

Annex A – Citation on Joseph Isaac Schooling and Theresa Goh Rui Si

Meritorious Service Medal (Pingat Jasa Gemilang)

Mr Joseph Isaac Schooling, Accomplished Sportsman

Joseph Isaac Schooling made his first appearance at the Olympic Games in London 2012, at the tender age of 17. Four years later, at the XXXI Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro Brazil, he made history by winning Singapore's first ever Olympic Gold Medal.

On 12 August 2016, Joseph swam to victory in the 100-metre Men's Butterfly Final in 50.39 seconds, breaking the Olympic, Asian and National records.

The feat was all the more impressive as Joseph led decisively against world-class competitors that included American swimming legend Michael Phelps, and two of the fastest Butterfly swimmers of all time – Hungarian Laszlo Cseh and South African Chad le Clos.

Joseph's victory stirred national pride and has inspired a new generation of Team Singapore athletes and young Singaporeans to pursue their aspirations.

For his historic achievement at the XXXI Olympic Games, Joseph is awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

Public Service Star (Bintang Bakti Masyarakat)

Ms Theresa Goh Rui Si, Accomplished Sportswoman

Theresa Goh Rui Si achieved her first Paralympic Games medal, by winning the Bronze in the 100metre Breaststroke SB4 Final, at the XV Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro Brazil on 11 September 2016.

A four-time Paralympian, Theresa has achieved numerous victories over the years, including 27 ASEAN Para Games Gold Medals, and podium finishes at the Asian Para Games. Theresa currently holds the Asian Record in the 100m Breaststroke (SB4) event, achieved in the 2016 IPC Swimming European Championships.

In recognition of her tremendous spirit of resilience and her perseverance in the pursuit of sporting excellence, Theresa is awarded the Public Service Star.