

Background information on Allied Esports Centre and the Sino-Singapore friendly match

The Allied Esports Centre located in the Eco-city’s National Animation Industrial Park opens its doors to gamers in August 2018. Covering a floor area of 4,000 sqm, the centre is equipped with state-of-the-art e-gaming facilities.

2 As the e-gaming pioneer in the Eco-city, the centre would help boost the development of the internet and cultural industries, and capture a slice of China’s growing e-gaming market which has an estimated value of RMB 60 billion in 2017.

3 Minister Lawrence Wong flagged off a friendly match of *Dota 2* between e-gaming teams from Singapore and China in the Allied Esports Centre, which was one of the commemorative events for the Eco-city’s 10th year milestone.

4 The Singapore team – Team X – comprises a mix of professional and amateur players, led by celebrity player NutZ. NutZ once served as coach for MVP Phoenix in The International 2016¹⁰. He is Singapore’s number two e-sports player in prize earnings, amounting to more than US\$200,000 to date.

5 The friendly match was broadcasted on Facebook and Yahoo in Singapore, and platforms such as Douyu in China. Zenway Productions is the Singapore company producing the content for broadcast in Singapore with English commentary while Razer sponsored e-gaming equipment for the match.

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¹⁰ The International is the pinnacle global *Dota 2* event with more than US\$20 million in prize money.