

## Ignatius Leong

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**Subject:** FW: Clarification Regarding ASEAN Chess Confederation Issue

**From:** Panupand Vijjuprabha [<mailto:bbso@truemail.co.th>]  
**Sent:** 27 نوفمبر 2559 13:36  
**To:** 'Ignatius Leong'  
**Subject:** FW: Clarification Regarding ASEAN Chess Confederation Issue

This email from Nigel Freeman came a minute ago.

May I draw your attention to the fact that I never received that November 23 email.

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**From:** NIGEL FREEMAN [<mailto:nigelfreeman@fide.com>]  
**Sent:** 27 نوفمبر 2559 13:12  
**To:** [bbso@truemail.co.th](mailto:bbso@truemail.co.th)  
**Subject:** Clarification Regarding ASEAN Chess Confederation Issue

Dear Mr Vijjuprabha,

Further to your email below, I hereby answer your queries as follows:

1. The temporary suspension of the ASEAN Chess Confederation as an affiliated member of FIDE is justified by your refusal to lift the unlawful sanctions pronounced against Mr Tony Tan and by your refusal to comply with the decision of the FIDE Ethics Commission by failing to remove Mr Leong from office.
2. The suspension has no impact on the competitions which were held beforehand. Future ASEAN events will however not be rated and no titles will be awarded since the ASEAN Chess Confederation is for the time being no longer a FIDE member.
3. Article 2.5 of the FIDE Statutes provides that member federations not fulfilling their duties may be temporarily excluded from FIDE by a decision of the Presidential Board. Pursuant to Article 2.4, members' duties notably include the duty to observe the statutes, regulations, resolutions and decisions of FIDE.

By email dated 23 November 2015, you were requested to lift with immediate effect the sanctions against Mr Tony Tan and to remove Mr Leong from office immediately. Since you refused to proceed accordingly, the Presidential Board voted your temporary suspension.

In order to have your provisional suspension lifted, you are required to comply with FIDE statutes, regulations and decisions, i.e. to lift with immediate effect the sanctions against Mr Tony Tan and to remove Mr Leong from office immediately.

Please note that any temporary exclusion shall be submitted to the next FIDE General Assembly which will decide on the permanent exclusion of the negligent federation (Article 2.5 of FIDE Statutes).

FIDE reserves all rights.

Best regards,

Nigel Freeman

FIDE Executive Director