

24 October 2015

The Secretary General
Executive Board
ASEAN Chess Confederation

Attn : Khun Panupand Vijjuprabha

Dear Sir

**PROPOSED ASEAN CHESS CONFEDRATION SANCTION ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
OF THE SINGAPORE CHESS FEDERATION**

I am writing on a personal capacity (and not under that of the Singapore Chess Federation) with regards to the intended imposition of sanction on the Executive Council members of the Singapore Chess Federation relating to a serious complaint filed by the National Chess Federation of the Philippines. The incident in question took place during the concluded ASEAN+ Age Group Chess Championships 2015 held in June 2015 in Singapore.

Allow me to dispense with the details of the letter sent to our Federation by your esteemed Confederation, which I am sure you are very clear about.

I fervently appeal to your Board not to impose the intended sanction on me and a number of our Council members who are prepared to take responsibility for the incident and we do regret that the leadership of the Singapore Chess Federation should have practiced due diligence in resolving the issue timely and appropriately. The other Executive Council members are

- a) Vice-President - Dr Gan Yeow Beng
- b) Council Member - Dr Chan Weng Kee
- c) Council member - Ms Tan Geok Lin Adelin

We have submitted our resignation from the Executive Council of the Singapore Chess Federation with from 23 October 2015. Amongst our other individual personal challenges, we reckoned that we should have collectively taken responsibility and respond to the issue positively and timely.

I wish to reiterate that we are in no position to represent the views of the President, other Executive Council members and the Federation on this matter. This appeal represent our (myself, Dr Gan, Dr Chan and Ms Tan) personal views and concerns.

I shared with my friends that I have personally known and worked with some of you for more than 15 years since the inception of the Inaugural ASEAN Age Group Chess Championships in Vungtau, Vietnam in 2000. We have since forged a strong, close and harmonious relationship working for the well-being and success of our South East Asian young chess talents. I know you all as men of high standing and integrity and respected officials of your various countries and national federations.

I am sure you will view our sincere heartfelt appeal positively to exclude us from the sanction. We apologize for the inconveniences caused to you, your Board members and the National Chess Federation of the Philippines. We hope to work with you in one way or another and in our personal capacities to promote Chess and young talents in our region.

Yours truly

Philip Chan Boon Siang
(Also appealing on behalf of
Dr Gan Yeow Beng
Dr Chan Weng Kee
Ms Tan Geok Lin Adelin)