#### Press release

### Announcement of

# Asia Open Pickleball Championships 2024

April 30 - May 04, 2024

Kỳ Hoà 2 Club 796 Sư Vạn Hạnh Street (link), Ward 12, District 10 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam 7KM from Tan Son Nhat International Airport (SGN)

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam – January 30, 2024: Mr. Hogan, Chairman of the Asia Federation of Pickleball (AFP), along with the executive team, conducted a comprehensive three-day visit to its member country Pickleball and Friends VN at Vietnam from January 19 to 21, 2024. During this visit, President Hogan accepts the proposal to host ASIA OPEN PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS (AOPC 2024) in Ho Chi Minh City. The proposal includes the offering of excellent facilities such as airport clearance, 21 pickleball courts, restaurants, and player accommodations, leaving an outstanding impression to the evaluation team.

Mr. Troung Quang Vu, Director of Pickleball and Friends VN expressed their commitment to swiftly promote and popularize pickleball in Vietnam. He hopes that the arrangement made by his team for AOPC will offer a memorable experience for all players from Vietnam cities, Asian countries, and international players.

Chairman Hogan convened a meeting with the tournament team to discuss the advantages of hosting the championships in Ho Chi Minh City. The proximity of Ho Chi Minh City Airport to the player accommodations, the availability of 16 Indoors, 4 outdoors and 1 live streaming court, the swimming pool, onsite restaurant and the presence of shopping malls, local foods, bars, restaurants, tourist landmarks were highlighted as key factors in favor of hosting the AOPC 2024 in the city itself. The members unanimously voted in favor of Ho Chi Minh City in hosting the AFP event, with the proposed **competition dates set from April 30 to May 4, 2024**.

The Asia Federation of Pickleball is looking forward to collaborating closely with Pickleball and Friends VN to ensure the success of this tournament. **Registration** will open on <u>www.afpickleball.org</u> website from **February 18 to April 07, 2024.** 

There will be Individual events (MS, MD, WS, WD, XD) and Team Challenge. Age 19+, 35+ and 50+. Skill levels Intermediate, Advanced and Open category. No territory boundary: you can partner with anyone in doubles and Team event. Total **USD 30,000 prize money for Open division including USD 10,000 for Team event.** Team Leader can form a 10-player Team representing clubs, sponsors, or nation.

## About the Asia Federation of Pickleball (AFP):

The Asia Federation of Pickleball is dedicated to the promotion and development of pickleball in the Asian region. Through organizing tournaments, training certification programs, and collaborative initiatives, the federation aims to enhance the popularity and growth of pickleball in Asia, fostering camaraderie and sportsmanship.

## About Pickleball and Friends VN (PFVN):

Pickleball and Friends VN is the first privately-owned company in Vietnam to invest and operate in the field of pickleball. All its members are passionate about pickleball, coming from diverse professional backgrounds and sharing a common vision for the development of pickleball in Vietnam. Looking ahead, Pickleball and Friends VN aims to develop into a professional pickleball club and create a nurturing ground for young pickleball talents in Vietnam.

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