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MESSAGE FROM

ASEAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION

Welcome to the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024.

As we gather to celebrate the 15th edition of this prestigious tournament, I am filled with immense pride in how far we have come as a united ASEAN football family. The ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ is more than a competition; it is a symbol of the resilience, unity and unwavering spirit that defines the people of Southeast Asia.

Over the years, we have seen countless unforgettable moments on the pitch, moments that have inspired hope, courage and a sense of belonging in the hearts of millions. This year, we continue that tradition, bringing the excitement of ASEAN football to stadiums across the region with the home-or-away format that fans and players alike cherish. It is a testament to our commitment to sharing this journey with you, our loyal supporters, who have stood by us through every victory and every challenge.

I would also like to express our deep gratitude to our title partner, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, and all our sponsors and broadcast partners for their enduring support and belief in the vision of ASEAN football. To all our Member Associations, the AFF Secretariat, partners, and our commercial partner SPORTFIVE, thank you for your invaluable contributions. Your efforts and dedication make it possible for us to deliver a tournament that not

only showcases extraordinary talent but also strengthens the bonds that unite our nations.

To our passionate fans, your energy is the heartbeat of this tournament. Your love for the game and the pride you show for your national teams inspire us each day. We look forward to hearing your cheers resound across every stadium, as together, we celebrate the heart, soul, and spirit of ASEAN football.

On behalf of the AFF, I wish all the participating teams the very best. May this tournament be a showcase of skill, sportsmanship and unity. May the best team emerge victorious and may we all continue to strengthen the legacy of ASEAN football.

Enjoy the tournament!



Major General Khiev Sameth
President, ASEAN Football Federation



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MESSAGE FROM

MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC

Welcome to the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024.

It is an immense pleasure for us to once again be the title partner of such an exciting and lively event. Earlier this year, this premier competition was renamed the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024 as part of a refreshed logo and brand identity created through our strong partnership with the ASEAN Football Federation.

For more than 50 years, Mitsubishi Electric has been supporting the growth of ASEAN countries and improving the quality of life in ASEAN by providing solutions ranging from air-conditioning and ventilation products, elevators and escalators, factory automation systems, components and operation systems for railways and trains, and much more. What is more, we are now a step forward towards realizing sustainability through innovation and Circular Digital-Engineering, and growing our business while enriching society and the environment by accelerating “trade-on (mutual benefits)” activities.

As a company, Mitsubishi Electric is committed to making a positive impact in our communities and creating an even brighter tomorrow. Together with our customers, our suppliers, co-creative

partners, our employees, and football fans across the region, we aim to continue growing together and contributing to the realization of a vibrant and sustainable society here in Southeast Asia and around the world.

We believe that the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024 will raise the sporting spirit to new heights and strengthen the solidarity among football players and fans in the region, to dream big for a better future — *Together, we can build better.*

We sincerely hope that the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024 will be a new dawn for ASEAN football and bring the most exciting and vibrant moments for everyone in the region to share with each other.



Kunihiko Seki

Corporate Executive

Chief Representative, Asia Pacific Region

Mitsubishi Electric Corporation

Football clinic for young Southeast Asia football talents

Committed to helping create a brighter future for children in Southeast Asia, Mitsubishi Electric, the title partner of the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024, hosted football clinics in 6 cities —Bangkok, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Hanoi, Jakarta and Manila, to help develop the skills of Southeast Asian youth and local coaches. The clinic is part of the Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024, which takes place from December 8, 2024 to January 5, 2025. As Southeast Asia's most anticipated football tournament approaches, this event underscores the growing partnership between Japanese and Southeast Asian football communities in developing future talent. This collaboration highlights the power of international exchange in nurturing young players, with the hope of raising the region's football standards in the years to come.





Mitsubishi Electric in Southeast Asia

As an integrated electronics and electrical manufacturer, Mitsubishi Electric Group aims to expand its business within the fast-growing Southeast Asia region, as well as contribute to the further development of the region by providing a wide range of products and services such as air conditioning systems, home appliances, building solutions and factory automation systems, as well as transportation systems and water treatment systems.

MESSAGE FROM

SPORTFIVE

Dear Friends,

In 1996, together with the AFF, we launched the first-ever ASEAN Championship, then known as the Tiger Cup, for Southeast Asia's national teams. Ever since, this biennial event has created many historic sporting moments, breaking records both on and off the field of play during each successive edition. Almost 30 years ago, none of us could have possibly envisioned that the ASEAN Championship would become the biggest sporting event in Southeast Asia.

Today, the ASEAN Championship, named Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ after its title partners, is the pride and aspiration of every national team and every ASEAN football fan. To be crowned champion team of ASEAN is the pinnacle of achievement. It also reflects the rise of ASEAN football which is on pace with the region's economic growth and emergence as a dominant force on the global stage.

To mark the event's 15th edition, a new brand identity reflecting its stature in the region as a unifying force, was launched. The refreshed Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024 logo comprises the event trophy and the AFF Unity Weave which features an intersecting pattern of rice bushels, a valued commodity throughout Southeast Asia and the main icon of the ASEAN logo. Designed in the five colours shared by the flags of ASEAN nations, the logo embodies the unity and bond of the AFF Member Associations interwoven with their spirit of competition together with the vibrance and passion of ASEAN football fans.

