

## SEA GAMES



# DYNAMIC DUO STRIKE GOLD

Zylane-Hua Wei's perseverance pays off

IT was deep satisfaction for Malaysian duo, Zylane Lee Yhing Huey and Gan Hua Wei who won their first gold medal after being paired for the Kuala Lumpur Sea Games.

Zylane and Hua Wei began as a pair just 18 months ago after Zylane's partner Katrina Ann Hadi retired at the end of 2015.

"Very satisfying. Because we

deserved the gold and lastly it is in our hands. It's a very good thing because our hardwork has paid off," said Zylane.

In the duet free routine at the National Aquatic Centre, Bukit Jalil yesterday, penguin-walking onto the deck to the tune of an online game, the Malaysian duo thrilled the crowd with their funky leg movements even before they hit the water.



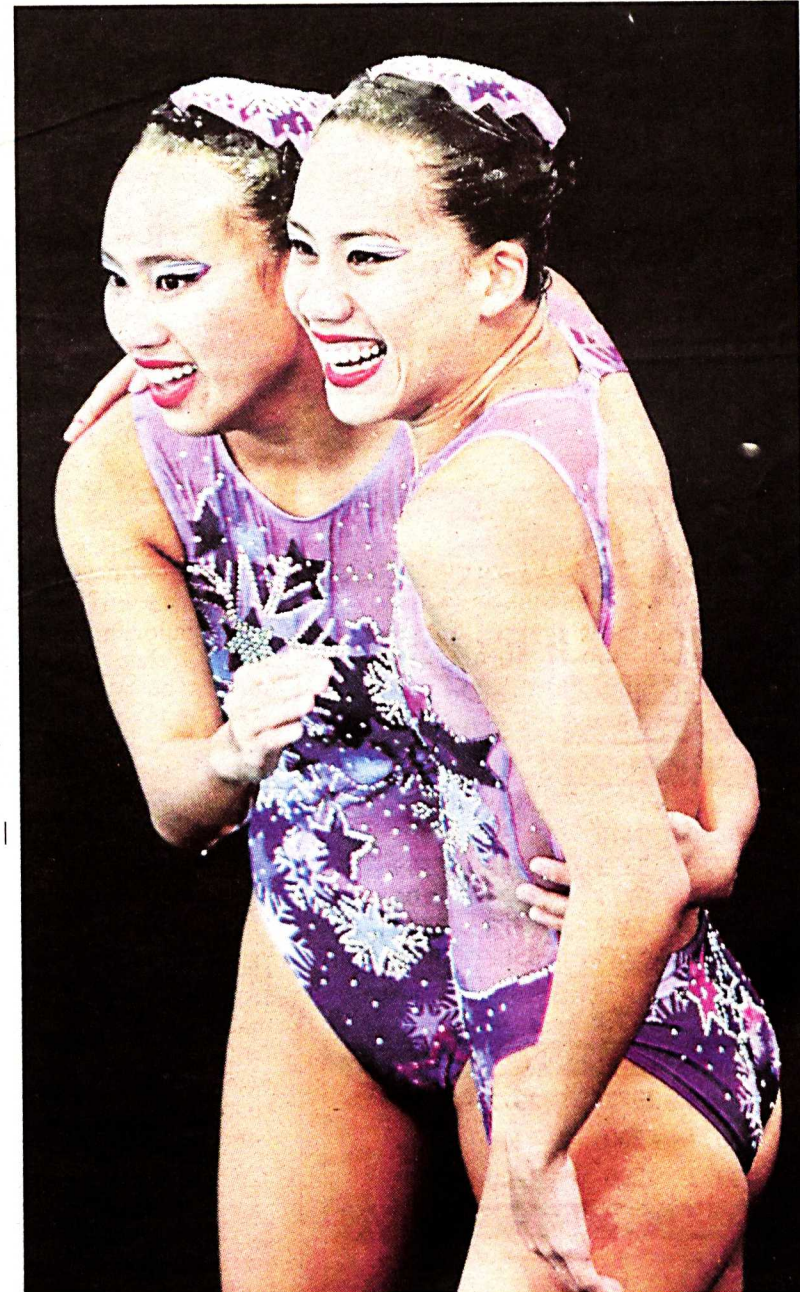
But once they were in the water, Zylane, 25 and Hua Wei, 18, were like poetry in motion, as they spun and weaved their way to the gold.

The Malaysian pair triumphed with a score of 76.3333, finishing ahead of Singapore's Miya Yong Hsing and Debbie Soh Li Fei, who amassed 76.2333 points.

National synchronised swimming coach Long Yan noted that Zylane and Hua Wei complemented each other well.

"That is why they can work together very fast. I am happy with their performance which is beyond my expectations," said the China-born coach.

Meanwhile Malaysia clinched the silver medal in the team free routine event after recording 73.0667 points. **Bernama**



Zylane Lee (right) and Gan Hua Wei celebrate after winning gold in the duet free routine yesterday. PIC BY AIZUDDIN SAAD