

Nanyang Technological University
National Institute of Education
Physical Education and Sports Science

Module Code: **MES805**

Module Title: The Culture of Sport

Module Duration: 39 Hours

Module Description

This course examines the evolution of sporting practices in selected countries in South East Asia. In most cases the colonial influences have remained well entrenched, but the search for independence brought with it a shaking loose of colonial bonds. Foreign influences and the spread of globalisation have served to link the modern practices of sport of the ASEAN nations, whilst at the same time indigenous activities have provided a platform for the expression of national interests.

Singapore provides a key example of an Asian Tiger that has hastened to recognise the importance of sport as a tool of nation building.

Module Objectives

1. Examine the colonial influences on sport in SEAsia since the early 1800s.
2. Be familiarised with theoretical models examining the development of the culture of sport.
3. Recognise the common elements in the development of modern sport.
4. Identify examples of sport as identity, as an economic venture, and sport as a national passion.
5. Identify trends in the development of sport that have been accommodated by different countries within the region.
6. Evaluate the contribution of major games on the development of sports excellence.
7. Evaluate the role of Sport for All as a common ideology.
8. Assess the ability of countries to create