia's Sofia very quickly in the last four and she has done peak form against Vietnam's former AIBA Junior World Champion Vuong Thi Vy in the final.

Thailand's AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Sudaporn Seesondee started better in the final of the lightweight (60kg) than Australia's Commonwealth Games winner Skye Nicolson and that period determined their contest in Manado City. The 27-year-old Thai boxer controlled the bout and defeated Nicolson by unanimous decision which shows Sudaporn is a medal hope in the Asian Games. Nicolson's teammate

AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Ella Boot secured Australia's lone gold in the Kapolri Cup in the last final of the women competition.

Indonesia's first gold medal was achieved by Juandi Abas at the men's pinweight (46kg) and following that his No.1 teammate ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships quarter-finalist Cornelis Kwangu Langu tried to win the final of the light flyweight (49kg). The 28-year-old Bali-based boxer was not enough quick against Philippines' National Games winner Ramel Macado and suffered a loss in Manado City.

Japan's ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships quarter-finalist Ryusei Baba eliminated Bali-based Ferdinandus Seran in the last four and he had to meet for the title with his main rival in the event Philippines' AIBA World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Rogen Ladon. The 22-year-old Japanese flyweight (52kg) boxer exceeded the expectations with his strong combinations and he was able to beat the experienced Filipino in Manado.

Indonesia's Orlando Limehelu eliminated his veteran teammate Bali-based Julio Bria in the semi-final of the bantamweight (56kg) and did not give any chance to Chinese Taipei's Lee Cheng Wei in the final. Indonesia's second gold medal of the men part of the Kapolri Cup was achieved by Gresti Alfons who triumphed over Malaysia's Arfiqanie Bin Ahmad Anshori in the final of the lightweight (60kg).

Australia's Commonwealth Games winner Harry Garside moved up to the light welterweight (64kg) and following



LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE KAPOLRI CUP

Women's 48 kg: Josie Gabuco, Philippines

Women's 51 kg: Nguyen Thi Tam, Vietnam

Women's 54 kg: Lin Yu Ting, Chinese Taipei

Women's 57 kg: Nesthy Petecio, Philippines

Women's 60 kg: Sudaporn Seesondee, Thailand

Women's 64 kg: Ella Boot, Australia

Men's 46 kg: Juandi Abas, Indonesia

Men's 49 kg: Ramel Macado, Philippines

Men's 52 kg: Ryusei Baba, Japan

Men's 56 kg: Orlando Limehelu, Indonesia

Men's 60 kg: Gresti Alfons, Indonesia

Men's 64 kg: Ryo Nakai, Japan

Men's 69 kg: Shinichiro Morishita, Japan

Men's 75 kg: Kan Chia Wei, Chinese Taipei

that he defeated Philippines' 19-year-old Ronald Chavez Jr. in the semi-final he was defeated by Japan's powerful Ryo Nakai in the final of the Kapolri Cup which was an unexpected result in Manado. The last two gold medals of the event were bagged by Japan's Shinichiro Morishita and Chinese Taipei's strong 20-year-old Kan Chia Wei.

The South Korean team claimed one bronze medal in the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships which was a big success for the country last August. Their Kazakh coach former Olympic Games bronze medallist Mr. Bolat Niyazymbetov was a big impact in South Korea's boxing life in 2017 and their team achieved medals in each major competitions. The South Koreans invited the strong Brazilians to train 12 days together in Incheon.

AIBA World Boxing Championships silver medallist and Asian Games winner Shin Jong Hun returned to the world of boxing in the recent months and has been preparing to the upcoming big event. AIBA World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Kim In Kyu could be South Korea's next big weapon in the Asian Games who is among the favourites of the men's flyweight (52kg).

The Brazilians attended in the South American Games where their boxers claimed two gold medals in Bolivia. The Brazilian team contains 3 women and 8 men boxers in the common training camp and among them several boxers are well-known in the international stage. Carlos Rafael Silva was South American Youth Games winner and claimed several elite medals already in the international competitions. Rio 2016 Olympian Michel Borges is their most experiences boxer while current AMBC American Youth Champion Keno Marley Machado is a big talent at the middleweight (75kg).

SOUTH KOREA AND BRAZIL TRAINS 12 DAYS TOGETHER

The South Korean team has been preparing together with the national squad of Brazil in Incheon where their different styles could be good option for both teams before the future events. South Korea's top athletes as Shin Jong Hun, and Kim In Kyu, furthermore strong Brazilians as AMBC American Youth Champion Keno Marley Machado and Rio 2016 Olympian Michel Borges are also taking part in the training camp.



