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Tough task for Shin Yii

NG Shin Yii must show she is ready to step up and fill the vacuum created by the retirement of two-time Asian Games champion Chai Fong Ying in women's taijijian (taiji sword) and taijiquan at the World Championships, which start today.

Fong Ying, a three-time world champion, quit the sport in June citing injury and studies as her main reasons.

Shin Yii, a third-year student in business administration at Universiti Putra Malaysia, deferred her studies for seven weeks to prepare for the world meet and the 24-year-old hopes her sacrifice will pay dividends.

"I will do my best to make an impact in the competition. I had to defer my studies due to training commitments in China. My coach told me to focus on the world meet," said Shin Yii at KLBA Stadium in Cheras yesterday.

A bronze medallist at the 2006



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Asian Games in Doha, Shin Yii will compete for honours in taijijian and taijiquan.

"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," said the two-time Sea Games silver medallist.

Shin Yii's best performance in the world meet was silver in taijijian in the 2009 edition in Toronto. **By Ajit-pal Singh**