The last Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ held in 2022 broke records yet again. Southeast Asians filled stadiums to capacity while nearly half a billion viewers watched the matches on television and streaming platforms. This, and a further 4.2+ billion online video views underscore the undying

passion of ASEAN football fans who can now all be connected through a single digital community — aseanutdfc.com and @aseanutdfc, the new home of ASEAN football.

On behalf of the SPORTFIVE team, I would like to express our deep appreciation to title partners Mitsubishi Electric for their support of two editions of ASEAN's top football event.

To the AFF and the ASEAN football family, our heartfelt thanks. The commitments and achievements of our partnership are too many to mention but today, we can all share in the fruits of our labour together.

Last but not least, to our sponsorship and broadcast partners, and all ASEAN football fans, thank you for sharing the united vision for ASEAN football.

The Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ clearly unites Southeast Asians like nothing else can and collectively, we can continue the upward trajectory of football in the region. We look forward to creating more unforgettable moments and breaking more records together.

See you at the games!



Seamus O'Brien

*President & Chairman of the Board, APAC
SPORTFIVE*



ASEAN UNITED FC



HOME OF ASEAN FOOTBALL

Launched in April of 2024, ASEAN United FC became the new home for ASEAN football enthusiasts, bringing together four of the region's most prestigious tournaments under one unified brand. Built to unify fans, players and tournaments under one vibrant banner, it's more than just a platform, but a celebration of the passion, talent and diversity that define football in this dynamic region.

At its core, ASEAN United FC represents a bold new chapter for the game, bringing together four of ASEAN's most prestigious tournaments under one unified brand. These tournaments include the Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ (ASEAN Men's Championship), the ASEAN Women's Championships, the ASEAN U-23 Championships, and the Shopee Cup™ (ASEAN Club Championship). By consolidating these iconic competitions, ASEAN United FC ensures fans have unparalleled access to all things ASEAN

football—creating a one-stop destination for the best that the region has to offer.

ASEAN United FC is also a movement designed to reshape the way fans experience football in the digital age. Across all digital touchpoints, ASEAN United FC offers exclusive behind-the-scenes content, exciting match highlights and personal stories of players who are shaping the future of the game. In addition to live stats, match schedules and in-depth coverage, ASEAN United FC keeps fans connected to the pulse of the game, wherever they are.

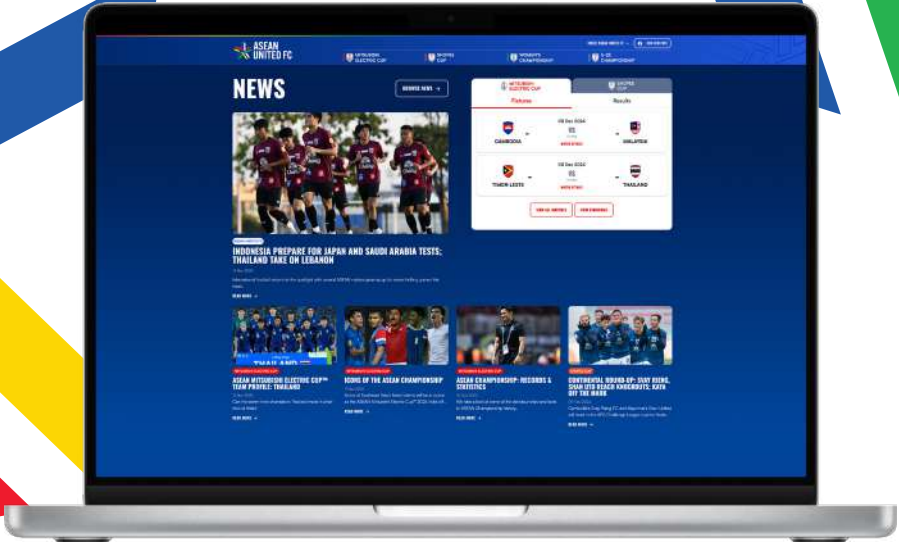


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Through the revamped aseanutdfc.com, fans can explore everything from live tournament updates to special features that capture the spirit of each of the ASEAN United FC tournaments. The mission is simple: to bring fans closer to the action, closer to the players and closer to each other—building a community that celebrates the unique football culture of Southeast Asia.

So, as you enjoy the Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024, remember that ASEAN United FC is your gateway to the best of ASEAN football. Join us as we unite the region through the beautiful game, one match at a time. 🌟





TOURNAMENT HISTORY

A BATTLE FOR ASEAN SUPREMACY

The ASEAN Championship has been a centerpiece of Southeast Asian football for almost three decades, igniting fan passion across the region.

It seems almost fitting that one of Southeast Asia's greatest-ever players netted the winning goal in the final of the inaugural ASEAN Championship in Singapore in 1996.

Kiatikus "Zico" Senamuang's brilliant goal lifted Thailand over Malaysia 1-0, marking the beginning of his legendary five-title run (three as a player, two as manager).

