



Meet Michael Hsu

Look inside for an exclusive interview with the Tournament Executive Mr Michael Hsu. Hsu is a two time winner of the converted Michael Hsu Award, a hotly contested and widely popular competition, awarded at each tournament to the best Michael Hsu. Will he once again be able to hold off the challengers to bring home the silverware?

Social Media

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Weather Update

It promises to be another great day in Hong Kong. The wind

Hong Kong

Fri

Mostly Sunny



One day to go

The most anticipated tournament of the year is almost here!

The lines have been drawn. The grass has been watered. The shirts have been delivered. The beer is sitting on ice and the discs are being polished (is that a thing?). The countdown to the (*deep breath*) *World Flying Disc Federation's 2015 Asia Oceania Ultimate Open Championships presented by the Hong Kong Ultimate Players Association* (*phew!*) is almost over.

Almost two years of preparation, emails, bids and begging is almost over. This year's tournament will be the biggest Ultimate tournament ever held in Hong Kong. We will be with you every step of the way providing daily coverage of events, photographs, match reports, complete results and schedules for the next day.

We will also be providing interviews with players and reactions from our regular contributors. So if you see us walking around the fields be sure to say "Hi", take a photo and let us know how the tournament is going!

Where are we playing?

Space in HK is at a premium. Therefore in order to handle a tournament of this scale we've spread the play over four venues.



- **Happy Valley Racecourse:** One of the most iconic horse racing venues in Asia is the venue for Friday and Saturday pool play.
- **So Kon Po Recreation Ground:** Normally a training ground for the Hong Kong rugby team this is our most intimate field and right next Causeway Bay HK's shopping district.
- **Tai Hang Tung Recreation Ground** - On Sunday we head across the harbour to Kowloon Peninsula for our finals. THT is the spiritual home of Kowloon Ultimate.
- **Mong Kok Stadium:** The Big one! A 6,000 seater stadium which has played host to FIFA World Cup Qualifiers is now hosting the AOUC. Is this venue big enough? Will there be hot dogs for sale? All these questions and more will be answered on Sunday.

We understand its unusual to have so many different fields in use for one tournament so be sure to check your inter webs to keep up to date with your games.

In tomorrow's edition

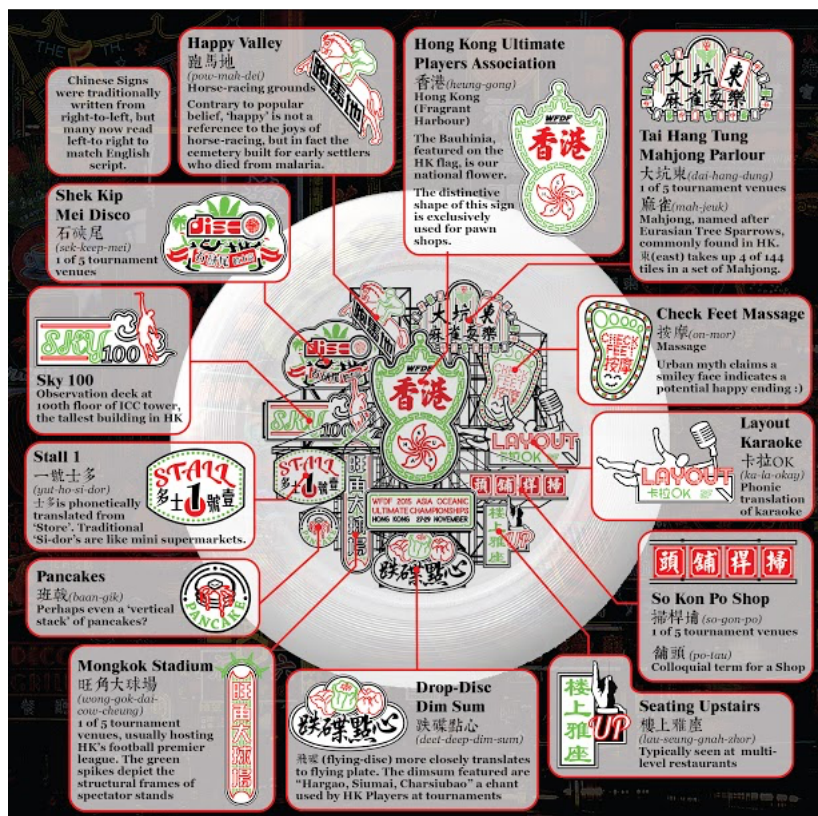
Play of the day

Photo of the day

All the scores and updates!

