



# Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation

## Press Release

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The agreement was signed on 20th September 2019 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia between Mr. Vivek Kohli, chairman of the Commonwealth table tennis federation and Mr. Khalil al Mohannadi, Deputy President of the International Table Tennis Federation joined by Mr. Steve Dainton, the CEO of ITTF and Mr. M.P Singh, Secretary of CTF as well as other officials of both ITTF and CTF.

CTTF, Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation, today announced entering into an agreement with ITTF, International Table Tennis Federation, to serve towards the development of table tennis in the Commonwealth nations.

Under the terms of the agreement, ITTF will introduce ranking points to the Commonwealth events and help promote the events at an international level. Over the course of time, ITTF will provide funding to help the organisation run professionally in a progressive manner. CTTF will also provide some rights to ITTF so as to work in cooperation to make table tennis a better and bigger sport.

This is the first time ever that the CTTF and ITTF have collaborated to reach an official working agreement. Mr. Vivek Kohli, the newly elected Chairman of the CTTF has big plans for the federation and he hopes that this agreement commences the development of the sport in 71 Commonwealth nations. "I am extremely excited with the agreement with ITTF and highly thankful to the ITTF leadership for recognising the importance of the sport and it's future in the Commonwealth nations. With this agreement, we can progress more professionally and at a much faster pace" he said.

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Mr. Chen, the past general secretary of CTTF commented that with new leadership, new directions will open and he was happy with the initiative with the ITTF and blessed the federation with future progress and offered his support.

Mr. Khalil Al Mohannadi, Deputy President of ITTF stressed on the importance of professionalism in the sport of table tennis and was happy to collaborate with the Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation which aspires to be the second largest table tennis federation after the mother body - ITTF.

Steve Dainton, the CEO of the ITTF, recognised the importance of Commonwealth member associations and the benefits such partnership would bring to table tennis around the world. He is hoping for a bright future for both organisations and offered to hold joint activities, support in media promotions and help with seed funding to kick start the organisation's plans for expansion.

Mr. Kohli added, "Building close relations with the mother body is of prime importance and can help grow table tennis at a much faster pace."

The agreement is of significance to the CTTF member nations as it solidifies the commitment of both parties to explore the collaborative potential that will strengthen the sport in the member nations. CTTF members are looking forward to the promising future with a prospective increase in participation and the expansion of sporting opportunities for their people.

This partnership surely holds value for growing the sport in the 71 Commonwealth nations and through this partnership, CTTF hopes that maximum number of people get the opportunity to play the sport.

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