Two years later, Vietnam hosted, and it was they who ended Thailand's title defence following a 3-0 victory in the semi-final with the tournament's MVP Nguyen Hong Son

among the scorers. But the second edition would ultimately belong to Singapore, who claimed their first title by defeating Vietnam 1-0 in the final with R. Sasikumar's incredible header 20 minutes from time.

Thailand's dominance continued into the 2000s, with a standout 2000 final where Worrawoot Srimaka's hat-trick led them to a 4-1 victory over Indonesia. They secured their third title in 2002, overcoming Indonesia again in a thrilling penalty shootout in Jakarta in front of 100,000 spectators at Jakarta's Gelora Bung Karno





Stadium. The home support was silenced in the first half as goals from Chukiat Noosarung and Therdsak Chaiman put the holders two up. However, an inspired Indonesian performance after the interval saw them level the tie as Yaris Riyadi and Gendut Doni Christiawan netted to take the game to extra time and penalties.

In 2004, Singapore emerged again as champions, defeating Indonesia in the tournament's first two-legged final, while Noh Alam Shah's record-setting seven goals highlighted Singapore's 2007 title run, edging Thailand 3-2 on aggregate.

Vietnam broke through in 2008, claiming their first title despite losing their group stage opener against Thailand, by defeating Thailand 3-2 on aggregate, with Le Cong Vinh's last-minute goal sparking celebrations in Hanoi.

In 2010, Malaysia triumphed for the first time, overcoming Indonesia with a 4-2 aggregate victory. Defending champions Vietnam fell in the semi-finals against Malaysia following a first-leg Safee Sali double, while a goal in each leg from Cristian Gonzales saw Indonesia overcome a Philippines side making their first appearance in the knockout rounds.



Safee again proved the difference-maker in the final, bagging a brace in a 3-0 first-leg win in front of more than 98,000 at Bukit Jalil National Stadium before silencing Gelora Bung Karno Stadium by opening the scoring in the second leg. Indonesia came back to record a 2-1 victory, but it was Malaysia who triumphed 4-2 on aggregate to lift the title for the first time at the home of one of their greatest rivals.

Singapore and Thailand would face off in the 2012 final with both sides aiming to become the first four-time winners. Singapore prevailed as second-half goals from Khairul Amri and Baihaki Khaizan put the Lions in the driving seat following a 3-1 first-leg win in Singapore.



Under Kiatsuk, Thailand reclaimed the title in 2014, beginning a new era of dominance. Chanathip Songkrasin emerged as a star, leading Thailand to back-to-back titles in 2014 and 2016 and earning the MVP award on both occasions.

The group stage was played across nine different countries in 2018 as the ASEAN Championship moved into new territory.

Thailand's grip on the title was temporarily ended when they fell to Malaysia in the semi-finals as the Harimau Malaya lined up a date against Park Hang-seo's hugely talented young Vietnam side which included the much-hyped Nguyen Quang Hai, among others.

After a 2-2 first-leg draw in Kuala Lumpur, Nguyen Anh Duc's early goal in Hanoi proved the difference as, a decade on from their first title, Vietnam were crowned champions once more, with Quang Hai the MVP.

Thailand regained the title in the pandemic-delayed 2020 tournament, with Chanathip and Teerasil Dangda shining. Teerasil equalled and then broke Alam Shah's all-time top scorer record in the group

stage before Chanathip returned for the knockout rounds to light up the tournament once more, with the War Elephants lifting title number six under manager Alexandre Polking.

A year later at the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™, Teerasil further extended his scoring record to 25 after scoring six goals en route to the final, while Nguyen Tien Linh's semi-final double saw Vietnam return to the showpiece event after seeing off Indonesia.

Thailand edged Vietnam in a thrilling two-legged final, claiming their seventh title with an MVP performance from Theerathon Bunmathan, who scored the only goal of the second leg as the 3-2 aggregate victory sealed a record-extending title number seven.

As we enter the 2024 edition, Southeast Asia's fiercest rivalries resume as the 10 nations battle it out for regional supremacy once more. Thailand is eyeing a historic third consecutive title, while regional contenders are determined to stop them.

The stage is set for what is sure to be an exhilarating ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024. 🌟



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2020



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2018



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2016



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2014



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2012



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2010



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2008



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2006/07



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2004



5-2
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2002



2-2
4-2 on
penalties



2000



4-1
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1998



1-0
on
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1996



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DEFENDING CHAMPIONS REVIEW: THEERATHON SHINES AS THAILAND SECURE SEVENTH TITLE

Thailand's War Elephants, led by captain Theerathon Bunmathan, triumphed in the AFF Mitsubishi Electric Cup 2022, defeating Vietnam 3-2 on aggregate in the final to secure a record-extending seventh title. This victory marked their fourth title win in the past five tournaments, underscoring Thailand's dominance in ASEAN football.

A LEGACY OF SUCCESS

Thailand's impressive journey in the ASEAN Championship began in 1996, where they claimed the inaugural title by defeating Malaysia. Inspired by the legendary Kiattisuk "Zico" Senamuang, Thailand went on to win two more championships in 2000 and 2002. However, the team then faced a title drought lasting over a decade until 2014, when Kiattisuk returned as head coach to lead them to victory, sparking a new golden era.