This year's theme

Hong Kong's love of neon signs and word play helps to create an epic tournament disc.



This year's tournament disc has been carefully created to reflect two passions in Hong Kong: word play and neon signs. This may look like a snapshot of a Mong Kok street at night but if you look closely you can see many Ultimate puns buried away on the disc.

"A lot of these puns I've used in real life and they seemed like a great fit for the disc," said co-creator Christopher "Cal" Lee. "We had a lot of experience with frisbee puns from a previous tournament".

Nick 'Big Feet' Tsao, a contributing designer, and man who is winning at life, added: "We wanted a disc where the more you look the more jokes you saw".

Discs will be available for sale at the command centre of each field. Be sure to get there early and grab a souvenir for your friends back home.



Hong Kong hosts Rise Up Training Camp.

AOUC celebrations begin with a leadership and skills training camp.

The tournament may not begin until Friday but the fun started this Wednesday when Happy Valley played host to the Rise Up Coaching and Leadership clinic.

Mario O'Brien (RISE UP founder) and Alex Snyder (Fury, Team USA Player and Coach) hosted a special event with 35 participants from across Asia.

O'Brien and Snyder taught participants to identify the teaching points and set goals to use and evaluate a team's achievement. As well as teaching drills, they really show how these drills can be customised for teams' need.

"O'Brien and Snyder did a great job" said participant Jason Cancel. "No only did the tell coaches what to do, they modelled good leadership and got us involved".

Meet The Stars

In our daily feature we focus on a player to watch during the tournament. Introducing:

[Christopher 'Cal' Lee](#)



Name: Cal Lee

Team: Team Hong Kong:

Number: 37

Division: Open

Hometown: Newton, MA, USA:

Current City: Hong Kong:

Years Playing: 10 :

Favourite Throw: Forehand huck

Horizontal or Vertical: Horizontal :

Ultimate Crush: Catherine Gainey

At the party get me a: Catherine Gainey

No one knows this but... Sometimes my phone says "Call Failed" and I think it says "Cal Failed"



Hamme on stall 2 is always a good decision

Singapore Ladies Set the pace

In the Women's Division, Singapore have set the pace. They went 2-0 for the day with strong victories over Australia and Hong Kong. There will be stiff competition from Chinese Taipei who also finished 2-0. Its gonna be some game when they face each other tomorrow.

Australia sweep up!

Despite having to play four teams on the first day, the Aussies finished with a perfect 4-0 record claiming victories over Chinese Taipei and Hong Kong and a good spirited win against India. They will face a strong challenge from Japan tomorrow who finished 3-0.

Weather Update

Saturday's clouds will bring warmer temperatures and a slight breeze. Is it zone time?

Hong Kong

Sat
Partly Cloudy

 **24** °C | °F

Mixed Division heating up!

Cool weather
brings out hot
competition!



WFDF 2015 AOUC is underway with great action underway in the mixed division. Split between our two sites in So Kon Po and Happy Valley, we've seen some great scores and close games.

Games started early in So Kon Po with Japan proving too much for UAE taking the game 15-3. The other field was a more hotly contested game with Korea being too strong for Chinese Taipei running out 13-9 winners after hard cap was called.

The second round of games saw the Tasman Sea derby with Australia taking on New Zealand. NZ were missing a few key players due to injury but played with great spirit despite the game being a one sided affair.

Crowd favourites The Philippines came through a tough game with Team China but after some magnificent catches from Jason Lopez (*above*) they managed to hold on for the win and took it 15-3.

In the late game, Chinese Taipei hucked their way to a 12-7 victory over UAE. This pool is the one to watch tomorrow.

