



Individual style: Jun Hoong clinches the gold in the only event she took part in – the 1m springboard individual. — Bernama

Injured but still a class above

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WORLD diving champion Cheong Jun Hoong is simply in a class of her own.

Although she has not completely recovered from her back injury, the 27-year-old was entered for the 1m springboard individual – and she duly delivered.

Jun Hoong was just too much for her opponents, chalking up 268.55 points to finish 35.55 points ahead of second-placed Jasmine Lai (233.50) and Vietnamese Ngo Phuong Mai (207.80).

The victory was Jun Hoong's seventh gold at the SEA Games in eight appearances.

"The SEA Games is where I started my career, so it's always nice to be back for the meet. What's more, it's being held at home this time," said Jun Hoong.

"It's still very fulfilling although I got to compete in only one event due to my condition. The thunderous cheer from the home fans was so overwhelming."

Powered by the likes of Olympic



silver medallist Pandelega Rinong and Commonwealth Games champion Ooi Tze Liang, Malaysia swept 11 golds at stake.

Tze Liang bagged the men's 3m springboard and 10m platform individual titles, while Pandelega claimed the women's 10m platform individual and partnered Gabriel Gilbert Diam to win the mixed team event.

Malaysia were also winners in

Steady does it: Pandelega showing her moves in the 10m women platform at the National Aquatic Centre. — AZHAR MAHFOF/The Star

the men's 1m springboard individual through Ahmad Amsyar Azman, Wendy Ng (women's 3m springboard individual and synchro with Nur Dhabitah Sabri), Jasmine and Muhd Syafiq Puteh (mixed 3m springboard synchro), Chew Yiwei (men's 3m springboard synchro with Amsyar) and Leong Mun Yee-Jellson Jabillin (mixed 10m platform synchro).