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The 4th Asean Para Games in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand is now history. But the memories of what was a truly wonderful and memorable event, is etched forever in the hearts and minds of both officials and participants who were part of this outstanding games.

Indeed, the 4th Asean Para Games set new benchmarks in respect of both the organization and hospitality which future hosts will be challenged to match. Credit for this must surely go to the 4th Asean Para Games Organizing Committee.

Special thanks go to the Government of Thailand under the Chairmanship of H.E Prime Minister of Thailand, for having extended its fullest support for the 4th Asean Para Games which comes hard on the heels of the hugely successful 24th SEA Games in the beautiful province of Nakhon Ratchasima.

Sincere thanks go to all the wonderful volunteers and all the officials- what would we have done without you?

Congratulations to Thailand for having emulated its SEA Games success in finishing first in the rankings for the 4th Asean Para Games. It was very evident that athletes from all the participating nations showed great courage and determination while competing.

The values of sportsmanship and fair play were evident throughout the Games. In the end, all the competing athletes were in our opinion, winners!

It is the vision of the Asean Para Sports Federation (APSF) to establish the status of paralympians in the region as being dynamic and productive in contributing to society and nation building. All members of the APSF share one vision, one mission and one hope.

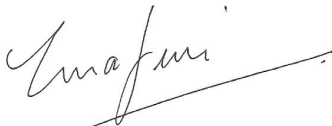
The standard of the athletes has been exceptional, with times and distances being established for qualification into other events on the paralympic calendar, such as the forthcoming 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games. All the athletes have benefited from participating in a specially designed games under the international governing body rules of APSF, with shared advice from coaches, officials and competition team management.

In this regard, the 4th Asean Para Games celebrated the spirit of "Asean Moving Together" while enhancing the image of the Asean Community as a whole via our Paralympic movement.

APSF will move with even greater vigour with each member playing a significant role in raising the profile and status of paralympians in Asean.

Once again, on behalf of the APSF, we would like to thank the Local Organizing Committee for having organized a successful 4th Asean Para Games.

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