THE BRAZILIAN TEAM IN THE JOINT TRAINING CAMP:

Women's 57 kg: Jucielen Cerqueira

Women's 60 kg: Queila Americo

Women's 64 kg: Viviane Araujo

Men's 52 kg: Douglas Andrade

Men's 56 kg: Carlos Rafael Silva

Men's 60 kg: Luan Medeiros

Men's 64 kg: Cleisson Santos

Men's 69 kg: Arisson Tavares

Men's 75 kg: Keno Marley Machado

Men's 81 kg: Michel Borges

Men's 91 kg: Matheus do Matos



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YERALIYEV DEFEATED RAGAN ONCE AGAIN AND KAZAKHSTAN TOPPED THE TEAM RANKINGS OF THE PRESIDENT'S CUP IN ASTANA

The sixth edition of the Republic of Kazakhstan President's Cup was held in Astana, Kazakhstan where the host country claimed ten gold medals. Kazakhstan's Kayrat Yeraliyev defeated United States' Duke Ragan at the bantamweight (56kg) which was the repeat final of the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships.



LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE KAZAKHSTAN WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Women's 51 kg: Tsukimi Namiki, Japan
- Women's 57 kg: Saniya Sultankyzy, Kazakhstan
- Women's 60 kg: Rimma Volosenko, Kazakhstan
- Women's 75 kg: Love Holgersson, Sweden

- Men's 49 kg: Temirtas Zhussupov, Kazakhstan
- Men's 52 kg: Anvar Muzaparov, Kazakhstan
- Men's 56 kg: Kayrat Yeraliyev, Kazakhstan
- Men's 60 kg: Gabil Mamedov, Russia
- Men's 64 kg: Bekdaulet Ibragimov, Kazakhstan
- Men's 69 kg: Aslanbek Shymbergenov, Kazakhstan
- Men's 75 kg: Abil Khan Amankul, Kazakhstan
- Men's 81 kg: Bektemir Melikuziev, Uzbekistan
- Men's 91 kg: Abzal Kuttybekov, Kazakhstan
- Men's +91 kg: Kamshybek Kunkabayev, Kazakhstan

The event is a top preparation event for the Jakarta 2018 Asian Games and the finals will be held on June 10 and 14 champions will be crowned in the last competition day. Altogether 38 women boxers and 124 male athletes are attending in the sixth edition of the Republic of Kazakhstan President's Cup in Astana.

The Republic of Kazakhstan President's Cup is traditionally one of the strongest Asian international events where the top boxing nations such as Russia, United States of America, China, India, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Thailand, Japan, Philippines, Sweden and Mongolia were all taking parts.

Japan's Tsukimi Namiki was a strong youth boxer who involved to the national elite team only this year but she exceeded all of the previous expectations in Astana. The Japanese flyweight (51kg) talent eliminated Kazakhstan's two-time AIBA Women's World Champion Nazym Kyzaibay and did enough in the final against Thailand's AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Chuthamat Raksat to win the first title of the President's Cup in Astana.

The host country's first gold medal was taken by National Champion Saniya Sultankyzy at the women's featherweight (57kg) following her close victory over Japan's Mizuki Hiruta in the final. Kazakhstan's National Champion and international tournaments gold medallists Rimma Volosenko defeated India's Priyanka Chaudhary in the semi-final of the lightweight (60kg) and the 26-year-old Kazakh boxer continued her strong performance against her main national rival AIBA Women's World Boxing

Championships bronze medallist Ayzhan Khodzhabekova in the final.

Kazakhstan's Rio 2016 Olympic Games bronze medallist Dariga Shakimova stopped her teammate Saniya Alzhanova in the semi-final of the women's middleweight (75kg). The experienced Shakimova, who is member of the national team since 2009, was not bale to reduce the fighting distance in the final against Sweden's former AIBA Women's Youth World Champion Love Holgersson. The 25-year-old Swedish boxer, who eliminated China's Wang Lina in the semi-final, worked from longer distance successfully in the final and defeated another star rival as Shakimova.

Kazakhstan's AIBA World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Yerzhan Zhomart eliminated India's surprise of the event Nutlai Lalbiakkima with top performance in the semi-final and had meet for the title of the men's light flyweight (49kg) with Temirtas Zhussupov who eliminated Russia's two-time EUBC European Champion Vasily Egorov in the last four. The former ASBC Asian Champion Zhussupov used his reach well in the final and won their bout by unanimous decision which was a big step for him in the road to the Asian Games.

Kazakhstan's Anvar Muzaparov eliminated Uzbekistan's ASBC Asian Champion and two-times AIBA World Boxing Championships silver medallist Jasurbek Latipov on Day3 which was his biggest victory during his career. The 26-year-old flyweight (52kg) boxer defeated Japan's Ryusei Baba in the semi-final and did enough in the final against Philippines' AIBA World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Rogan Ladon who eliminated

India's AIBA Youth World Champion Sachin Siwach Singh in the last four.

