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SHOOTING

Wung Yew qualifies for Beijing

SINGAPORE'S Lee Wung Yew finished third in the men's trap event at the 11th Asian Shooting Championships in Kuwait yesterday.

The result means he has won one of the three quota places to represent the Republic at next year's Olympic Games, becoming the first Singaporean shooter to book his ticket to the Olympics on merit.

Lee, 41, shot a total of 112 birds in the qualifying rounds to make it to the final.

In the final, he shot 21 birds for a total of 133 to tie with India's Mansher Singh for third place.

In the ensuing shoot-off, both missed their first shot, converted their second, third and fourth. On the fifth, the Indian missed, while Lee hit his to take the bronze.

He said: 'This win was a collective effort from everyone. I am happy with the medal but the Olympic quota place is out of this world.'

Said Chng Seng Mok, president of the Singapore Shooting Association: 'I'm happy for him. Getting through the first stage is tough. But what happens in Beijing is what counts, and we're looking forward to that.'

Lee also won bronzes at the Asian Clay Championships in October and in the individual event at the SEA Games last week.