

Myanmar Chess Federation visits Lao counterpart

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Just before heading over to the opening ceremony of the Asean University Games on Wednesday, a delegation of the Myanmar Chess Federation paid a visit to the National Chess Federation of Laos, located at Chao Anouvong School in Vientiane.

President of the Myanmar Chess Federation, Maung Maung Lwin, praised the progress in skill he saw in students he last visited two years ago, and the efforts in promoting chess in schools.

"It's all a level above Thailand and Myanmar and is developing very fast," he said. He jokingly predicted that in less than 10 years Lao

chess players will beat their Myanmar counterparts if they continue to improve at this rate.

He was welcomed by John, the General Secretary of the National Chess Federation of Laos, and senior officials from Oudomxay province, which will host the 2014 National Games, where one of the 20 featured events will be chess.

The promotion of chess in Laos started in 2010 in Chao Anouvong School. "Before then, no chess was played in our schools," John said. Both sides reaffirmed their will to work together in promoting chess in schools.

"Chess teaches children valuable things about life," said Mr Maung and described how non-violent sportsmanship, the weighing of options and

accepting your decisions can be learned while playing the game. There are plans for exchange programmes for chess players of both countries.

Modern chess is popular in Myanmar, but traditionally, people there play *sittuyin*, a chess-related game with a similar setup. It is also known in Laos – during the visit of the guests to a classroom with children playing chess, eight of them were playing the traditional Myanmar variant.

A veteran from Myanmar took on three young Lao students and promptly lost two games. He made sure to write down the names of the future chess champions.

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President of the Myanmar Chess Federation, Mr Maung (right), observes students at Chao Anuvong School playing both traditional and modern chess.

Lochte of US wins 2 golds at short-course worlds

ISTANBUL (AP) -- Olympic star Ryan Lochte won two gold medals Wednesday as the United States dominated the first day of the short-course world championships in Istanbul.

The American posted a time of 1 minute, 41.92 seconds in the 200-metre freestyle event at the Sinan Erdem Dome. Paul Biedermann of Germany, the world record holder, finished second in 1:42.07, while Conor Dwyer of the United States was third in 1:43.78.

Lochte got another gold in the 4x100 freestyle relay when he and teammates Anthony Ervin, James Feigen and Matt

Grevers finished in 3:06.40. The Italians, who were fastest in the heats, won silver in 3:07.07, followed by Australia in a time of 3:07.27.

Lochte won six gold medals and one silver when Dubai hosted the short-course championships in 2010. He won five medals at the London Olympics, including two golds.

In women's competition, the US team of Megan Romano, Chelsea Chenault, Shannon Vreeland and Allison Schmitt won the 4x200 freestyle relay in 7:39.25. Russia was second in 7:42.77. China, the defending champion, was third in 7:43.26.

Katinka Hosszu of Hungary

won the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:02.20, a new championships record. Less than 15 minutes after receiving her medal, she was back in the pool for the 400 individual medley and won bronze in 4:25.95. Winner Hannah Miley of Britain set a championship record of 4:23.14 and China's Shiwen Ye won silver in 4:23.33.

The biennial championships end Sunday. Julio Maglione, president of swimming's governing body FINA, said the Istanbul championships have the biggest participation ever, in terms of countries (162) as well as athletes (958).



Ryan Lochte of US wins the men's 200 meters freestyle final of the FINA Short Course Swimming World Championships at the Sinan Erdem Arena in Istanbul on Wednesday. --Photo AP



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Qualifications and Experiences:

- Lao National
- University/College graduate
- Working experience for more than 2 years
- Capable for English-Lao-English Translation
- Computer skill (word, excel)
- Official letter writing in Lao

Remark: Frequent field trip to Champasack, Savannakhet, Salavane, and Sekong Province is required.

Office Location: Champasack Provincial Education and Sports Service

Interested persons are to send CV with documents of diploma and photo to the following address (E-mail or P.O.Box):

E-mail: Ms. Naoko TATENO (E-mail: naopyoon@hotmail.com)

Mailing address: P.O.Box 3933, JICA Laos Office, Vientiane Capital (Attn. Ms. Naoko TATENO)

Deadline: 24th December 2012

Only short-listed candidates will be notified for interviews. Sent CV will not be returned.

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Qualification: University degree relevant fields
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How to apply: Send a CV and plus motivation letter mentoring to AIMA
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