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# COG Community Series #2: Sharing by Special Olympics Asia Pacific

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# Why Is Special Olympics Important?





The Global Situation

Lets imagine the whole world's population was shrunk to exactly 100 people that lived on one tiny island....

## The Global Situation

How many would be Male and how many would be Female?

**48 Male and 52 Female**

How many would be unable to read: 10? 40? Or 70?

**70 would be unable to read**

How many will have gone to University: 6? 30? Or 50?

**Only 6 will have gone to University**



## The Global Situation

How many would live in poor housing? 50, 80, 85

**80 would live in poor housing**

How many wouldn't have enough to eat? 7, 10, 11

**11 would be malnourished**

How many will not have access to essential healthcare? 4, 5, 6

**6 would not have access to essential healthcare**

How many would be disabled? 12, 13, 15

**15 would be disabled**

How many would be intellectually disabled? 2, 3, 4

**2 would be intellectually disabled**





The Global Situation

**240 million people, or just over 2% of the global population, have intellectual disabilities, making it one of the largest disability populations in the world.**

## The Global Situation

Of Our 2 intellectually disabled people...

How many would be unable to read?

**Both would be unable to read.**

How many will have gone to University?

**Neither!**

How many would live in poor housing?

**Both would live in poor housing.**

How many wouldn't have enough to eat?

**Both would be malnourished.**

How many will not have access to essential healthcare?

**Both would be unable to access essential healthcare.**



No Education

Malnourishment or Obesity

Exploitation

Our athletes face a desperate reality of **social, political and cultural discrimination**, spanning the full spectrum from oppression and isolation to bullying and abuse.

Inadequate Healthcare

Isolation

Exclusion

Fear

Bullying

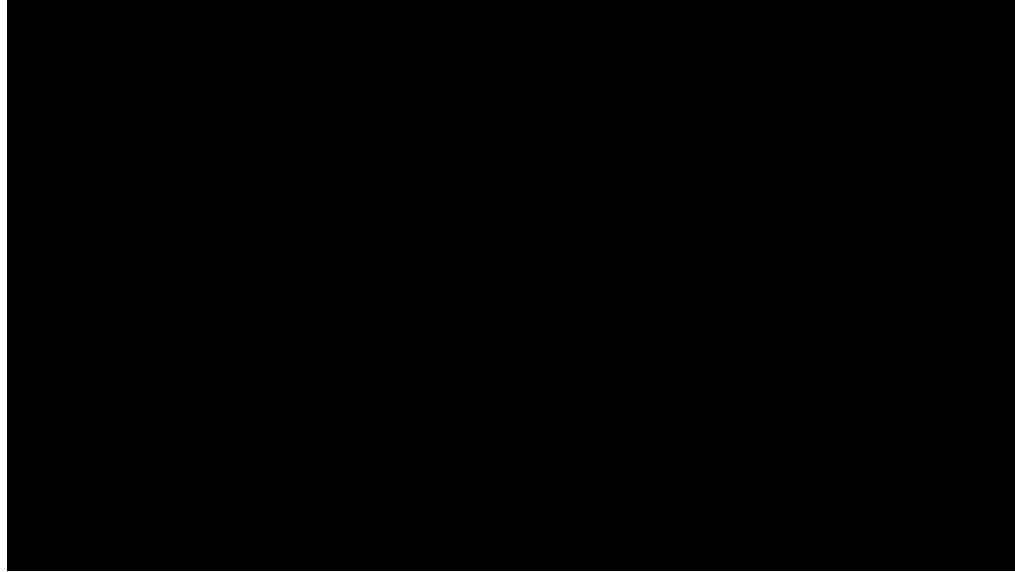
No Confidence



# Where Does Special Olympics Fit In?



# Changing the World Through Sport



# Global Reach

- 36 Olympic-type Sports
- World Games every 2 years
- Programs in 178 countries
- 5million athletes
- 435,000+ coaches
- 1.1 million volunteers
- 600,000+ families
- 108,000+ competitions



# Special Olympics & Paralympics

Special Olympics and Paralympics are two separate non-profit organizations recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC)

Special Olympics and the Paralympics differ in three main ways:

- 1) Who We Serve
- 2) Our Sporting Philosophy
- 3) The Way We Are Structured



# Our Two Global Goals

1. Improve The Lives Of People With Intellectual Disabilities: **Our Athletes**
2. Create Positive Attitudes To People With Intellectual Disabilities And Promote Inclusion: **Influence Communities and Wider Society**



# Changing The Lives Of Our Athletes

Hanako Sawayama,  
Athlete and Special Olympics Asia Pacific Admin  
Assistant



Can Anyone Guess How Long I Have Been  
Involved in Special Olympics?

