



## We are the champions!

### DSKL wins Southeast Asian Games in Manila

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**A**cross four tough, competitive sporting days, the team of the German School Kuala Lumpur (DSKL) won the Southeast Asian Games in Manila from 2 to 5 May 2019. The hard work, endless training sessions and the unfailingly high level of commitment from all parties involved during the past two years have paid off.

The games kicked off with athletics. By the end of the day, the DSKL athletes were on the podium 18 times with six gold, six silver and six bronze medals. This meant first place in the overall rankings, equal on point with Singapore on the first day of the games.

The girls' football and the boys' basketball tournament took place on the second day of the competition. To everyone's pleasant surprise, the DSKL boys dominated in basketball, bagging the gold medal. After an extremely exciting football match, the DSKL girls' team won the silver medal ahead of third place Singapore.

The DSKL team's biggest challenge was the swimming competition on day three, as the Singapore and Bangkok teams traditionally have excellent swimmers. However, our team secured a top-spot in the overall rankings, tied with Singapore.

It was a tight race on the fourth and final day of the tournament – it could not have been more dramatic! The DSKL girls finished second behind Manila and ahead of Singapore (third place), thus achieving their goal. The boys won gold in football after some extremely exciting matches and made the overall victory of the Southeast Asian



The German Ambassador welcoming the DSKL athletes to his residence on 20 June 2019.



The DSKL team celebrating their overall victory at SOAS 2019 in Manila.

Games even more perfect. The crowd was ecstatic with endless cheering – they had made it: Champions 2019!

Another highlight for the DSKL team was the invitation by the German Ambassador, Graf Lambsdorf, to his residence on 20 June 2019. The ambassador in his address highly praised not only the extraordinary achievements of the athletes, but also commended the exceptional commitment of the coaches, assistants and parents. He was especially impressed that a school of DSKL's size, through its hard work, great dedication and effective allocation of resources, was able to overcome such strong competition. 



DSKL athletes getting in the mood for tough competitions.



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