



PRESS RELEASE

MITSUKI FIRST MALAYSIAN TO WIN ITF M15 SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

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Mitsuki Leong won the men's singles championship of the ITF M15 World Tennis Tour 2023, Nakhon Si Thammarat by defeating the player from Thailand Pruchya Isoro with a straight set result 6-3, 6-3. With this success, 19-year-old Mitsuki from Ipoh Perak is the first national player to win the singles championship for the M15 ITF World Tennis Tour or any Pro Circuit ITF tournament.

The tournament which took place from 4-10 September attracted the interest of 83 tennis players from all over the world and only 40 players made it to the qualification stage and the final round of the tournament. Mitsuki was not seen to face great difficulties with his opponent before reaching the final stage except in the second round when he had to battle with his opponent from Thailand, Thantub Suksumarn with a result of 2-6, 7-6(1), 7-5 and so on in the stage quarter final against a player from South Korea, Seon Yong Han with a result of 6-1, 4-6, 6-4. In the semi-final stage he managed to defeat a player from Kazakhstan, Grigoriy Lomakin with a result of 7-5, 6-4 who before the meeting with Mitsuki, had managed to tame the M15 ITF World Tennis Tour singles champion in Nakhon Sui Thammarat also the week before (August 28 – September 3) from Thailand Maximus Jones second seed of the tournament on this circuit.

As a result of the success, Mitsuki has managed to bring home cash amounting to USD 2,160 and subsequently become a new icon for Malaysian tennis after the era of V Selvam and Adam Malik at their peak almost 30 years ago. It is a new charm for TennisMalaysia who have been looking for a cure in their efforts to empower the sport of tennis in Malaysia. TennisMalaysia congratulates Mitsuki and thanks his sponsor KL Kepong Berhad for continuously helping Mitsuki financially in particular and the development of tennis in Malaysia in general.

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IMAGE 1: Mitsuki with the M15 ITF World Tennis Tour, Nakhon Si Thammarat (4-10 September 2023) trophy

IMAGE 2 : Mitsuki in action

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