Kazakhstan's defending AIBA World Champion Kayrat Yeraliyev did not compete too much in 2018 yet but his preparations were successful to the Republic of Kazakhstan President's Cup. The bantamweight (56kg) star defeated Mongolia's young Munkhbaatar Tsagaanbaatar in the quarter-finals and continued his winning path against Uzbekistan's Rio 2016 Olympic Games winner Shakhobiddin Zoirov. Yeraliyev's next opponent was United States' tough Duke Ragan which was the repeat final of the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships. The 28-year-old Kazakh boxer landed better punches and his footwork was enough to beat Ragan once again, this time in Astana.

Uzbekistan's AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Shunkor Abdurasulov won their Elite National Championships as a teenager last November and joined to the elite squad this season. The Uzbek lightweight (60kg) eliminated Kazakhstan's ASBC Asian Youth Champion Samatali Toltayev, Philippines' Incheon 2014 Asian Games silver medallist Charly Suarez and Kazakhstan's Zakir Safiullin during his road to the finals. The Uzbek talent claimed finally silver medal following his close loss to Russia's Gabil Mamedov.

Uzbekistan's AIBA World Boxing Championships silver medallist Ikboljon Kholdarov impressed when he defeated Thailand's Asian Games winner Wuttichai Masuk in the semi-final of the President's Cup. The defending ASBC Asian Champion had to meet for the title of the light welterweight (64kg) with Bekdaulet

Ibragimov who was born in Tashkent but has been fighting for Kazakhstan. Ibragimov lost to Kholdarov in the semi-final of the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships but this time he did revenge.

Kazakhstan's WSB star Aslanbek Shymbergenov walked over to the title of the welterweight (69kg) following his opponent Youth Olympic Games winner Ablaihan Zhussupov was unable to box against him. Kazakhstan's AIBA World Boxing Championships silver medallist Abilkhan Amankul did revenge to Uzbekistan's Israil Madrimov due his previous loss in the semi-final and defeated his teammate Yerik Alzhanov in the final of the middleweight (75kg).

Uzbekistan's Rio 2016 Olympic Games silver medallist Bektemir Melikuziev is in strong shape and he proved his powerful punches also in Astana. The 22-year-old Uzbek defeated Kazakhstan's AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships silver medallist Bekzat Nurdauletov and met another young talent Bek Nurmagambet in the final of the light heavyweight (81kg). Melikuziev was confident from the first seconds and defeated his 20-year-old Kazakh rival by unanimous decision.

The favourite of the heavyweight (91kg) was Rio 2016 Olympic Games silver medallist Vasily Levit but he lost to Russia's National Champion Sadam Magomedov in the semi-final which was a sensational result. The Russian boxer was shocked by Kazakhstan's WSB hope Abzal Kutybekov in the final therefore the gold medal remained at the host country. The last gold medal of the President's Cup was achieved by Kamshybek Kunkabayev who triumphed over Russia's Maksim Babanin.



AIBA 3-STAR R&J COURSE WAS HELD IN THE CHEMISTRY CUP WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THREE TALENTED ASIAN REFEREES

The Chemistry Cup delivered great successes for the Asian countries, India claimed two gold medals in the small World Cup where the Cubans, the Russians and the US boxers are also attended with top squads. During the competition an AIBA 3-star Referee & Judge Course was also held in Halle, Germany where three Asian participants are also attended. The AIBA 3-star Referee & Judge Course was led by Mr. Terry Smith of Wales and Mr. Andrew Caulfield of Scotland.

Iraq's Waleed Shehab Al-Alkawi worked as a Referee & Judge in several European and Asian events and received the right to attend in the AIBA 3-star R&J Course in Halle. Kazakhstan's next AIBA 3-star R&J will be Asylbek Chunyshkaliyev while Mongolia's former boxer Byambayar Atarbayar was also taking part in the Course. The Mongolian R&J was a successful athlete who attended in the Budapest 1997 AIBA World Boxing Championships and several other big events.

There are several Referee & Judge programs which are running in the boxing

world and the next one will be held in Bangkok in a few days. The Thailand Open Boxing Tournament or previously known as the King's Cup is one of the most traditional international event in the Asian continent and the local organizers are expecting record number of countries and boxers to the competition.

The upcoming 3-star AIBA R&J Course during the Thailand Open Boxing Tournament will be held from June 28 until July 7 including with the date of the arrival and departure. The Course period of the seminar is between June 29 and July 6.



FOUR AIBA CERTIFICATION COURSES WILL BE TAKING PLACE BEFORE AND DURING THE AIBA YOUTH WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships will be held in Budapest from August 18 until September 1 but before the start of the global event four different AIBA Courses will be taking place in the Hungarian capital. The deadline for the registrations of the four upcoming AIBA Certification Courses is July 13 in the AIBA Database.

The qualification for the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships was held in the Bangkok 2018 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships where 122 boxers from our continent received their quota places. Following that competition the Asian continent received additional quota places for the Budapest 2018 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships in the month of June.

Four AIBA Courses are available before and during the period of the Budapest 2018 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships and about them all of the Asian National Federation received official messages from the ASBC Head Office. The applicants of their respective National Federations must

cover the flight tickets, accommodations and visa expenses before the start of the Courses.

