

One-on-One

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Singapore table tennis player, who is making his second SEA Games appearance

Q The Singapore food you miss the most...

A Hainanese chicken rice. I'll have a plate as soon as I touch down.

Q One item you can't do without and took with you to Laos...

A My laptop. Almost every free moment I have is spent with it.

Q How do you relax?

A By surfing the Net. I also chat with family and friends online. It helps me feel connected to Singapore.

Q What do you want to take home from Laos?

A A gold medal in the team event and silver in the men's doubles.

Q Who is your favourite athlete in world sport?

A I don't have a particular favourite.

Q Which sport, other than table tennis, do you plan to catch in Laos?

A Football. I like playing the game. If I weren't a paddler, I'd try for the football team.

Q What goes through your mind when it's time to compete?

A I tell myself to stay calm because I get tense and make silly mistakes.

Q What about big Games do you like most?

A Staying together with Team Singapore is the highlight. Everyone is working towards a common goal, and there's a great sense of togetherness.

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