She's not done yet

Mun Yee eyes next Games after superb outing in Myanmar



Dynamic duo: Leong Mun Yee (right) and Nur Dhabitah Sabri in action during the 10m platform synchro final on Saturday. – Bernama

THE Myanmar SEA Games will not be the last for Leong Mun Yee.

The 29-year-old diver wants to go for a 10th straight SEA Games in Singapore in two years' time.

Mun Yee surpassed karate exponent P. Arivalagan's record of eight appearances at these Games. Mun Yee and 14-year-old Nur Dhabitah Sabri, who was not even born when her partner made her first Games appearance in Jakarta in 1997, clinched the 10m platform synchro gold on Saturday. It was Mun Yee's 13th gold, making her the most successful Malaysian diver in SEA Games history.

Mun Yee was nonchalant about her record Games appearances.

"I don't keep track of all these things. It's more important for me to dive well and do my part as an athlete," she said.

"I intend to compete in the next Games in 2015 as the Rio Olympics will be held the following year. I want to qualify for another Olympics as I feel Pandelela (Rinong) and I have a good chance to win a medal if we prepare well," added Mun Yee.

Que to her commitments in the sport, Mun Yee has deferred her studies at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) many times. She is still in her third year.

"I enrolled at UPM back in 2005. I never managed to complete a full year of studies as I always have to go for training stints in China to

go for training stints in China to prepare for major competitions," said Mun Yee.

In Naypyitaw, Malaysia made a clean sweep of all eight diving golds for their best achievement outside of ther country.

But the SEA Games is not really Malaysia's playground any more and the real test will be at next year's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and Asian Games in Incheon.

"The juniors like Mohd Nazreen, Chew Yi Wei and Dhabitah did well this time although it's their first SEA Games. They will be the ones taking over from us in the future and it is important they get the confidence at this level before they aim higher," said Mun Yee.

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Nazreen surprised his senior Ooi Tze Liang to win the individual 10m platform. The 15-year-old went on to become a double gold medallist, partnering Tze Liang to take the synchro platform title on Saturday.

The divers will take a short break before they resume training next month.

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