

### **Difficult Opening Day in Korea for Hong Kong Trio**

Lam Yee Lok, Liu Qi and Mak Tze Wing, duly booked their place in the second stage of the Junior Girls' Team event at the 2014 Korea Junior and Cadet Open in Yeseo but not without difficulties.

Occupying the third seeded position in the draw they made a fine start to their campaign on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July but then on their second visit in to the playing arena, they experienced difficulties.

In their opening contest they recorded a three-nil win against the Kazakhstan pairing of Zauresh Akasheva and Yuliya Ryabova who joined forces with the host nation's Lim Mihwa.

Lam Yee Lok beat Zauresh Akasheva (11-3, 11-2, 11-1), Liu Qi overcame Yuliya Ryabova (11-3, 11-5, 9-11, 11-5), before Mak Tze Wing brought matters to a conclusion. She accounted for Lim Mihwa (11-7, 11-4, 11-8). 3-0

However, on their second visit to the table it was a different scenario.

They were beaten by the Korea 'B' combination of Ji Eunhae, Park Seri and Park Shinhae.

Mainstay of the Korean success was Park Seri, the country's female representative at the forthcoming Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games. She won two close five games duels to steer her team home; she beat Zhu Chengzhu (7-11, 11-4, 9-11, 11-8, 11-5) and Lam Yee Lok (11-8, 6-11, 6-11, 13-11, 11-7).

The one further Korean win came from Ji Eunhae in the first match of the encounter, she overcame Lam Yee Lok (11-9, 11-7, 11-5); for Hong Kong in the third match of the engagement, Mak Tze Wing defeated Park Shinhae (13-11, 14-12, 11-7).

Offering no charity, the Koreans recorded a three-nil win over Zauresh Akasheva, Yuliya Ryabova and Lim Mihwa to secure top spot in the group; second place and a passage to the main draw went to Hong Kong.