

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

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Our heartiest congratulations to one of NIE alumna, Ms Eliza Ng, for setting a new national record for the 3000m steeplechase race at the recent 2014 Singapore Athletic Association Track and Field Series 5 event. The long distance specialist set a timing of 12:56:30, beating the previous record timing of 13:29:43 which was previously set in 2010.

“As a kid, I loved racing with my sisters and neighbours along my house corridor. From that very moment, I fell in love with running,” the competitive athlete recalled. Her love for Track and Field eventually became a serious passion when she met Associate Professor Govindasamy Balasekaran from the Physical Education and Sports Science Academic Group. “Dr Bala is truly an inspiration to me in all aspects. Even when I failed to meet his expectations, he never gave up on me and for that, I am eternally grateful towards him. Through running, he taught me to be a better and stronger individual,” she quipped.

Indeed, Ms Ng is not one to rest on her laurels. She has already set her sights to attempt to break all the long distance national records. “The steeplechase event is just the beginning of my running achievements. I will run faster in all the events and hope to bring glory to Singapore. I hope to achieve the same success that Dr Bala had in his prime,” she said.

Spoken like a true champion. We wish you all the best in your running endeavours and are certain that you will continue to fly the NIE flag high!

Below: Greater things are in store for Ms Eliza Ng (left) with the help and guidance of Assoc Prof Govindasamy Balasekaran

