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Memorable Climax to 12th Asian Seniors Bowling Championship

Thursday, 21 November – the final day of the 12th Asian Seniors Bowling Championship at Sydney's AMF Rooty Hill RSL Bowl – was a momentous day that saw Team Australia win the coveted **Overall Championship Country** trophy and numerous 'firsts' for this popular tournament that attracted dozens of teams from Guam, Japan, Korea, New Zealand and the Philippines, as well as host country, Australia.



An unprecedented five Gold medal haul by Korea's Hwa Ja Lee in the Women's Seniors, clean sweeps by Australia in the Masters events of Men's Grand Seniors and Korea in the Women's Seniors and an unassailable performance in the Women's Grand Seniors Masters final by Japan's Junko Kuji are amongst the many highlight achievements of the Championship.



Hwa Ja Lee – 7 Gold medal winner

Colourful medal ceremonies were held honouring the Masters champions and medallists in both Men's and Women's divisions of Seniors and Grand Seniors before players and officials attended a gala Victory Banquet and

farewell ceremony this evening attended by dignitaries including President of the Asian Seniors Bowling Federation, Joe Mafnas from Guam, Philippine Consul General, the Hon. Anne Jalando-on Louis, Blacktown City's Cr. Walter Smith and his wife Lorraine and Director of Participation from the Department of Sport of Recreation, John Egan.

MASTERS MEDAL CEREMONIES



Grand Seniors Masters medallists (l-r) Sarah Knowland, Junko Kuji and Kazumi Koike



Seniors Masters medallists (l-r) Gwi Nam Kim, Hwa Ja Lee and Myo Seon Kim



Men's Seniors Masters medallists (l-r) Seon Myeon Jang, Hui Jae Ho and Mick Talevski



Grand Seniors medallists (l-r) Robert Zikman, John Sullivan, Kevin Webb and Hidehiro Madore

The Championship was hosted by the national governing body of the sport, Tenpin Bowling Australia, and CEO Cara Honeychurch acknowledged the efforts of Centre staff, TD Mike Seymour, tournament officials and volunteers, national and international players and supporters alike in contributing to the success of this year's Championship.

The next Asian Senior Championship will be held in Manila, Philippines in 2014 and will then revert to its regular biennial sequence.

Full results, and extensive score statistics for all competitors in each event of the Championship are posted on the official website - www.tenpinevents.org.au/2013_Asian_Seniors/index.aspx?headerbar=0

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