The following four AIBA Courses will be held in Budapest:

- AIBA 2-star Coach Course: August 9-17 in Budapest with the application fee of 150 USD per participant
- AIBA ITO Certification Course: August 16-19 in Budapest with the application fee of 200 USD per participant
- AIBA Ringside Doctor Certification Course: August 18-22 in Budapest with the application fee of 300 USD per participant
- AIBA Cutman Certification Course: August 22-27 in Budapest with the application fee of 300 USD per participant



MONGOLIA'S STRONG DUO ENKH-AMAR KHARKHUU AND MISHEELT BATTUMUR WON THE TITLES IN THE ARZIYEV BROTHERS TOURNAMENT

The 9th edition of the Arziyev Brothers Tournament was held in the historical city of Osh in Kyrgyzstan where 12 champions have been crowned in the five-day long competition. Mongolia's strong duo Rio 2016 Olympian Enkh-Amar Kharkhuu and Misheelt Battumur won their weight classes with strong performance in Osh where the Kyrgyz team won six gold medals.

Kyrgyzstan hosted the Duisenkul Shopokov Memorial Tournament in February and their second main international competition the Arziyev Brothers Tournament was taking place in Osh. Altogether 12 women and 78 women boxers attended in the Arziyev Brothers Tournament in Osh. The women boxers could take part in two weight classes while the men athletes fought in 10 divisions in the tournament.

Uzbekistan's Aziza Yokubova did a small sensation in the final of the women's flyweight (51kg) when she defeated ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships bronze medallist Jargalan Ochirbat in Osh. Her teammate Chinggis Khan Cup winner Tursunoy Rakhimova claimed only bronze medal in the Arziyev Brothers Tournament.

Uzbekistan's Rio 2016 Olympian and two-time ASBC Asian Confederation Women's Boxing Championships bronze medallist Yodgoroy Mirzaeva defeated her teammate Raykhona Kodirova in the final of the women's lightweight (60kg). Strong boxers as Russia's Irina Safarova and Mongolia's former ASBC Asian Women's Champion Bolortuul Tumurkhuyag took bronze medals in Osh.

Kyrgyzstan's Asylbek Amankul Uulu did a small surprise in the final of the

light flyweight (49kg) where he defeated Uzbekistan's Abrorbek Abdusalomov. Uzbekistan's new face in their team Mansur Ismatullayev defeated two strong international boxers at the flyweight (52kg) such as Tajikistan's Fayzen Rakhmatshoev and Mongolia's Enkhmandakh Kharkhuu.

Mongolia's Rio 2016 Olympian and Summer Universiade winner Enkh-Amar Kharkhuu stopped Kyrgyzstan's Islam Kenzhebeyev in the semi-final of the bantamweight (56kg) which was a quick bout. The 26-year-old Mongolian and his final opponent Uzbekistan's National Champion Hasanboy Latibakhunov delivered a spectacular fight and Kharkhuu did enough to win their top bout.

Mongolia's second title was achieved by Misheelt Battumur who joined to the national elite team in 2017. Since then he claimed silver medal in the Indian Open Tournament and dominated his lightweight (60kg) final against Kyrgyzstan's Osh-based Shailoo Ravshanbek Uulu in the Arziyev Brothers Tournament.

Osh-based Makhmud-Ali Zheenaliyev landed lethal punches in the first round of this welterweight (69kg) final against FISU University World Boxing

Championships bronze medallist Temirlan Osmonov and the referee confirmed his RSC success. Russia's experienced international boxer Grigoriy Lizunenko lost his semi-final to Osmonov and captured only bronze in Osh.

Tajikistan's Shokhrukh Ogonazarov moved up to the welterweight (69kg) and did enough in the final against Uzbekistan's Akhrorbek Abdukakhorov to win his first international title in 2018. Bishkek's Adilet Batyraliev achieved bronze medal in the 2011 AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships and he had high number of experiences to beat Dzhahalal-Abad's Mukhamadyusuf Akbarov at the middleweight (75kg).

Kyrgyz National Champion Ilyaz Akmataliyev trains in the Osh region and he knew the venue well enough. The 24-year-old boxer just moved up to the light heavyweight (81kg) in the recent months and has done a successful debut in his new division. Akmataliyev eliminated ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships bronze medallist Alisher Chatkalbekov and he was too strong also for Mirlan Kimsanov in the final.

Another local boxer Bektur Alymbek Uulu achieved title in the Arziyev Brothers Tournament following his narrow triumph over Uzbekistan's Abdulakhad Gafforov at the heavyweight (91kg). Two Osh-based boxers advanced to the final of the super heavyweight (+91kg) where Baktybek Yermatbek was able to find the best distance against Sarvar Saipov.



LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE ARZIYEV BROTHERS TOURNAMENT

Women's 51 kg: Aziza Yokubova,
Uzbekistan

Women's 60 kg: Yodgoroy
Mirzaeva, Uzbekistan

Men's 49 kg: Asylbek Amankul
Uulu, Kyrgyzstan

Men's 52 kg: Mansur Ismatullayev,
Uzbekistan

Men's 56 kg: Enkh-Amar Kharkhuu,
Mongolia

Men's 60 kg: Misheelt Battumur,
Mongolia

Men's 64 kg: Makhmud-Ali
Zheenaliyev, Kyrgyzstan

Men's 69 kg: Shokhrukh
Ogonazarov, Tajikistan

Men's 75 kg: Adilet Batyraliev,
Kyrgyzstan

Men's 81 kg: Ilyaz Akmataliyev,
Kyrgyzstan

Men's 91 kg: Bektur Alymbek Uulu,
Kyrgyzstan

Men's +91 kg: Baktybek Yermatbek,
Kyrgyzstan



THE BEST BOXERS FROM JORDAN AND YEMEN ATTENDED IN A 15-DAY LONG TRAINING CAMP IN CUBA

Among the Asian teams Jordan and Yemen spent 15 days in a training camp in Havana, Cuba to prepare well to their next main goals. Jordan's best elite boxers such as their Rio 2016 Olympians Obada Al-Kasbeh and Hussein Iashaish were also there in the common training camp in Cuba.

common training sessions and sparrings during their 15-day long preparation in Havana.

ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships bronze medallist Mohammad Al-Wadi is a veteran boxer at the bantamweight (56kg) but he has got still all of the potential to win key contests in the upcoming Asian Games. Rio 2016 Olympian and ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships silver medallist Obada Al-Kasbeh achieved bronze in the Asian Games four years ago and his skills could be enough to repeat that performance in August. Jordan's Zeyad Eshaish was involved to their national elite team two years ago when he was only 18 but the young talent proved strong development in all areas of boxing and could be a sensation at the welterweight (69kg) in the Asian Games. Rio 2016 Olympic Games quarter-finalist Hussein Iashaish was also involved to the team who moved down to the heavyweight (91kg) in the recent months.

Jordan sent three boxers to the Bangkok 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships and all of them are qualified for the Budapest 2018 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships. Mohammed Al-Gharaghir (52kg), Bader Osman Samreen (64kg) and Mohammad Suleiman Younis (81kg) trained with the elite team and also with the Cuban, French and Yemeni boxers in Havana.

Yemen attended in the Bangkok 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships and their biggest talent Arab Youth Champion Sil Ghaleb Mohammad Al-Qarnas with his coach Mr. Faisal Al-Husaini attended in the Cuban training camp. Al-Qarnas will be turning to 18 only later this year but he could be Yemen's main weapon in the upcoming years.

Jordan sent four elite and three youth boxers to the Cuban training camp with different purposes. Their elite boxers will be competing in the Chemistry Cup in Germany soon but their main focus is on the Jakarta 2018 Asian Games which will be held in August. Their three qualified youth talents are preparing to the Budapest 2018 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships which will be taking place in the same period as the Asian Games.

Italy and Venezuela trained also with the strong Cuban team in Havana and France were also there in the training camp. Cuba, Jordan, Yemen and France have done



LEE YE CHAN MOVED UP TWO WEIGHT CLASSES AND SHOCKED HIS OPPONENTS IN THE SOUTH KOREAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The first national event in South Korea was held in the city of Cheongyang in the County's Gymnasium where the middle school, high school and elite boxers could attend. The hero of the event was Lee Ye Chan who defeated the stars of the bantamweight (56kg) and he is near to compete in the upcoming Asian Games following his triumphs.

The South Koreans used the competition as selection tournament for later actions for the elite, youth and junior boxers as well. Junior and youth boxers also could show their skills in the South Korean event as high school and middle school age groups.

The South Korean team claimed one bronze medal in the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships which was a big success for the country. Their Kazakh coach former Olympic Games bronze medallist Mr. Bolat Niyazymbetov was a big impact in South Korea's boxing life in 2017 and their team achieved medals in each major competitions.

The South Korean boxers attended in the ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships in Bangkok and some of their boxers could qualify for the Budapest 2018 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships. The South Korean elite boxers have been preparing to the Asian Games which will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia in August and the country is planning to get gold medal there.

Among the women youth boxers Lee Ye Na was able to beat a more experienced rival Kim Ah Hyeon in the final of the middleweight (75kg) and the 16-year-old boxer proved her strong talent. The first

elite woman gold medal was achieved by 20-year-old Lee Hyun Ji at the lightweight (60kg) with top performance. The second title among the women elite boxers was claimed by 25-year-old Park Byeol which was her first big national success.

The men elite boxers also could attend in the national event and the bantamweight (56kg) delivered the main sensation of the whole competition. Lee Ye Chan, who attended previously at the light flyweight (49kg) in the international stages, moved up two categories and defeated Asian Games winner Ham Sang Myeong and China Open Tournament winner Kim Ju Seong in the final days of the competition.

