

### **Minnie Soo Wai Yam Causes Biggest Upset on Opening Day in Korea**

The winner of consecutive Cadet Girls' Singles titles on the ITTF Junior Circuit in 2013 when she succeeded in both Italy and France; Hong Kong's Minnie Soo Wai Yam caused the biggest shock on the opening day of play, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, at the GAC Group 2014 ITTF World Tour Korea Open in Incheon.

Currently standing at no.168 on the current Women's World Rankings, the 16 year old excelled all expectations.

She beat Germany's Wu Jiaduo, named at no.38 in the global order and the 2009 European champion in seven games (5-11, 7-11, 12-10, 7-11, 11-9, 12-10, 11-9).

A fine win but unfortunately it is the end of the road for Minnie Soo Wai Yam.

In the opening match of the group, she was beaten by Chinese Taipei's Chiu Ssu-Hua, the winner recently of the Junior Girls' Singles titles at the Spanish Junior and Cadet Open, having earlier in the year booked her place in the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games by emerging successful at the World Qualification Tournament in Vila Nova de Gaia.

Chiu Ssu-Hua, World ranked no.136, won in six games (13-11, 11-5, 9-11, 11-8, 9-11, 11-8); alas for Minnie Soo Wai Yam she cannot top the group, she has to be content with the satisfaction of having recorded one of the very best wins of her young career.

In the concluding match in the group Wu Jiaduo needs to beat Chiu Ssu-Hua by four games to two or better to secure first place or it is Chiu Ssu-Hua who advances to the main draw.