With emerging talents like Chanathip Songkrasin, Thailand defeated Malaysia in the 2014 final and retained their title in 2016 by beating Indonesia. During this period, Chanathip, known for his playmaking prowess, won the MVP award in back-to-back editions, setting a new standard of excellence for ASEAN players.



RISING STARS AND NEW CHALLENGES

The War Elephants faced a setback in 2018, falling to Malaysia in the semi-finals as Vietnam took the championship. But they returned with renewed vigor in the rescheduled 2020 tournament, where Chanathip's creativity and Teerasil Dangda's goal-scoring abilities powered them to their sixth title. Teerasil became the tournament's all-time top scorer, and Chanathip added another MVP award to his collection.

For the 2022 tournament, Chanathip was absent, leaving Thailand to seek their seventh title without their star playmaker. Coach Alexandre Polking and captain Theerathon led a talented team that began the tournament with decisive wins over Brunei Darussalam and the Philippines, before battling Indonesia to a 1-1 draw.

PATH TO THE FINAL

In the group's final round, Thailand secured a 3-1 victory over Cambodia, advancing as group winners. In the semi-finals, they faced a familiar rival, Malaysia, who had previously derailed Thailand's ambitions in 2018. After a narrow 1-0 first-leg defeat in Kuala Lumpur, the War Elephants turned the tide back home. Teerasil's header, assisted by Theerathon, set the tone, with additional goals from Bordin Phala and Adisak

Kraisorn sealing a 3-1 aggregate victory to send Thailand into the final.

Polking anticipated Vietnam as the toughest contender for the trophy, and his prediction was spot on. In the first leg of the final in Hanoi, Vietnam's Nguyen Tien Linh scored first, but Thailand responded with goals from Poramet Arjvirai and Sarach Yooyen, Vu Van Thanh scored a late equaliser, leaving the first leg tied at 2-2.

SEALING VICTORY AND MAKING HISTORY

The second leg in Thailand saw Theerathon deliver the decisive moment, netting a powerful 25-yard strike that gave the hosts a 1-0 lead. Thailand held firm to claim a 3-2 aggregate victory, with Theerathon earning MVP honours for his stellar performances. Teerasil, meanwhile, shared the top scorer title with Vietnam's Tien Linh, after contributing six goals to Thailand's campaign.

Reflecting on the victory, Theerathon expressed gratitude for his teammates, stating, "I just hope to win with this team. Everyone in my team is my MVP." His humble yet determined leadership set the tone for Thailand's continued success.

A NEW ERA WITH ISHII

Since their 2022 triumph, Thailand has undergone a leadership change, with Japanese coach Masatada Ishii taking the reins. Under Ishii, Thailand reached the AFC Asian Cup last 16 in early 2024 and now look to defend their ASEAN title for an unprecedented third consecutive time.

LOOKING AHEAD: GROUP A SHOWDOWNS

Drawn in Group A for the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024, Thailand will face Malaysia, Singapore, Cambodia, and Timor-Leste. The War Elephants will open their campaign against Timor-Leste on December 8, then host Malaysia before visiting Singapore, and finally close the group stage with a home game against Cambodia. As two-time defending champions, Thailand will aim to add an eighth title to their collection and continue their storied legacy in ASEAN football.*



OFFICIAL DRAW

The Official Draw for the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024 took place in Hanoi, Vietnam on 21 May, 2024 as the participating teams in Southeast Asia's most prestigious football competition discovered their route to glory.

The event was held at the InterContinental Hanoi Landmark 72, with the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) President, Major General Khiev Sameth, and the Vietnam Football Federation President, Dr Tran Quoc Tuan, welcoming representatives from the different member federations, participating teams, sponsors and broadcast partners.

Defending champions and seven-time winners Thailand were drawn in Group A alongside 2010 winners Malaysia, four-time champions Singapore, Cambodia and Timor-Leste, who confirmed their place after beating Brunei Darussalam in the qualification round.

Two-time champions Vietnam, meanwhile, were placed in Group B, where they will meet six-time finalists Indonesia, Philippines, Myanmar and Laos.

The group stage of the Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024 will take place in a home-and-away format with each team playing two games at home and two games away. The top two sides will advance to the two-legged semi-finals, with the final also being held over two legs.

AFF President, Major General Khiev Sameth, said: "The ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ has consistently proven to be our region's top football tournament, with record-breaking television and digital viewership with every edition of the event. Looking at the Official Draw today, we anticipate another exciting competition for fans and

commercial partners across our region of 660 million people."

President of the Vietnam Football Federation, Dr Tran Quoc Tuan, said: "It is a great honour for Vietnam to be selected as the venue for the Official Draw ceremony for the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024. The draw is the starting point for the most prestigious football event in our region in 2024."

Vietnam head coach Kim Sang-sik, who was also present at the event, said: "My aim is to prepare well and get the players playing as a single unit. It feels like there are no easy teams to face in this tournament, but I also have a feeling no team is unbeatable, so if we do our job, we can hopefully bring a third ASEAN title home."