There are big rivalry between Choi Hae Ju and Hyeon Dong Ju at the lightweight (60kg) and the two tope boxers advanced also once again to the final. Choi, who was national member in 2017, did enough in the final and defeated his strong rival in a narrow contest. The gold medal of the men's elite light welterweight (64kg) was captured by international boxer Lim Hyun Suk who defeated Park Won Bin in the final.

Lim Hyun Chul claimed silver medal in the Incheon 2014 Asian Games and following he moved up to the welterweight (69kg) he has been shining once again after a few poor years. The 23-year-old boxer was too quick for Lee Seung Hyun in the dream final of the national event and Lim is now near to attend at the Asian Games.

Kim Jin Jae is a young 22-year-old boxer at the middleweight (75kg) who landed strong combinations in the final when he met with Hong In Ki. Kim Do Hyun and Song Hwa Pyeong are South Korea's best super heavyweight (+91kg) boxers and their final was the next repeat match between the two giants. Kim, who qualified for the Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Boxing Championships, was slightly better than Song in the final and won the last title.



LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE SOUTH KOREAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women's Youth 51 kg: Jeon Yu Jeong

Women's Youth 60 kg: Shin Ki Eun

Women's Youth 75 kg: Lee Ye Na

Women's Elite 60 kg: Lee Hyun Ji

Women's Elite 75 kg: Park Byeol

Men's High School 46 kg: Ryu Dong Hyung

Men's High School 49 kg: Kim Tae Hyun

Men's High School 52 kg: Park Ji Hwan

Men's High School 56 kg: Kim Hyun Jae

Men's High School 60 kg: Song Kwon Hoe

Men's High School 64 kg: Lee Ki Yun

Men's High School 69 kg: Hong Dae Han

Men's High School 75 kg: Son Hyeong Min

Men's High School 81 kg: Park Jung Soo

Men's High School 91 kg: Park Jae Woo

Men's Elite 52 kg: No Chon Wook

Men's Elite 56 kg: Lee Ye Chan

Men's Elite 60 kg: Choi Hae Ju

Men's Elite 64 kg: Lim Hyun Suk

Men's Elite 69 kg: Lim Hyun Chul

Men's Elite 75 kg: Kim Jin Jae

Men's Elite 81 kg: Lee Joo Jo

Men's Elite 91 kg: Moon Tae Kyun

Men's Elite +91 kg: Kim Do Hyun



SAIF MOSABBAH AL-RIYAMI AND MOHAMED SAEED ABDULWAHED WERE THE BESTS IN THE UAE RAMADAN JUNIOR BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The United Arab Emirates Boxing Federation hosted the Ramadan Junior Boxing Championships in the recent days to give chance to their young hopes to increase the experiences in competitions during the summer season. Saif Mosabbah Al-Riyami and Mohamed Saeed Abdulwahed won the titles among the juniors also in the 2017 Sheikh Mohammad Bin Hamad Alsharqi National Boxing Championships and defended their thrones in the Ramadan Junior Boxing Championships.

The junior boxers could attend in eight weight classes during the Ramadan Junior Boxing Championships. The number of the boxers in the 2017 Sheikh Mohammad Bin Hamad Alsharqi National Boxing Championships was 10 schoolboys, 20

male juniors, 7 youth boxers and 35 elite athletes in 2017. At the Ramadan Junior Boxing Championships 25 male junior athletes competed for the medals and prizes in the recent days.

United Arab Emirates sent seven young boxers to the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships to Puerto Princesa last August which was record in their boxing history. United Arab Emirates Boxing Federation also attended in the Tashkent 2017 ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships which was their first historical participation in the men's elite level. Their youth talents attended also in the Bangkok 2018 ASBC Asian Confederation Youth Boxing Championships.

The first gold medal of the Ramadan Junior Boxing Championships was achieved by Al Ain's Salem Husain who defeated Ali Nabil by split decision in the final of the pinweight (46kg). The second title in the Ramadan Junior Boxing Championships was taken by Fujairah's Khalid Abdulla Juma who spent only a short in the ring when his opponent's ringside abandoned their unequal final fight therefore Abdulrahman Hamad claimed only silver.

Nawaf Ali Khamis of Fujairah also finished his final fight earlier than the last gong and the referee confirmed his superb RSC success over Sheikh Mohammad Bin Hamad Alsharqi National Boxing Championships bronze medallist Mohamed Yousuf at the light bantamweight (52kg). Saifedin Goul reached his career highlight with his gold medal at the featherweight (57kg) where he was too smart for Nawaf Saeed Mohammad.