Meet The Stars

Its a double header today. Meet:

Willie Kunkel and Katherine Tse



Name: **Willie Kunkel** / Katherine Tse

Team: **China**

Number: **1** / 3

Division: **Mixed**

Hometown: **Okanogan WA** / Irvine CA, USA

Current City: **Taipei**

Years Playing: **7** / 8 :

Favourite Throw: **Forehand huck** / Inside out flick

Horizontal or Vertical: **Ho**

Ultimate Crush: **Luke Sanford** / Kami Groom (Chairman Xiongmao)

At the party get me a: **Sick beat** / G&T

No one knows this but...

Willie: I'm wearing a thong.

Katherine: Its my thong!



Hosts showing great spirit

Differing fortunes on the field but united in spirit and purpose off the field.

The three teams representing Hong Kong may have made different starts to the tournament but they have embodied the spirit of the game.



While it was a winning start for the Open's team, the Women's team have struggled to find the same flow. The women's have found stiff competition from some of the more established teams in Asia. They have approached every game with enthusiasm and some inspired warm up routines. Let's hope tomorrow they can continue to grow and develop.



The Open's team had mixed fortunes too. The guys started with a strong win over India before facing the highly favoured Australian team who proved too strong for them. Team HK tried to bounce back in their final game against Singapore but the team from the Lion City got some decisive early breaks and took the game 17-7.

"Everyone was a little nervous for the first game" said Nick Goodall, playing in his first tournament for Hong Kong. "There was great spirit. It was fun to be part of"

Standings after Day One

Mixed A		Japan (1)	Hong Kong (4)	Korea (5)	Chinese Taipei	UAE (9)	Wins
1	Japan (1)			15 3		15 3	2 0
2	Hong Kong (4)			14 11	14 5		2 0
3	Korea (5)	3 15	11 14		13 9		1 2
4	Chinese Taipei (8)		5 14	9 13		12 7	1 2
5	UAE (9)	3 15			7 12		0 2
Mixed B		Australia (2)	Philippines (3)	Singapore (6)	China (7)	New Zealand	Wins
1	Australia (2)			15 7		15 0	2 0
2	Philippines (3)			15 8	15 13		2 0
3	Singapore (6)	7 15	8 15		14 8		1 2
4	China (7)		13 15	8 14		15 6	1 2
5	New Zealand	0 15			5 15		0 2

Women		Australia	Chinese Taipei	Hong Kong	Philippines	Singapore	Wins
1	Australia		7 17			10 17	0 2
2	Chinese Taipei	17 7			17 10		2 0
3	Hong Kong				4 17	7 17	0 2
4	Philippines		10 17	17 4			1 1
5	Singapore	17 10		17 7			2 0

Open		Australia	Chinese Taipei	Hong Kong	India	Japan	Philippines	Singapore	Wins
1	Australia		15 7	15 6	15 0		15 7		4 0
2	Chinese Taipei	7 15			15 5	4 15			1 2
3	Hong Kong	6 15			14 9			6 15	1 2
4	India	0 15	5 15	9 14					0 3
5	Japan		15 4				15 4	15 7	3 0
6	Philippines	7 15				4 15		15 8	1 2
7	Singapore			15 6		7 15	8 15		1 2





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Social Gathering successful.

Social Gathering and merchandising event proves successful. Hong Kong proved again its a great place to relax after a tournament with a well received social gathering at L16 in Admiralty. "This has been a great night" said Christopher 'Cal' Lee. "I just wish we could have a later game on Sunday".

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Weather Update

Sunday will be hot in the day time but chilly once the sun goes down!

Hong Kong
Sun
Sunny

● **24** °C | °F

Yeah Frisbee!

Women's team's happy with the Valley.



Chinese Taipei to play Singapore in the final!

Happy Valley was the scene of much drama as the women's division pool was played out with a lot of drama. Chinese Taipei emerged as top seeds. Their first game was a hotly contested and physical game with Singapore which CT took 10-5. They ensured their place as top seeds with a comprehensive victory over the hosts, Hong Kong.

Meanwhile on the other field, Australia suffered somewhat of an upset losing 11-17 to the Philippines. The Filipinos took that momentum into their final pool game with Singapore and emerged victorious in a highly competitive game which showed to highlight the standard of players in the women's division.

