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Day 9 – Team Singapore Junior fencers finds the going tough in team events

KORAT – The penultimate day of the Asian Junior and Cadet Championships 2017 (AJCFC2017) saw Team Singapore fencers in action across four events.

The Men's Epee team started their competition a day ahead of schedule as organisers endeavour to ensure the meet can be wrapped up in a timely fashion on Sunday.

And the team of Jefferson Cheong, Samuel Lee, Neville Lim and Tan Weixuan made sure of their participation on the final day with a 38-36 victory over Iran in their Round 32 opener. The result sets up a tough R16 encounter with Hong Kong on Sunday (5 Mar).

The Men's Foil team of Kevin Jerrold Chan, Jet Ng, Yeo Jing Zhe and Darren Tan recorded Saturday's best result with a 5th place finish, courtesy of a 45-35 win over Australia, following a 45-43 victory over Chinese Taipei.

The team saw their medal chances ended by a 45-27 defeat to China in the quarter-finals. The Women's Epee team also came within a win of the medal rounds, after a 45-41 win over Kyrgyzstan took them into the quarter-finals against Kazakhstan. There, newly-crowned Asian Junior Epee individual champion Esther Lai, together with Kiria Tikanah Abdul Rahman, Rebecca Ong and Grace Mun were always in the game.

But Kazakhstan were able to pull away for a 45-41 win, sending Singapore into the classification matches. Singapore then lost 45-40 to Chinese Taipei before beating hosts Thailand 45-37 for the eventual 7th place finish.

The Men's Sabre team of Nicholas Loo, Ron Loh, Fong Zheng Jie and Lam Jing Xiang were never in the running, and managed a creditable 9th after wins over Uzbekistan and Saudi Arabia in the minor competition.

The AJCFC 2017 wraps up tomorrow with Junior Team Competition in Men's Epee, and Women's Sabre and Foil.

The 10-day tournament features more than 700 fencers from 27 Asian countries in both juniors and cadets events.

At the last edition of the AJCFC in Bahrain/Saudi Arabia, Singapore's Junior fencers returned with 1 silver and 4 bronzes, while the Cadets brought home 3 gold, 2 silver and 4 bronze medals for one of Singapore's best historical showing.



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