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## TSD Takes Thai Youth to Compete in 6th ASEAN Age-Group Chess Championships

President of Thailand Securities Depository Co. Ltd. (TSD), Mrs. Nongram Wongwanich, said that the TSD has sponsored 12 young chess players to compete in the 6th ASEAN Age-Group Chess Championships held June 11 - 20, 2005, at the Jomtien Thani Hotel, Pattaya, Chonburi Province. Total sponsorship is worth over THB200 thousand.

In 2005, the TSD has held 2 grand chess championships-- the 'Youth Team Chess Championship' and the 'TSD Thailand Open 2005'--which were well-received by youths as well as other chess enthusiasts.

"We've learned that the Thai youth have a lot of undiscovered potential. It's also opportune that the 6th ASEAN Age-Group Chess Championships will be held in Thailand for the first time. Therefore we're pleased to sponsor 12 outstanding young chess players, who got high scores in our previous competitions, to participate in 5 categories of the ASEAN Age-Group competition. This will also be the first time that there will be Thai representatives in the game.

"Supporting Thai youth to compete in this match will provide a great opportunity for them to gain more exposure at the international level. It'll also help them develop to their full potential so that they can compete in even bigger matches in the future," Mrs. Nongram said.

The 6th ASEAN Age-Group Chess Championships will have youths from 8 ASEAN countries participating. The 6th Asean games, to be held in Thailand, has more than 240 contestants, which is the highest number ever. Participating countries include Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The TSD sponsorship will include accommodations, entrance fees, transportation & insurance, and TSD jackets. The five categories that the Thai youth will be participating in are the Under-10, Under-12, Under-14, Under-16, and the Under-18 Groups. Total sponsorship is worth approximately THB210,000.

Thailand's representatives in the 6th ASEAN Age-Group Chess Championships are: 1) Under-10 Group: Natchanok Pinsuwan, Rachawinit School, 2) Under-12 Group: Nuttapojn Puwaset, Assumption School; Ratchaphon Thanarotrung Assumption Samut Prakarn School; and Anawat Pitijaroen, Chulalongkorn University Demonstration School.

3) Under-14 Group: Parinpat Angsuwarangsee, Chulalongkorn University Demonstration School; Kritin Singh, Sarasaswitaedsuksa School; Phongsaphat Pojpanichpong, Assumption School and Piyawatt Srimasittikul, Kasetsart University Demonstration School, 4) Under-16 Group: Tapanut Wongklahan, Harrow International School; Poompong Wiwatanadate, Chiang Mai University Demonstration School; and Kittitat Surintharaseree, Suankularb Wittayalai School, and 5) Under-18 Group: Vasaron Petprasert, Chulalongkorn University Demonstration School.

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