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TROPHY TOUR AND CSR FOOTBALL CLINIC

As part of the build-up to the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024, Southeast Asia’s most prestigious football tournament went on a tour of six cities across the region.

Starting on 28 September in Bangkok, Thailand, the home of the defending champions and seven-time winners, the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024 Trophy Tour also travelled to Singapore (5 October), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (12 October), Hanoi, Vietnam (26 October), Jakarta, Indonesia (2 November) and Manila, Philippines (9 November).

The Trophy Tour embarked on its journey around the region with the aim of engaging with the passionate football supporters across Southeast Asia and building anticipation ahead of the 15th edition of the flagship football competition.

Among the highlights of the Trophy Tour were special appearances from some of the most renowned football figures, past and present, from the respective countries.

Three-time ASEAN Championship winner and hat-trick hero in the 2000 final Worrawoot Srimaka, along with current Thailand head coach Masatada Ishii and player Jaroensak Wonggorn were among those in attendance in Bangkok. In Kuala Lumpur, fans were able meet and greet

2010 champions Norshahrul Idlan, Mahali Jasuli and Amri Yahyah.

Singapore legends Hassan Sunny, Indra Sahdan, S. Subramani and Mustafic Fahrudin — who boast multiple ASEAN Championship titles between them — mingled with their supporters in the Lion City, with Vietnam’s 2008 winners Duong Hong Son, Thach Bao Khanh and Pham Thanh Luong making up the cast in Hanoi.

Indonesia head coach Shin Tae-yong and Ryuji Utomo brought their star power to Jakarta, before former Philippines internationals Aly Borromeo and Misagh Bahadoran, alongside current head coach Albert Capellas, as well as Simone Rota and Patrick Deyto, rounded off the Trophy Tour guest list in Manila.

The event saw fans turn up at shopping malls in the six capital cities as they were given the opportunity to interact with the special guests, enjoy various activities including game booths, witness on-site performances, win exclusive merchandise and, of course, get a glimpse of the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ trophy.



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For the second successive edition of the tournament, the corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative saw Mitsubishi Electric, in conjunction with the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024 Trophy Tour, host football clinics in each of the six countries.

With the clinics being led by the legends, the aspiring young footballers were given the opportunity to improve their skills by learning from the idols they dream of emulating in years to come.

In addition, lessons and mini games using the “Okada” method, named after renowned tactician Takeshi Okada, were

taught by coaches of FC Imabari, a Japanese professional club chaired by the coach who led Japan to their first-ever FIFA World Cup in 1998.

Okada, who also guided Japan to the knockout rounds of the 2010 FIFA World Cup, delighted those in attendance by making a special guest appearance at the clinic in Jakarta.

With the event in Manila a week later bringing the curtain down on the Trophy Tour for another edition, the stage was set for the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024 to commence.*



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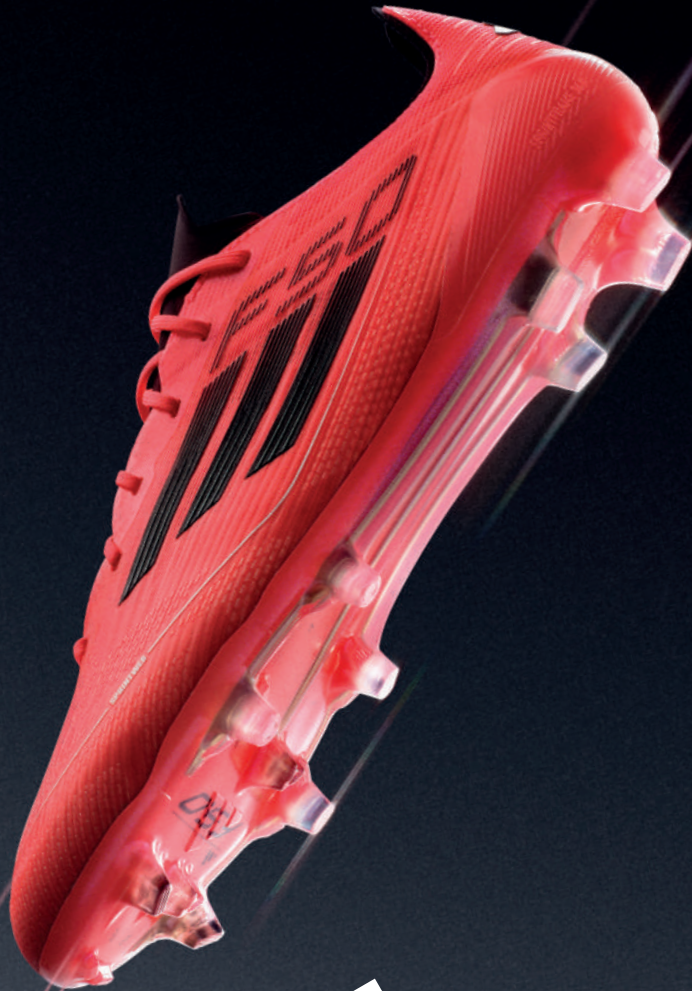
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GROUP B

