

# Singapore shooters on target



Shooter Nigel Lim is congratulated by Singapore team mates Pheong Siew Shya (left) and Kasmijan Kimin (right) after winning the gold medal in his first Games outing. He was part of a three-man team which won the men's 10m air pistol team final. ST PHOTO: MUGILAN RAJASEGERAN

## Shooters mark fourth win as swimmers bag another gold

**VIENTIANE:** Singapore's shooters were bang on target at the South-east Asia Games yesterday as they fulfilled their promise of delivering four golds from the biennial event.

After watching their team mates win a hattrick of golds in the 10m air rifle on Thursday, a SEA Games rookie, a national coach and a four-time Games veteran combined to win gold No. 4 yesterday.

Nigel Lim marked his SEA Games debut in style as he, national coach Gai Bin and the seasoned Poh Lip Meng scored a total of 1,710 points to win the men's 10m air pistol team final.

They pipped defending champion Vietnam to the title by nine points.

The win was also a sporting milestone for Singapore as it is the Republic's first-ever 10m air pistol team gold.

While Singapore's shooters celebrated, swimmers Quah Ting Wen and Lynette Lim heaved a huge sigh of relief after they helped the Republic to win its solitary gold in the pool yesterday.

The duo were tipped for a one-two finish in the women's 400m freestyle but were beaten by Malaysia's Khoo Cai Lin, who won with a new SEA Games record time of 4min 10.75sec.

Khoo slashed almost eight seconds off her SEA Games record of 4:18.20 as she edged Lim to the gold.

But Lim, 17, still had reason to smile. Her time of 4:11.24 is a new national record.

Quah, who contributed two of Singapore's five swimming golds on Thursday, was third.

But Lim and Quah bounced back in the 4x100m freestyle relay. Combining with Amanda Lim and Mylene Ong, they outclassed the rest of the field to win in a new SEA Games record time of 3:45.73, three seconds faster than nearest rival Thailand. The time was also a new national record.

However, the biggest shock of the day took place on the football field as Malaysia sent eight-time champions Thailand out of the Under-23 tournament.

The unfancied Malaysians scored two late goals to stun the Thais 2-1 in their final Group A match and advance to the semi-finals.

Malaysia will now meet host Laos in the semi-finals, while Singapore will take on Vietnam in the other semi-final.