***26 Years!***

# Before Special Olympics...



*I was bullied at school..*

*This made me:*

*shy*

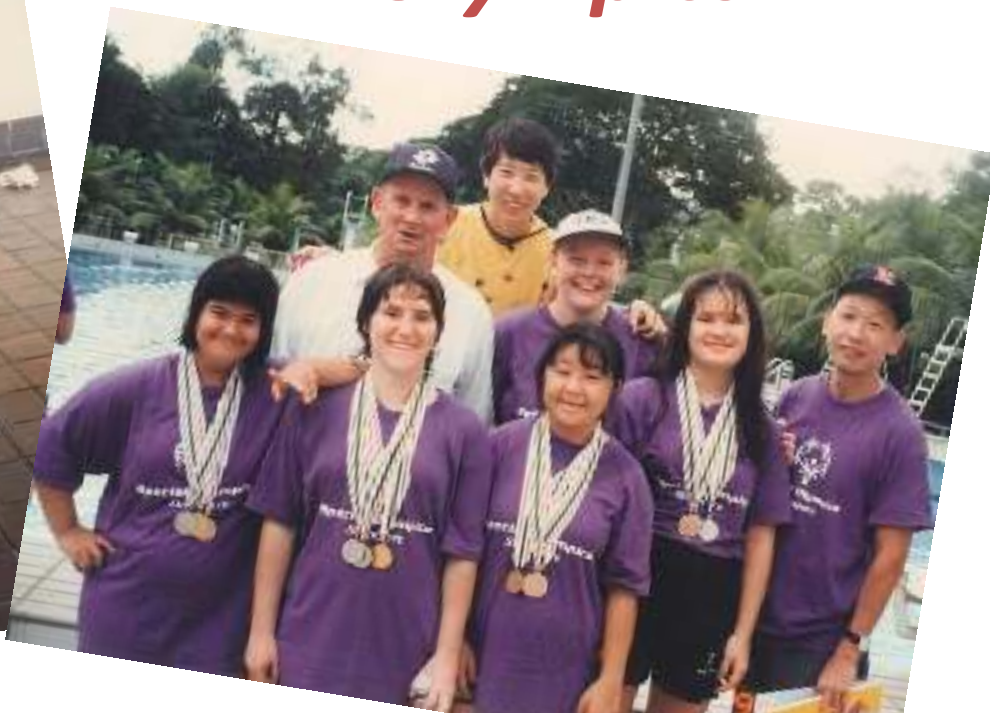
*scared*

*afraid to talk*

*not confident*



*Then my life changed...  
through Special  
Olympics*



# 2003 World Summer Games, Ireland



Bowling Medals:

**1 GOLD**  
**Female Doubles**

**1 SILVER**  
**Female Single**

**1 SILVER**  
**Mixed Doubles**



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# Bowled over by her Olympic fame

**PINT-SIZE** Hanako Sawayama, 25, shows off the one gold and two silver medals she won in bowling at the Special Olympic World Summer Games in Dubai, as the Singapore transport arrives at Changi Airport yesterday.

Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister of Community Development and Sports, led officials to the Special

Olympics Singapore contingent of intellectually disabled athletes who participated in the games from June 21 until Sunday.

It was the first time Sawayama had competed in the Special Olympics and she was bowled over by the attention she received. Her team-mates were another seven girls, 13 others and 15 boys.

The team of 44 athletes competed in athletics, swimming, badminton, bowling, soccer and basketball, a form of lawn bowls.

At the 1999 Games in America, 100 per cent of 20 girls, 10 silver and 10 bronze. This was the sixth time Singapore had sent a team to the games every four years.

## INSPIRE THE SPIRIT

### OUR ATHLETES WHO INSPIRE THE SPIRIT

#### International Global Messenger **HANAKO SAWAYAMA**

Hanako, aged 27, is a renowned national bowler in Singapore since she was 7. She has won the World Skills Special Olympics for 12 years. She has also played in elementary and high school leagues both at local and international level.