With pool winners CT guaranteed a place, it came down to Singapore and Philippines to play again for the spat in Sunday's finals.

In a reversal of their earlier game, Singapore came out strong and got a couple of early breaks and managed to take victory with a well spirited 16-13 victory.

The final will be held at Mong Kok Stadium and will be stream live on aouc2015.com

Hong Kong Heart Break

HK Mixed and Open's suffer close defeats.

Japan in driving seat in the Open pool

It was a challenging day for the hosts as their Open's team suffered a series of close defeats.

Their day began with a tough contest against Japan. Despite a rallying comeback, Japan proved too strong and ran out with a 10 point lead.

HK then faced a competitive game with Philippines. This time HK held their offence and the game was tied at 10-10. Philippines managed to find another gear and stepped up to take the game 13-10. Hong Kong's heart break was further confounded with a universal point lose to CT.

Japan continue to dominate the vision with commanding victory of Australia. Many had tipped this to be a potential final clash for the division but the boys from Japan ran out 15-8 winners. Australia rallied late in the day victory against Singapore leaving the aussies with a 5-1 record. The semi finals will be played Sunday morning at Tai Hang Tung.



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Hong Kong hosts Interschools Tournament.

Last Thursday, the second ever Hong Kong ultimate inter-schools frisbee tournament took place to showcase the burgeoning youth ultimate scene in HK, as well as serve as a warmup to AOUC. The tournament indeed revealed how far the student ultimate scene has come here in Hong Kong, with Happy Valley barely containing the excitement and good spirit from all our participating student players and coaches. Thirteen teams competed, including one team of mixed players from

schools that didn't have enough numbers to field their own teams.

This reporter was struck by how often post-match group huddles between teams were led by Cantonese speaking captains and filled with Cantonese banter and cheers. The long held myth and belief that in Asia, ultimate frisbee is a sport played by expats is fully dispelled by such scenes this tournament; indeed, this was an example of how ultimate is gaining traction amongst the young of all the countries exposed to this beautiful game. Young students from numerous local as well as international schools competed, varying in age levels from as young as 10 to as old as 18. Three participating students would go on to compete in AOUC and represent Hong Kong, all of them offering a glimpse of the future of ultimate here. Games were competitive but spirited. Coaches occasionally participated and helped their youngest players, all in good fun and under agreement with their opponents. The tournament was indeed a showcase of the inclusiveness and joy possible for this blossoming sport in Hong Kong.

The tournament playoff began at sundown and lasted into the evening, featuring fierce competition from four schools: Saint Too Canaan College, Chinese International School, ELCHK Lutheran Academy, and the Mixed Team. The finals, a repeat of last year's two powerhouses, Chinese International School and Lutheran Academy, was highly competitive, featuring several highlight plays and tremendous hustle from players on both squads. Ultimately, Chinese International School won a highly contested 7-3 as time expired. All in all, the tournament was a wonderful showcase of the spirit and youthful vitality of the sport, and hopefully will bring on many more youth tournaments to come in this lively harbour city.

Meet the Stars:

Today meet Captain of the Japan Open Team.

Yohei Kichikawa



Name: Yohei Kichikawa (Team Captain)

Team: Japan Open

Number: 80

Division: Open

Hometown: Tokyo

Current City: Tokyo

Years Playing: 21

Favourite Throw: Low Release Forehand

Horizontal or Vertical: Vertical

Ultimate Crush -Hidetoshi Miyabe/Japan Open

At the party get me a...Coke

No one knows this but... Bakatono (crazy karaoke party king) is my secret nickname.