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GROUP A

CAMBODIA vs MALAYSIA	TIMOR-LESTE vs THAILAND
M1	M2
MALAYSIA vs TIMOR-LESTE	SINGAPORE vs CAMBODIA
M5	M6
TIMOR-LESTE vs SINGAPORE	THAILAND vs MALAYSIA
M9	M10
SINGAPORE vs THAILAND	CAMBODIA vs TIMOR-LESTE
M13	M14
THAILAND vs CAMBODIA	MALAYSIA vs SINGAPORE
M17	M18

GROUP B

MYANMAR vs INDONESIA	LAOS vs VIETNAM
M3	M4
INDONESIA vs LAOS	PHILIPPINES vs MYANMAR
M7	M8
LAOS vs PHILIPPINES	VIETNAM vs INDONESIA
M11	M12
PHILIPPINES vs VIETNAM	MYANMAR vs LAOS
M15	M16
VIETNAM vs MYANMAR	INDONESIA vs PHILIPPINES
M19	M20

SEMI-FINAL 1

Runners-Up A
vs
Winner B

M21

Runners-Up B
vs
Winner A

M22

SEMI-FINAL 2

Winner B
vs
Runners-Up A

M23

Winner A
vs
Runners-Up B

M24

FINAL 1

Winner of 21/23
vs
Winner of 22/24

M25

FINAL 2

Winner of 22/24
vs
Winner of 21/23

M26

CAMBODIA

Cambodia have been regulars in the ASEAN Championship, taking part in nine of the previous 14 editions of the regional showpiece since its launch in 1996.

At the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024, the Koupreys are making their fifth consecutive appearance in the competition and will set their sights on creating some history for a nation showing plenty of progress in recent years.

Cambodia were one of the 10 nations who were part of the inaugural tournament in Singapore but exited the competition without a point after defeats to Indonesia, Vietnam and Laos.

But when they returned to the competition after a four-year hiatus, the Cambodians managed to get their first win as a double from Hok Sochetra propelled them to a 3-0 win against the Laotians.

In the 2002 edition, Cambodia returned home with another victory that was earned against the Philippines through a 90th-minute Ung Kanyanith goal at Jakarta's Gelora Bung Karno Stadium.


However, the Koupreys had to wait three tournaments, 10 matches and 16 years to record another win in the regional showpiece as the 2004, 2008 and 2016 editions went by without Cambodia picking up any points.

In 2018, with about 25,000 fans gathered at the National Olympic Stadium in Phnom Penh and Japan legend Keisuke Honda donning the general manager role, Cambodia beat Laos 3-1 with poster boy Chan Vathanaka among the scorers.

The 2020 edition also saw them defeat Laos as Vathanaka netted a double this time, but they would go on to pull off their best-ever display in the competition two years later.

Reung Bunheing scored twice as Cambodia stunned the Philippines 3-2 in their 2022 opener before also defeating Brunei Darussalam 5-1 — their biggest winning margin in the competition.

However, that wasn't enough for a place in the knockout stages as they finished four points behind Thailand and Indonesia despite a commendable effort.

An ever-improving Cambodia will now hope to take the next step and make their first-ever semi-final appearance in the latest edition of the tournament. 

TOURNAMENT RECORD:

Group stage 2022, 2020, 2018, 2016, 2008, 2004, 2002, 2000, 1996

NICKNAME:

The Koupreys; Angkor Warriors

HEAD COACH:

Koji Gyotoku (Japan)

INDONESIA

At the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024, a resurgent Indonesia will hope their time has finally arrived to lift what has, to date, been an elusive title.

They are one of the most improved nations in Asia in recent years as Shin Tae-yong's team reached the last 16 of the AFC Asian Cup in early 2024 and are in the third round of the FIFA World Cup qualifiers for the very first time.

There, they have managed to draw with World Cup regulars Saudi Arabia and Australia and now have plenty of momentum heading into the regional showpiece.

Only seven-time champions Thailand have appeared in more ASEAN Championship finals than Indonesia, who have made it to six title clashes without getting their hands on the coveted silverware.

Gendut Doni Christiawan and Kurniawan Dwi Yulianto scored eight goals between them to secure Indonesia's first final appearance in 2000 before a 4-1 defeat to Thailand. Two years later, they would run the Thais even closer.

Bambang Pamungkas scored an impressive eight goals, including the winner against Malaysia in a memorable semi-final, before Gendut's late leveller for Ivan Kolev's Indonesia took the final to a penalty shootout that Thailand won 4-2.

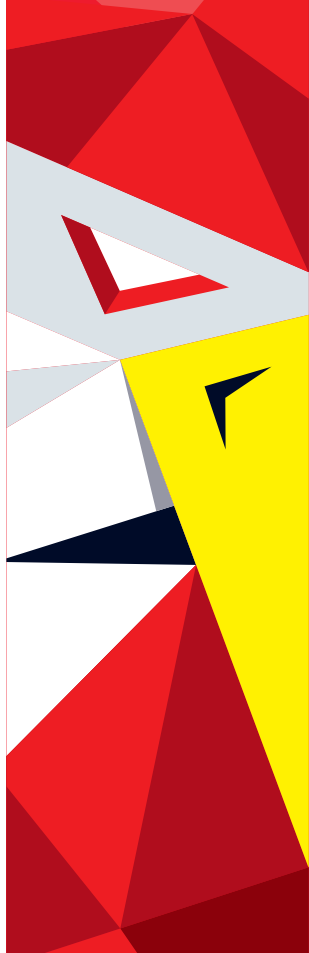
A third straight final ended in further agony for the Garuda in 2004 — this time to Singapore and despite another Indonesian, Ilham Jaya Kesuma, winning the top scorer award.