She was selected to represent the Asia Pacific region as a Global Messenger and also acts as a National Counselor for the International Global Messenger Training Course.

As an International Global Messenger, she is associated to functions like the Asia-Pacific Leadership Conference for Asia-Pacific countries, won 10 awards in December 2004 and the Special Olympics National Awards Youth Counselor and a the National Representative to Special Olympics Singapore Executive Committee.







# Special Olympics Transformed My Life

*I am stronger.*

*I talk to people now.*

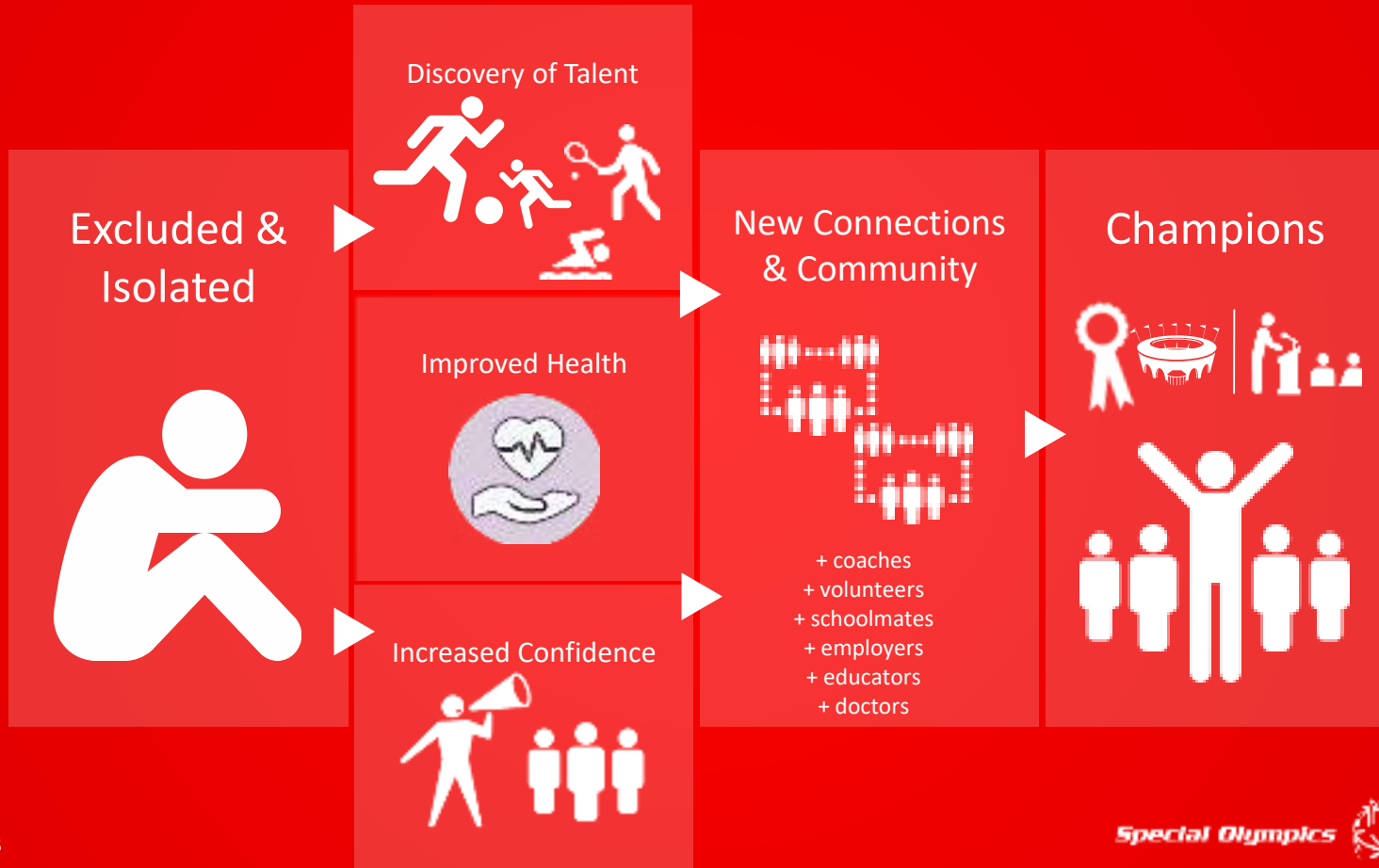
*I can express my ideas.*

*I am not afraid of being bullied.*

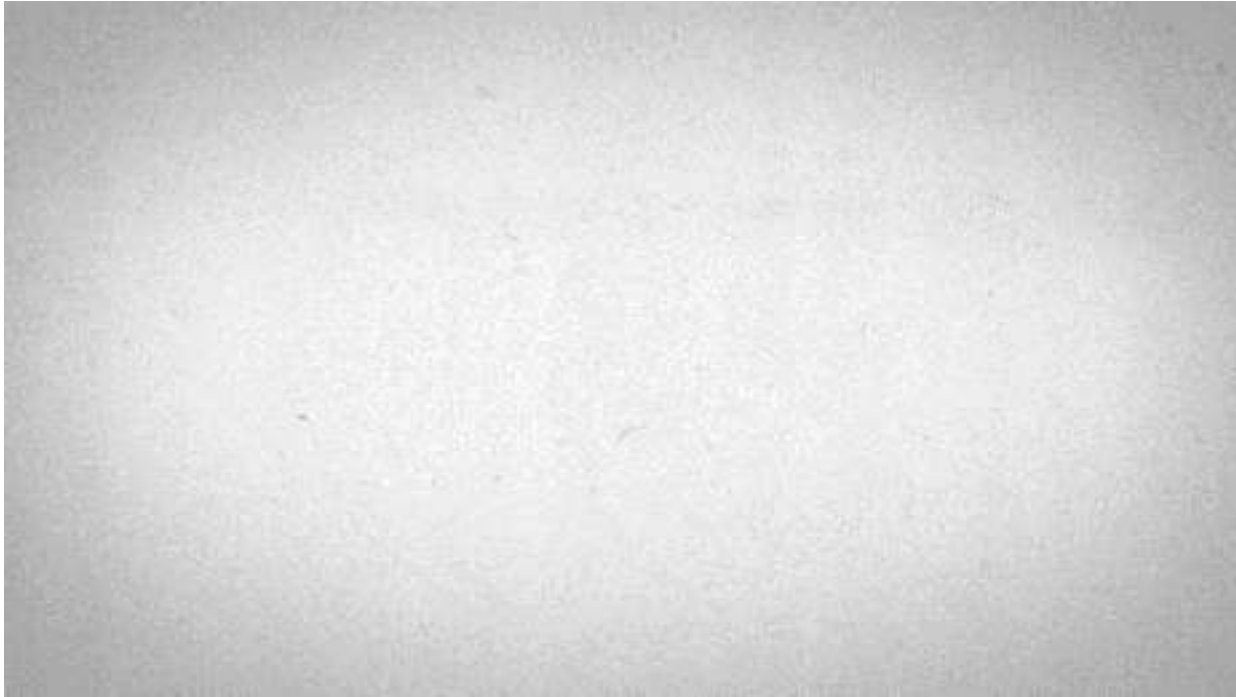
*I am an Athlete AND a Coach.*

Thank You Special Olympics  
For Helping Me Grow!

# An Athlete's Journey



# Meeting The Health Needs of People With Intellectual Disabilities





# Influencing Wider Society



# Influencing Wider Society

1. Games and Competitions
2. Working With Young People  
(Unified Schools)
3. Unified Sports



# Working With Us



# Working With Special Olympics

1. Projects and Events
2. Games and Competitions
3. Campaigns
4. Employee Engagement

We have a tailor-made approach, customizing engagements to suit partners and optimize opportunities for Special Olympics Athletes to shine.

A photograph of three young men of diverse backgrounds celebrating joyfully. They are wearing red and white athletic shirts and have medals around their necks. The man in the center is wearing a black t-shirt with a graphic that says "I LOVE GRIFFIN". They are all smiling broadly and raising their fists in a gesture of triumph. The background shows a chain-link fence and a clear blue sky.

# Thank You

Together, we can build stronger communities for people with intellectual disabilities and for the world. Choose to Include.

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**Special  
Olympics**



BUILDING A COMMUNITY  
OF GOOD WITH YOU

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