



# ASEAN CHESS CONFEDERATION

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**MR. GEORGIOS MAKROPOULOS**

Deputy President, FIDE

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that, after due consultation with the Members of the Executive Board of the ASEAN Chess Confederation, ACC is lifting its sanctions imposed on Mr. Tony Tan of the Singapore Chess Federation and SCF's Executive Council effective 07 August 2017. (Letter to SCF is hereto attached.)

Such gesture was arrived at in pursuance of the spirit of Gens Una Sumus with the modus vivendi between FIDE and Kasparov Chess Foundation as demonstrated in the recent Match of the Millennials setting the tone.

Moreover, ACC's decision was likewise prompted by the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations of which ACC is an affiliated Civil Society Organization. We deem it is a golden moment for National Federations in the region to display solidarity: "Under One Light, We are One ASEAN."

Perhaps, it is apropos for us to aver that as far back as 13 February 2016 Mr. Ignatius Leong no longer held any position in the ACC on account of the FIDE sanction.

In view of the foregoing, we humbly pray that FIDE lifts its suspension on ACC soonest.

All the best.

Very truly yours,

**PANUPAND VIJJUPRABHA**  
Secretary General

Cc: Sheikh Sultan Bin Khalifa Al Nehyan  
President, ACF