What do you wanna a.o.u.SEE: Team Japan Open being the Champion

Next time you see me I will be...in London 2016 for the World Championships

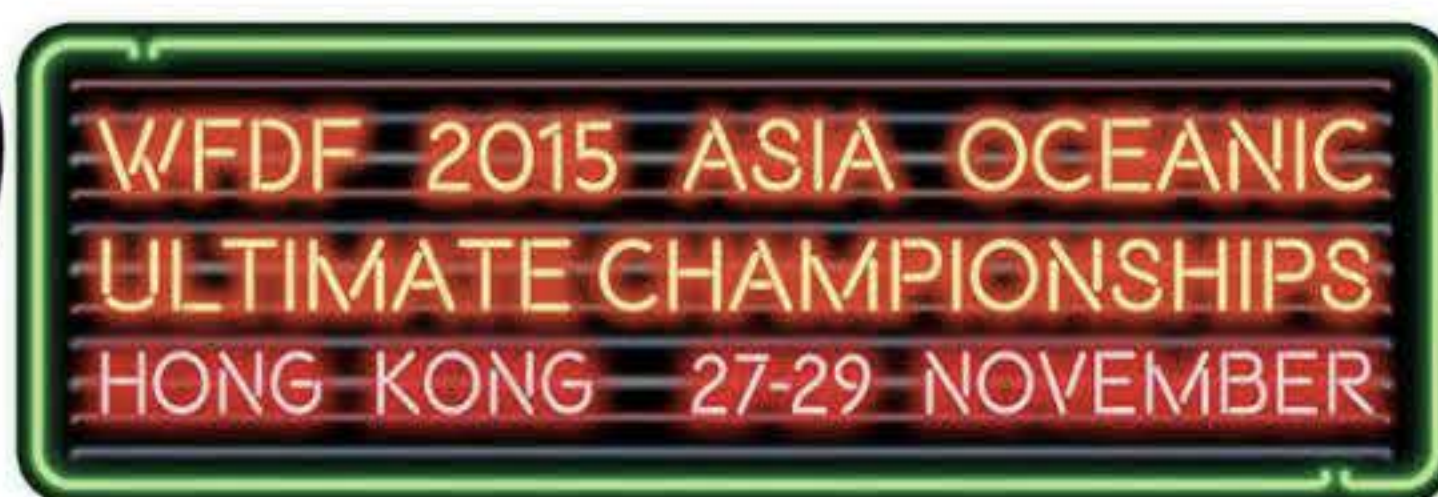
Shout Outs: Look at everyone around me and tell them to bow their head to the crazy karaoke king!

Here are the classified results after Day 2

Open	Australia	Chinese Taipei	Hong Kong	India	Japan	Philippines	Singapore	Wins		
1 Australia		15 7	15 6	15 0	8 15	15 7	15 7	5 1		O1 Japan
2 Chinese Taipei	7 15		13 12	15 5	4 15	10 9	10 5	4 2		O2 Australia
3 Hong Kong	6 15	12 13		14 9	4 15	10 13	6 15	1 5		O3 Chinese Taipei
4 India	0 15	5 15	9 14		1 15	8 15	5 15	0 6		O4 Philippines
5 Japan	15 8	15 4	15 4	15 1		15 4	15 7	6 0		O5 Singapore
6 Philippines	7 15	9 10	13 10	15 8	4 15		15 8	3 3		O6 Hong Kong
7 Singapore	7 15	5 10	15 6	15 5	7 15	8 15		2 4		O7 India
Women	Australia	Chinese Taipei	Hong Kong	Philippines	Singapore	Wins				
1 Australia		7 17	17 8	11 17	10 17	1 3			F1 Chinese Taipei	
2 Chinese Taipei	17 7		17 10	17 10	10 5	4 0			F2 Philippines	
3 Hong Kong	8 17	10 17		4 17	7 17	0 4			F3 Singapore	
4 Philippines	17 11	10 17	17 4		12 8	3 1			F4 Australia	
5 Singapore	17 10	5 10	17 7	8 12		2 2			F5 Hong Kong	
Mixed A	Japan (1)	Hong Kong (4)	Korea (5)	Chinese Taipei	UAE (9)	Wins				
1 Japan (1)		15 4	15 3	15 4	15 3	4 0			XA1 Japan	
2 Hong Kong (4)	4 15		14 11	14 5	15 4	3 1			XA2 Hong Kong	
3 Korea (5)	3 15	11 14		13 9	15 12	2 2			XA3 Korea	
4 Chinese Taipei (8)	3 15	5 14	9 13		12 7	1 3			XA4 Chinese Taipei	
5 UAE (9)	3 15	4 15	12 15	7 12		0 4			XA5 UAE	
Mixed B	Australia (2)	Philippines (3)	Singapore (6)	China (7)	New Zealand	Wins				
1 Australia (2)		14 13	15 7	15 11	15 0	4 0			XB1 Australia	
2 Philippines (3)	13 14		15 8	15 13	15 3	3 1			XB2 Philippines	
3 Singapore (6)	7 15	8 15		14 8	15 3	2 2			XB3 Singapore	
4 China (7)	11 15	13 15	8 14		15 6	1 3			XB4 China	
5 New Zealand	0 15	3 15	3 15	6 15		0 4			XB5 New Zealand	

