



**Ng Shin Yii**

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# Shin Yii committed to the cause

**IT'S** tough trying to fill the shoes of two-time Asian Games champion Chai Fong Ying as Ng Shin Yii found out in last month's World Championships in Kuala Lumpur.

Shin Yii, a silver medallist at the 2009 edition in Toronto, was the only local exponent who did not win a medal in the world meet but she hopes to make amends in the Sea Games in Myanmar.

A third-year business administration student with Universiti Putra Malaysia, Shin Yii is raring for action, although the 24-year-old is not a favourite in the women's taijijian (taiji sword) and taijiquan combined event.

Indonesia's world champion Lindswell Kwok is Shin Yii's main rival but the Malaysian, who was awarded Miss Wushu World recently, believes she can deny her Indonesian rival in Myanmar.

Shin Yii was edged by Lindswell for the gold medal in the 2011 Indonesia Sea Games and the World Games in Cali, Colombia in May.

"I will do my best to make an impact on the competition. I had to defer my studies for two months due to training commitments in China. My coach told me to focus on the Sea Games," said Shin Yii yesterday.

"I may have failed in the world meet but the experience has made me a determined person. I did not perform because of pressure. I tend to get nervous nearing competitions."

Shin Yii hopes the pressure of competition and other elements will not affect her focus in the Sea Games

"I am training myself mentally and physically for the competition. My coach (Yong Thong Yoong) is helping me to polish my routines.

"Everyone is expecting me to emulate Fong Ying's success in the sport. I will try my best but competition is going to be tough. I am, however, well prepared for the challenge," the two-time Sea Games silver medallist added.

Shin Yii, a bronze medallist at the 2006 Doha Asian Games, and Chan Yi Lu, 16, are Malaysia's representatives in the taijijian and taijiquan combined event in Myanmar.

The 14-member Sea Games team will leave for Naypyitaw on Tuesday. The four-day wushu competition starts on Dec 7. By Ajitpal Singh