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# PANDELELA-MUN YEE IN OLYMPICS

Malaysian duo take silver in 10m platform synchro to qualify for Tokyo

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**P**ANDELELA Rinong and Leong Mun Yee have qualified for next year's Tokyo Olympic Games.

The Malaysians defied the odds and silenced their critics by winning silver in the women's 10m platform synchro at the World Aquatics Championships in Gwangju yesterday.

Pandelela-Mun Yee posted a 312.72 total to finish second behind China's Lu Wei-Zhang Jiaqi (345.24), while Samantha Bromberg-Katrina Young of the United States won the bronze on a

304.86 total.

The three pairs have made the cut for the Olympics.

It is Pandelela-Mun Yee's third world meet medal after winning bronze in the 2009 (Rome) and the 2013 (Barcelona) editions. They are the first Malaysian pair to qualify for the Olympics through the world meet.

Mun Yee is a replacement for the injured Cheong Jun Hoong who withdrew from the world meet following knee and wrist injuries.

Many doubted the divers following a change in the coaching setup last year but they have proven everyone wrong with a medal in the world meet.

Meanwhile, Chew Yiwei-Ooi Tze Liang finished last in the men's 3m springboard synchro final on 357.30 points on Saturday.



Pandelela Rinong (left) and Leong Mun Yee in action en route to winning silver in the 10m platform synchro at the World Championships in Gwangju yesterday. AFP PIC