



## SINGAPORE CHESS FEDERATION

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Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDE)  
Asean Chess Confederation (ACC)  
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19 Nov 2015

Mr Panupand Vijjuprabha  
Secretary General  
ASEAN Chess Confederation

### LETTER IN RESPONSE TO ACC RESOLUTION DATED 30 OCT 2015

Dear Mr Panupand Vijjuprabha,

We refer to the resolution of the ASEAN Chess Confederation (ACC) Management Board dated 30 October 2015 that was sent to us via email on the same date.

We are writing to state that we categorically disagree with your decision to impose sanctions on us for the following non-exhaustive reasons:

- a. ACC has no legal authority to impose sanctions on any party. The ACC's Constitution does not give ACC the authority to sanction an individual from an individual member federation, nor does it allow the ACC to impose a ban from participation in ACC sanctioned events on any individual or member federation of the ACC;
- b. ACC had failed to give SCF and Mr Tony Tan an opportunity to be heard before the sanctions were imposed, and as such, is in breach of due process requirements and the rules of natural justice; and
- c. The sanctions imposed on Mr Tony Tan and the SCF are excessive and wholly out of proportion to the alleged acts or omissions of Tony Tan and SCF respectively.

In light of the above, we have sought the intervention of FIDE in this matter.

In the meanwhile, we would like to inform the ACC that we have conducted an investigation into the matter and interviewed Mr Tony Tan over the alleged incident. In light of his showing disrespect during an official event, the SCF Ethics Committee has recommended a two (2) week suspension to be imposed on Mr Tony Tan. SCF President Leonard Lau has accepted this recommendation and the suspension will take place from 5 November 2015 to 18 November 2015.

We will be writing to the National Chess Federation of Philippines (NCFP) to inform them about the outcome of our investigation.

We thus see no compelling reason to comply with ACC's sanctions in the meantime.



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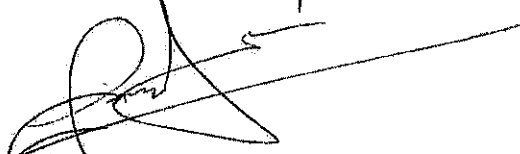
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Finally, in our letter dated 25 October 2015, we had requested for the recorded minutes of the Board meeting that was held on 10 October 2015 to understand how the decision that resulted in sanctions being imposed on SCF and Tony Tan were arrived at. You have yet to respond to our request. Unless the minutes do not exist, or reflect unfavourably on ACC, there would be no reason for you to withhold these minutes from us. As such, please provide us with the minutes without further delay.

We look forward to hearing from you in relation to the above. In the meantime, all of our rights are fully and expressly reserved.

Yours Sincerely,



Leonard Lau  
President  
Singapore Chess Federation