Sunday's schedule

Sunday day 3		7	8	10 minute walk between fields	9	10	11	12
		Mong Kok STADIUM 100x32.5	Mong Kok STADIUM 100x32.5		Tai Hang Tung (3) 96x30	Tai Hang Tung (3b) 96x30	Tai Hang Tung (rugby) 96x33	Tai Hang Tung (rugby) 96x33
		Natural	Natural		Natural	Natural	Natural	Natural
Start Time	Cap Time							
8:00	9:20				P1 O7vO6 India v Hong Kong		S1 XA1vWPS2 Japan v Philippines	S2 XB1vWPS1 Australia v Singapore
9:30	10:50		S1 O1vO4 Japan v Philippines		7-8 WPP1vWPP2 China v Chinese Taipei	9-10 LPP1vLPP2 New Zealand v UAE	5-6 LPS1vLPS2 Hong Kong v Korea	S2 O2vO3 Australia v Chinese Taipei
12:00	13:40		F WS1vWS2		3-4 LS1vLS2 (11-12:20)	5-6 OSvWP1 Singapore v ? (11-12:20)	3-4 LS1vWP1 Philippines v Australia (11-12:20)	3-4 LS1vLS2 (11-12:20)
2:00	3:40	F F1vWS1 Chinese Taipei v Singapore						
4:00	5:40	F WS1vWS2						



Closing ceremony a success

Following Sunday's dramatic final the closing ceremony was held at Mong Kok Stadium and went off efficiently. HKUPA was proud to invite Mr Calvin Wong, Senior Manager of Sports Funding and Mr Fumio Morooka from the Japanese Flying Disc Federation to say a few words at the event. We thank everyone for their hard-work and hope we are able to host the AOUC again.

Catch the replay

All three finals were streamed live on YouTube during the event. The whole programme is still available with commentary from Christopher 'Cal' Lee and Jared Cahners.

Lost and found

There were a few items left behind at all our fields over the weekend. If you think you have lost anything please contact us through our Facebook page and we will try our best to pass it on to you at your next tournament.

Thank you to everyone for a great tournament!



Photo Courtesy of Eric Lim

Japan edge out Australia in open final.

Japan claim victory on universe point under the lights at Mong Kok Stadium.

Japan became the WFDF 2015 AOUC Open's champions after a tense and dramatic final at Mong Kok Stadium last Sunday. Both teams gave it their all but Japan were able to clinch the last point.

The atmosphere in the stadium was electric as both teams took to the field. Japan, undefeated in the group stage, were the favourites but it was Australia who got an early break with their defence putting the Japanese under pressure. The boys from Oz soon took a two point lead and managed to break through the Japanese tight man-defence during the first half.

The partisan crowd was right behind the Australians as they held their two point lead right up until half time. Each Australian score and pull was greeted with a roar from the crowd and Japanese communication errors and mistimed cuts only added to the misery.

The game was notable for its amazing hucks and deep reads as both teams made use of their speed and cutting abilities to get good separation from their markers and head for the end zone. With both teams fast as lightning, the handlers had a comfortable job launching long hucks into the end zone.

As the sun went down during the second half the game began to turn. The Japanese team made some monster defensive plays and got themselves back into the game thanks to their athletic prowess on defence and their precision hammers on offence to break the tall Australian wall.

The game was all set up for a nail biting finish. Late in the second half the Japanese managed to get a break to pull a point ahead with the game at 16-15. Australia rallied back for a monster offensive point setting up a winner-takes-all final point. It was the Japanese who proved strongest, keeping calm on offence and converting for their second AOUC title in four years.



