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### BAHRIAN 2021 ASIA YOUTH PARA GAMES

A total of 13 Malaysian Para-Athlete boys and girls took part in the Bahrain 2021 Asian Youth Para Games held in the capital city Manama as from 2 to 6 December 2021. These games are held every 4 years for youths of ages between 12 to 21. The Bahrain Games was the 4<sup>th</sup> games in the series with the inaugural game being held in Tokyo 2009, Kuala Lumpur 2013 and Dubai 2017.

A total of 9 para-sports were competed in Bahrain and Malaysia took part in 6 para-sports. Details of the sports, athletes and results are as per the table:

Sports & Participation							
Sport	Boys	Girls	Total	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Para Athletics	1	2	3	0	1	1	2
Para Badminton	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Boccia	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Para Powerlifting	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Para Swimming	1	2	3	2	2	1	5
Para Table Tennis	1	1	2	1	0	2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>
Results							
Medal	Name	Sport	Event	Date			
Gold	Zy Lee Kher	Para Swimming	Boy's 200 M Freestyle S1-5	3 Dec			
Gold	Ong Jia Xuan	Para Swimming	Girl's 100 M Breaststroke SB4-9	4 Dec			
Gold	Gloria Gracia Wong Sze	Para Table Tennis	Girl's Singles SF9-10	4 Dec			
Silver	Nur Rohadatul Syuhada Yunus	Para Athletics	Girl's Shot Put F40-46,61-64	3 Dec			
Silver	Ong Jia Xuan	Para Swimming	Women's 200m Ind. Medley SM5-10	3 Dec			
Silver	Zy Lee Kher	Para Swimming	Boy's 50 M Butterfly S2-7	4 Dec			
Silver	Mohammad Saiful Riduan Yusof	Powerlifting	Boy's 54kg	5 Dec			
Silver	Muhammad Amin Azmi	Badminton	Boy's Singles SH6	6 Dec			

Bronze	Zy Lee Kher	Para Swimming	Boy's 200 M Individual Medley SM5-10	3 Dec
Bronze	Heronlee Wong	Para Athletics	Boy's Javelin Throw 35-38	5 Dec
Bronze	Ahmad Shahmim Mohd Kadri	Powerlifting	Boy's 49kg	5 Dec
Bronze	Chin Brady Zi Rong	Table Tennis	Single Male Class 9	5 Dec
Bronze	Gloria Gracia Wong Sze & Mary Eloise Sable	Table Tennis	Team Female Class 6-10	5 Dec

For the records, Malaysia has been taking part in AYPG since 2009 and has won 102 medals – 32 gold, 35 silver and 35 bronze. During the Dubai 2017 AYPG, Malaysia sent 12 athletes to participate in 5 sports and we won 8 medals – 5 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze.

The Bahrain 2021 AYPG saw some promising new youth stars especially in Para Swimming who have great potential ahead – one being Para Swimmer Zy Lee Kher who won 3 medals – 1 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze. The other being Ong Jia Xuan, who won 2 medals – 1 gold and 1 silver. Zy Lee Kher is only 15 now and has set his eyes for Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. This swimmer born without 2 legs and one shortened arm was determined and broke his personal best timings in all the events he took part.

The Bahrain 2021 AYPG has reiterated the need to remain focussed in youth development program games. President Paralympic Council Malaysia, Dato Sri Megat D Shahrizan Dato Zaharudin said, "I have stressed the point to all stakeholders the need to discover new talents by exposing our youths early not only at national but also international games. These exposures are bound to set new hopes and drive their determination to excel further. I am glad that Majlis Sukan Negara in particular, has invested in financing the contingent for the games and they now have a pool of new talents to develop into future Paralympians."

He further stressed that PCM will engage actively with state authorities nationwide to discover new talents through outreach talent identification programs up to district levels. With the increased levels of international successes, Paralympic Movement in the country is now staged for rapid growth.

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