Alfred Riedl was in charge in their next final six years later but a 2-1 win against Malaysia in the second leg of the final proved insufficient to secure the trophy after a 4-2 aggregate defeat.

With Riedl again at the helm in 2016, a team featuring Stefano Lilipaly and Boaz Solossa posted a dramatic extra-time win over Vietnam to reach the final once more. While Indonesia lost their fifth final, the Thais won their fifth title.

Their most recent run to the final came in 2020 when they stunned Singapore with a late comeback in the semi-final before losing to Thailand again in Shin's first taste of the ASEAN Championship.

Indonesian fans will now hope the abundance of talent in their side will produce their best result yet at the 2024 tournament. ✨



TOURNAMENT RECORD:

- Runners-up 2020, 2016, 2010, 2004, 2002, 2000
- Third place 1998
- Semi-finals 2022, 2008, 1996
- Group stage 2018, 2014, 2012, 2007

NICKNAME:

The Garuda (The Eagle): Merah Putih (Red & White)

HEAD COACH:

Shin Tae-yong (Korea Republic)



LAOS

Laos have participated in all but one edition of the ASEAN Championship as they get set for their 14th appearance at the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024.

The inaugural tournament, hosted by Singapore in 1996, remains Laos' best performance in terms of points earned with Thim Xad collecting four points from as many matches in the group stage.

The Laotians were just five minutes away from a famous win against Vietnam in their second group fixture in 1996, but Chalana Luang-Amath's opener was cancelled out by Le Huynh Duc as the two sides shared the spoils in Jurong.

But they had to wait only four more days for their first win in the regional showpiece as Keolakhone Channiphone's strike helped them defeat Cambodia 1-0 before a 4-2 defeat to Myanmar in their final game saw them exit in the group stage.

Visay Phaphouvanin scored in three consecutive group matches for Laos as they held Malaysia and ran Singapore close in a 2-1 defeat in 2002.

Their second win in the tournament came two years later when Luang-Amath, playing in his fifth ASEAN Championship, scored twice in the second half to defeat Cambodia 2-1 in Hanoi.

In 2010, Laos almost grabbed headlines as they led the mighty Thailand with nine minutes left on the clock, through a Kanlaya Sysomvang goal in Jakarta, only for the Thais to score a 90th-minute equaliser and salvage a 2-2 draw.

The same script played out again two years later with Indonesia the opponents this time around. Keoviengphet Liththideth put Laos into a 2-1 lead in the 80th minute of their group stage opener, but Vendry Mofu's goal 10 minutes later resulted in another 2-2 draw.

Since then, Laos have managed just a single point in four editions of the tournament — a 2-2 draw with Myanmar in 2022 — and failed to qualify for the first and only time in 2016.

With Korean tactician Ha Hyeok-jun in charge, they will hope for better fortunes in the competition in 2024. ✨

TOURNAMENT RECORD:

Group stage 2022, 2020, 2018, 2014, 2012, 2010, 2008, 2007, 2004, 2002, 2000, 1998, 1996

NICKNAME:

Thim Xad (The National Team)

HEAD COACH:

Ha Hyeok-jun (Korea Republic)

MALAYSIA

Having secured their first and only title in 2010, Malaysia will be hungry for a second triumph as they gear up for the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024 kicking off on December 8.

Safee Sali, who scripted ASEAN Championship history by scoring in four consecutive editions, emerged as their hero as the Harimau Malaya won the historic 2010 title by defeating Indonesia 4-2 in the two-legged final.

The Malaysian legend scored twice in front of more than 98,000 fans in the first leg at Bukit Jalil National Stadium in Kuala Lumpur before netting again in the return leg in Jakarta to guide K Rajagopal's side to glory.

It ended a long wait for the Malaysians who suffered a heartbreaking 1-0 defeat to Thailand in the inaugural edition in 1996 when a team, featuring the likes of K Sanbagamaran and Zainal Abidin Hassan, blitzed their way to the final.

Since 2010, Malaysia have reached the final twice — in 2014 and 2018 — but finished as runners-up on both occasions.

After sneaking through to the knockout stage in 2014, the team overturned a 2-1 first-leg deficit to beat Vietnam 5-4 on aggregate in the semi-finals before they fell short against Thailand in the final, despite a 3-2 win in the second leg in Kuala Lumpur.

Tan Cheng Hoe was at the helm in 2018 as they again came within touching distance of a second title, powered by the heroics of stars like Safawi Rasid, Norshahrul Idlan and Mohamadou Sumareh as they eliminated holders Thailand in the semi-finals.