Photo Takumi Photography



Photo Courtesy of Don Lacsi

Mixed Blessings for Philippines in final!

Philippines Mixed team claims victory over Australia.

The Philippines claimed their first AOUC title with a solid performance against Australia in the early game at Mong Kok Stadium. The Philippines had the momentum following their unpredicted victory against Japan in the semi finals.

The Philippines began the final strongly with great defensive performances that put Australia on the back foot. Australia mixed up their defence each point but their zone proved no match for the accurate hammer throws from the Philippines as they went around or over the cup with ease. Australia found themselves trailing by four points during the first half but they managed to rally back and score three in a row.



Photo Courtesy of Eric Lim

The Philippines seemed the fresher team and were bursting with energy and experience. They kept calm towards the final stages and ran out the winners after time cap was called. The victory was greeted with roars around the stadium as the Philippines claimed the championship for the first time.

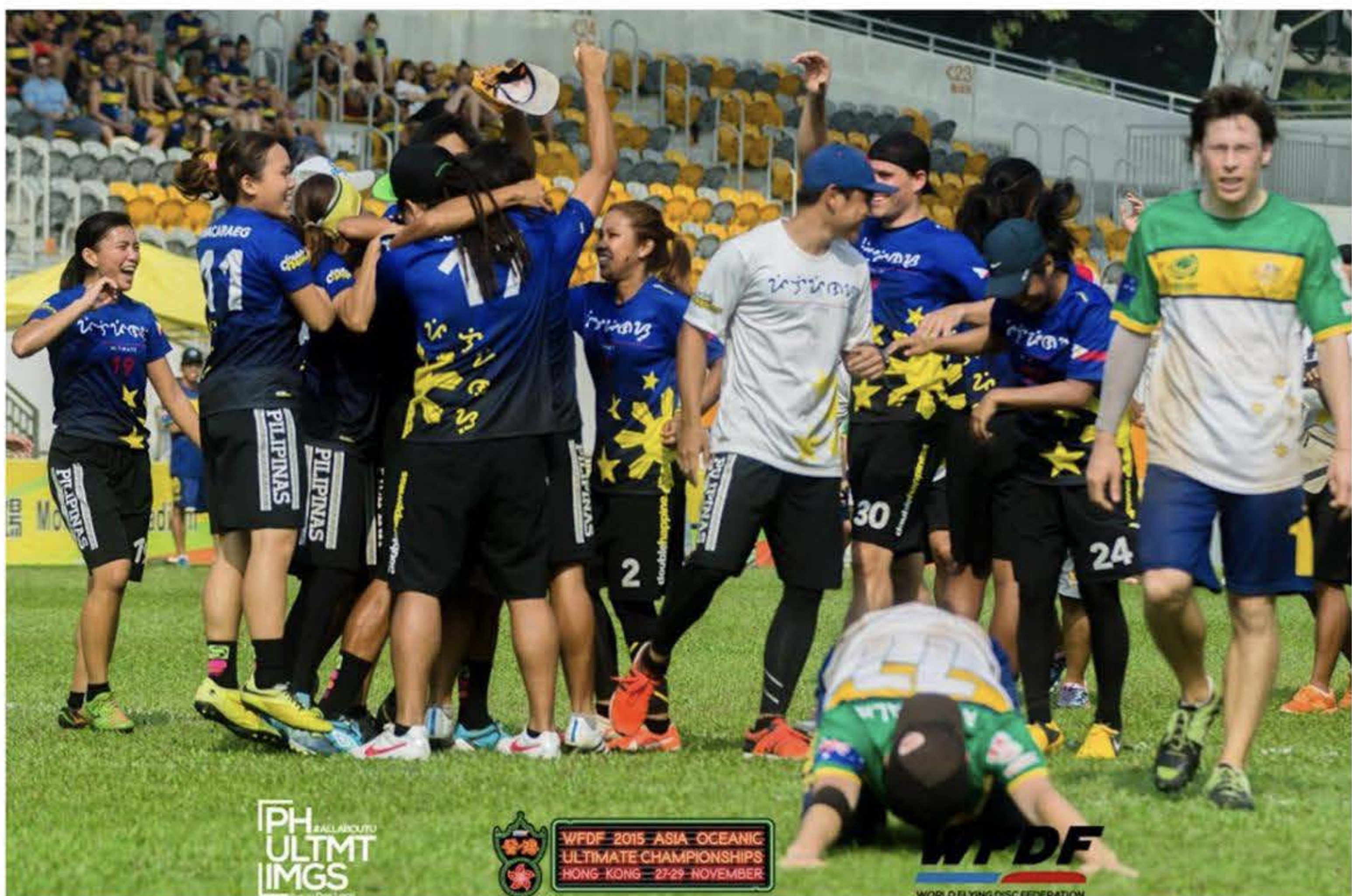


Photo Courtesy of Don Lacsi

Chinese Taipei take gold in Womens division.

Strong zone and cup proves too much for Singapore



Photo Courtesy of Noah

Chinese Taipei's outstanding defensive performance earned them the gold medals in the women's division. When these two teams met earlier in the group stage it was Chinese Taipei who dominated. However, Singapore had already reversed their pool stage loss to the Philippines and came into the final sure they could overcome CT this time round.

Chinese Taipei came out strong with a very tight cup and zone that forced Singapore to change from their favoured vertical stack. Singapore were guilty of a few miscommunications in the early points and CT racked up a 3-0 advantage.

The dominance of zone defence and many crashes into the cup saw the game become congested and there were many calls and picks on the field which stopped either