Al Ain's Saif Mosabbah Al-Riyami secured his first gold medal and national title at the Sheikh Mohammad Bin Hamad Alsharqi National Boxing Championships last November and he continued his winning path also in the Ramadan Junior



LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE UAE RAMADAN JUNIOR BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 46 kg: Salem Husain
- 48 kg: Khalid Abdulla Juma
- 52 kg: Nawaf Ali Khamis
- 57 kg: Saifedin Goul
- 63 kg: Saif Mosabbah Al-Riyami
- 70 kg: Mohamed Wasfi
- 75 kg: Abdulrashid Bloush
- +80 kg: Mohamed Saeed Abdulwahed

Boxing Championships. The 16-year-old light welterweight (63kg) boxer controlled all of the rounds when he met in the final with Salem Sultan.

Mohamed Wasfi is a new name in the United Arab Emirates' boxing life but his stamina was enough to turn back his light middleweight (70kg) final against Saleh Sultan. Abdulrashid Bloush had two opponents in the road to the gold medal of the middleweight (75kg) but the 15-year-old boxer was able to solve both tactical mission in the Ramadan Junior Boxing Championships.

Fujairah's Mohamed Saeed Abdulwahed claimed the gold medal in the Sheikh Mohammad Bin Hamad Alsharqi National Boxing Championships half year ago when he defeated all of his rivals by RSC. The 16-year-old heavyweight (+80kg) talent repeated that same strong performance once again and defeated his rivals including Abdalla Aref for the title on a re-match after their first meeting.

TOGETHER WE ARE POWER

The Mongolian Junior National Championships was held in the city of Darkhan to develop the regions of the country. Mongolia's top junior talent who had strong experiences in this age group as Ganzorig Badmaarag among the women, and their tough men talents Ganbaatar Gan-Erdene, Enkhzorigt Sukhbat and Bayarsaikhan Altantulga demonstrated their power in the Mongolian Junior National Championships.

Mongolia attended in the last edition of the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships in Puerto Princesa and some of their boxers proved their talents in the island of Palawan. Their current women and men junior age groups are stronger than last year's one and the country is ready to show their potentials in the international level.

The women boxers could attend in eight weight classes in the Mongolian Junior National Championships in Darkhan. In the men part of the competition 10 young champions have been crowned in the national event. Altogether 62 women and 140 men talents attended in the Mongolian Junior National Championships.

A. Khulan impressed in the Mongolian Junior National Championships who proved she is a top female talent in the country and won the pinweight (46kg) in Darkhan. Solongo Enkhgerel and M. Tsetsegdari defended their thrones in the women part of the Mongolian Junior National Championships securing the second titles in the junior level.

Strong future hope Junior National Champion Ganzorig Badmaarag achieved the title at the Mongolian Youth National Championships and she was able to repeat that performance in her age group as well. Her weight class was the most familiar with



SEVERAL TALENTS DEFENDED THEIR TITLES IN THE MONGOLIAN JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

the participation of 14 female boxers but Badmaarag was able to win all of their four bouts by RSC including her final against D. Tuvshintungalag.

The first gold medal among the men boxers was taken by Dorjnyambuu Ganbold who defeated A. Battulga in the final of the 44kg weight class and changed his last year's silver medal into gold in the Mongolian Junior National Championships. Altogether 24 boxers attended for the medals in his weight class and Ganbold had to beat talented rivals.

Enkhbaatar Sukh-Erdene won the title of the 44kg category in the 2017 Mongolian Junior National Championships and after his extra performance he was able to beat all of his rivals at the pinweight (46kg) defending his throne. Ganbaatar Gan-Erdene is an experienced junior boxer in Mongolia who had a tough final against D. Khos-Erdene but

he was able to beat his rival by split decision in Darkhan.

Enkhzorigt Sukhbat took silver medal at the Mongolian Youth National Championships and competed in his age group successfully following his strong experiences. Sukhbat was the titleholder of the pinweight (46kg) but after that 2017 result he attended this time at the flyweight (50kg) which he also won beating his opponents by large margin of differences.

Bayarsaikhan Altantulga is Mongolia's great future hope in men's boxing who won gold at the Mongolian Youth National Championships earlier this year and he was also titleholder in the junior level. The light bantamweight (52kg) boxer was too strong for Altantugs Uuganbayar in the final of the event and secured another national title in Mongolia. Zhandos Askhar moved up two weight classes in the recent months and



LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE MONGOLIAN JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women's 44 kg: N. Otgontsetseg

Women's 46 kg: A. Khulan

Women's 48 kg: Solongo Enkhgerel

Women's 50 kg: A. Urangoo

Women's 52 kg: U. Nandintsetseg

Women's 54 kg: Tugsjargal Nomin-Erdene

Women's 57 kg: M. Tsetsegdari

Women's +57 kg: Ganzorig Badmaarag

Men's 44 kg: Dorjnyambuu Ganbold

Men's 46 kg: Enkhbaatar Sukh-Erdene

Men's 48 kg: Ganbaatar Gan-Erdene

Men's 50 kg: Enkhzorigt Sukhbat

Men's 52 kg: Bayarsaikhan Altantulga

Men's 54 kg: Khashkhuu Otgonsukh

Men's 57 kg: U. Enkhmend

Men's 60 kg: Ch. Elbeg

Men's 63 kg: Zhandos Askhar

Men's +63 kg: D. Sarantsogt

attended at the light welterweight (63kg) with great success. Askhar, who has got Kazakh roots, defeated two rivals by RSC and controlled his final against Sainchuluun Javkhlanbayar and won the bout by unanimous decision in Darkhan.



