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Asum confirms national diver Ng failed doping test

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ASUM CONFIRMS NATIONAL DIVER NG FAILED DOPING TEST

Athlete's B sample tested positive for banned substance sibutramine

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WENDY Ng Yan Yee has been named as the national diver who failed a doping test at the Kuala Lumpur Sea Games (KL2017).

The Amateur Swimming Union of Malaysia (Asum) confirmed yesterday that Ng's B sample had tested positive for the banned substance sibutramine by the World Anti-Doping Agency (Wada) at its laboratory in New Delhi, India, on Oct 11.

Sibutramine is an appetite suppressant, which is commonly found in weight loss supplements.

Even though it is not consid-



Wendy Ng Yan Yee during the Kuala Lumpur Sea Games recently. She is facing a maximum ban of two years by the World Anti-Doping Agency. FILE PIC

ered a performance enhancer, Ng will face a maximum ban of two years by Wada.

She will be stripped of the gold medals she won at KL2017 in the women's 3m springboard individual and 3m springboard synchronised event with Nur Dhabitah Sabri.

Asum honorary secretary Mae

Chan said: "We received the results this (yesterday) morning and (can confirm that) the athlete is Wendy."

The test results would be forwarded to the International Swimming Federation, she added.

Chan added that Ng would know her fate after a hearing

was conducted.

She added that she had not contacted Ng and that there had been no response from the athlete either.

"I have discussed with the Asum executive committee and a media conference will be held soon to inform about the next course of action," she said.

Meanwhile, national diving head coach Yang Zhuliang said he was saddened by Ng's test result and the lengthy suspension she was likely to face.

Yang said he was in the dark about what had really happened to his charge.

"I do not have much to comment about, I am sad about the whole thing," said Yang.

"I don't know what happened. She (Wendy) told me that she did not take anything she was not supposed to and does not know how the substance entered her system.

"This will, unfortunately, affect my plans for her in the near future." **Additional reporting by Ajitpal Singh and Fadli Ishak**