side getting into a good rhythm. Singapore soon found a way back into the game and managed to close the gap but time was against them and it was the team from Taipei who claimed their first title in the Women's division.



Photo Noah Markus

Meet the Stars:

Today meet UAE Star

Ryan Schaben

Name: Ryan Schaben

Team: UAE

Number: 15

Division: Mixed

Hometown: I grew up in many places

Current City: Abu Dhabi, UAE

Years Playing: 18

Favourite Throw: One that does not touch the ground

Horizontal or Vertical: Ho

Ultimate Crush -I pretty much have an ultimate crush on everyone who plays hard and is super spirited.

At the party get me a...water. I'm not a drinker but many people think I'm drunk at parties.

No one knows this but... John Travolta checked me out.

What do you wanna a.o.u.SEE: naked ultimate.

What would be the same of your autobiography? The 2 degrees of Separation of Ryan Scgaben in Ultimate (Part II in a series of 4).

Shout Outs: Hong Kong, thank you so much for such a terrific tournament.

WFDF 2015 AOUC Results

Women's	Mixed	Open
1. Chinese Taipei	1. Philippines	1. Japan
2. Singapore	2. Australia	2. Australia
3. Philippines.	3. Japan.	3. Philippines.
Spirit: Australia	Spirit: New Zealand	Spirit: India

Sunday		Field 7	Field 8	Field 9	Field 10	Field 11	Field 12
29 Nov day 3		Mong Kok STADIUM 100x32.5	Mong Kok STADIUM 100x32.5	Tai Hang Tung (3) 96x30	Tai Hang Tung (3b) 96x30	Tai Hang Tung (rugby) 96x33	Tai Hang Tung (rugby) 96x33
		Natural	Natural	Natural	Natural	Natural	Natural
Start Time	Cap Time						
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	Score			14-13		13-14	10-9
9:30	10:50			7-8 China v Chinese Taipei	9-10 New Zealand v UAE	5-6 Hong Kong v Korea	S2 Australia v Chinese Taipei
	Score			15-10	6-15	11-10	15-6
12:00	13:40			3-4 Japan v Singapore (11-12:20)	5-6 Singapore v Hong Kong (11-12:20)	3-4 The Philippines v Australia (11-12:20)	3-4 Chinese Taipei v Philippines (11-12:20)
	Score			15-5	15-5	15-8	11-15
2:00	3:40					F Chinese Taipei v Singapore	
	Score					13-9	
4:00	5:40					F Japan v Australia	
	Score					17-16	



Photo Courtesy of Don Lacsí