

Marc Lim (Tennis)
Captain Sports Team of the Year Men 2008

Good evening Prof Shih, distinguished guests and fellow athletes. Winning the NUS sports team of the year award has a lot of significance for our tennis team, as this is the first time the team is being bestowed such an honor. Over the last year, our tennis team has trained tirelessly and made many sacrifices in our pursuit of excellence. But beyond this, our relaxed atmosphere during training has enabled the guys to know one another better and ease the pressure that we have placed on ourselves to succeed. It was this environment that brought the best out of our players. We would go into matches without feeling pressure, just wanting to play our best, and the results just naturally came.

When I was first told that we were going to receive this award, I was just stunned. Actually, I'm still stunned. But looking back over the past year and what we have achieved, I would say that all our hard work and sacrifices have paid off. I hope that us receiving this award can serve as an inspiration to other sports teams who never thought that winning this award would be achievable. Just go out there and play your best, let the result worry about itself.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank our Sports Officer Mr Carson Goh for his continuous support, our coach Mr Ong Chin Chuan for his invaluable guidance and advice, Mr Seetow for chaperoning us during our trip to Hong Kong, as well as all SRC staff who have helped us along the way.

Thank you.