LIST OF THE WINNERS IN THE SAUDI ARABIAN OPEN ELITE CHAMPIONSHIPS

49 kg: Sultan Bahabri

52 kg: Nawaf Khilifi

56 kg: Abdullah Hazazi

60 kg: Abdulhaq Al-Hamri

64 kg: Khalid Khabrani

69 kg: Abdul Karim Zridi

75 kg: Mohamed Ahmad Moqdad

81 kg: Mahmoud Issam Aqel

91 kg: Hisham Amaq

+91 kg: Nasser Talal Bawazer

NASSER TALAL BAWAZER WON THIRD-IN-A-ROW TITLE IN THE SAUDI ARABIAN OPEN ELITE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Saudi Arabian Open Elite Championships was held in their capital city in Riyadh where record number of boxers attended. Saudi Arabia's best super heavyweight (+91kg) boxer strong Nasser Talal Bawazer dominated his next national event and won his third-in-a-row title in Riyadh.

Saudi Arabia is very active in the boxing map in comparison to the last decade and their best hopes are developed well in the recent years. The competition was open for the boxers who have been training in Saudi Arabia but does not have citizenship in the country yet.

Riyadh hosted the 2016 edition of the Gulf Countries Tournament where Saudi Arabia ranked as No.1 in the regional event at the very first time. Following their Elite National Championships the next event was held in Saudi Arabia and this competition was the third in 2018. Altogether record number of 83 male elite boxers attended in the Saudi

Arabian Open Elite National Championships. The Saudi Arabians returned to the international tournaments at the ASBC Asian Confederation Junior Boxing Championships in Puerto Princesa last August and the country has got strong strategic plans to develop our sport. The competition was preparation event for the upcoming international elite competitions and the main goal of the year, the Asian Games which will be held in Jakarta in August.

The men's light flyweight (49kg) saw a good final which was won by All Sports' Sultan Bahabri who defeated Riyadh's Issa Al-Omari. The second gold medal in the

event was achieved by Riyadh's Nawaf Khilifi who was too strong for Rayed Mabrouk in the final of the flyweight (52kg).

Abdullah Hazazi won his first national title in Riyadh who defeated Fighter Corner's Samir Hamoudi in the final of the bantamweight (56kg). Abdulhaq Al-Hamri and Damak's Khalid Khabrani won the next titles in the Saudi Arabian Open Elite National Championships. Khabrani was able to beat with strong performance the defending National Elite Champion Ahmad M. Manshi in the final of the light welterweight (64kg).

Abdul Karim Zridi was silver medallist in the 2016 edition but this time he was able to win the gold of the welterweight (69kg) this time following his triumph over Riyadh's Mousa Housen Maishi. Mohamed Ahmad Moqdad of Arina Club won the title of

the light heavyweight (81kg) at the Saudi Arabian Open Elite National Championships and he was able to win his next gold at the middleweight (75kg).

Mahmoud Issam Aqel achieved silver medal at the light heavyweight (81kg) of the 2017 Saudi Arabian Open Elite National Championships which he changed into gold in the new edition in Riyadh after beating Badir Sabir. Hisham Amaq won his first national title in Riyadh at the heavyweight (91kg) following his close triumph over Nabil Hothy.

Saudi Arabia's best super heavyweight (+91kg) boxer Nasser Talal Bawazer was named as the Best Boxer of the 2017 Saudi Arabian National Championships and the Makka-based boxer secured his next title in Al-Qasim City a few months ago. The strong boxer won his third-in-a-row title in Riyadh where he was too strong for Nouredin Lafrouji.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN JULY 2018

JULY 2-11, 2018

Jordan Security National Boxing Championships, Amman, Jordan

JULY 13-17, 2018

Sri Lankan Schoolboys & Schoolgirls National Championships, Colombo, Sri Lanka

JULY 20-24, 2018

Aitenov Brothers Youth Tournament, Kostanay, Kazakhstan

JULY 23-28, 2018

Malaysian National Golden Gloves Tournament, Penang, Malaysia

JULY 25 – AUGUST 9, 2018

DPR Korean Junior National Championships, Wonsan, DPR Korea

JULY 2018

Kanto University National Boxing League, Japan

JULY 2018

ErmeK Serikov Youth Memorial Tournament, Karagandy, Kazakhstan

JULY 2018

Abdymomunov and Sabatarov Prizes Tournament, Karakol, Kyrgyzstan

JULY 2018

Malaysian Youth & Junior National Championships, Malaysia