But after a thrilling first leg in Kuala Lumpur where the hosts came back from two goals down to draw 2-2 against Vietnam, an early Nguyen Anh Duc strike in Hanoi proved to be the difference between the sides in the final.

With wind in their sails having made it to their first AFC Asian Cup since 2007 earlier this year, Malaysia will now hope to assert themselves in Southeast Asia once more with a good display at the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024. ✨



TOURNAMENT RECORD:

- *Champions 2010*
- *Runners-up 2018, 2014, 1996*
- *Third place 2004, 2000*
- *Semi-finals 2022, 2012, 2007, 2002*
- *Group stage 2020, 2016, 2008, 1998*

NICKNAME:

Harimau Malaya (The Malaysian Tigers)

HEAD COACH:

Pau Marti Vicente (Spain)

MYANMAR

Myanmar are just one of the six nations to have taken part in all 14 editions of the ASEAN Championship and will set their sights on returning to the semi-finals at the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024.

After missing out on a knockout berth by the narrowest of margins in 2002, Myanmar produced their most remarkable campaign in Southeast Asia's premier tournament in 2004 when they stormed their way into the semi-finals with three wins and a draw in the group stage.

The team, managed by Ivan Kolev and featuring stars like Soe Myat Min and their current head coach Myo Hlaing Win, held Thailand and stunned Malaysia 1-0 before putting up a fighting display against Singapore in the last four only to lose after extra time of the second leg.

However, what followed was 12 years of disappointment as Myanmar managed just one win from 15 matches across five editions of the ASEAN Championship — a 3-2 defeat of Cambodia in Bandung in 2008.

On the back of the rise of stars like Aung Thu and Zaw Min Tun, Myanmar made it to their second and most recent semi-final appearance under the tutelage of German tactician Gerd Zeise in 2016, when they co-hosted the group stage with the Philippines.

They kicked off their campaign with a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Vietnam in Yangon, but bounced back against Cambodia with Zaw Min Tun bagging a double in a 3-1 win.

Then, they caused a 1-0 upset of former champions Malaysia, with David Htan scoring an 89th-minute winner, to progress to the knockout stages before bowing out after a defeat to Thailand.

Two years later, under head coach Antoine Hey, Myanmar held eventual champions Vietnam goalless and posted wins against Cambodia and Laos in the group stage, but narrowly missed out on a place in the semis.

Only one win has come in their last two appearances in the regional showpiece, but with former striker Myo Hlaing Win now in charge, Myanmar will hope to script more history in the competition in 2024. 🌟

TOURNAMENT RECORD:

- *Semi-finals 2016, 2004*
- *Group stage 2022, 2020, 2018, 2014, 2012, 2010, 2008, 2007, 2002, 2000, 1998, 1996*

NICKNAME:

The Asian Lions

HEAD COACH:

*Myo Hlaing Win
(Myanmar)*

PHILIPPINES

The Philippines will be aiming to return to their glory days when they take the field at the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024.

They featured in four of the five semi-finals of the ASEAN Championship between 2010 and 2018 but have failed to clear the group stage in the two editions since.

With former Barcelona youth coach Albert Capellas taking over the reins of the team in September, the Philippines are heading into their 14th appearance in the tournament with renewed hope.

The Philippines were one of the participants in the inaugural edition in 1996 but failed to progress past the group stage until 2010 as they found life tough in the early days of the ASEAN Championship.

In fact, they had to wait until 2004 to collect their first points as Emelio Caligdong's stoppage-time double handed them a 2-1 win against Timor-Leste.

They exited the group stage with a draw in 2007 before hitting their lowest point the following year when they failed to qualify for the competition for the first and only time.

However, that also marked an upturn in their fortunes as the arrival of the likes of Neil Etheridge and James and Phil Younghusband helped them make it to their first semi-final in 2010.

Simon McMenemy's side posted a famous 2-0 win against Vietnam in what became known as the 'Miracle of Hanoi' to make it to the knockout stages ahead of Singapore before a defeat to Indonesia in the last four.

They beat Myanmar and Vietnam, again, to reach the semi-finals two years later but were undone by a Khairul Amri goal for Singapore in the second leg.

A 4-0 win against Indonesia in the 2014 group stage on the road to the knockouts, with Phil Younghusband and Manny Ott among the scorers, was testament to the progress made within a short span.

Despite draws against Singapore and Indonesia, the Philippines failed to clear the first hurdle in 2016, but bounced back with a semi-final run in 2018 under Sven-Goran Eriksson.

After a couple of disappointing campaigns since then, the Philippines will set their sights on a fifth semi-final appearance in 2024. ✨

TOURNAMENT RECORD:

- *Semi-finals* 2018, 2014, 2012, 2010
- *Group stage* 2022, 2020, 2016, 2007, 2004, 2002, 2000, 1998, 1996

HEAD COACH:

Albert Capellas (Spain)

SINGAPORE

Singapore have plenty of great memories of the ASEAN Championship having emerged as the champions of Southeast Asia four times — only Thailand have won on more occasions.

Their maiden title came in the second edition of the tournament in 1998 when R. Sasikumar scored the only goal of the final as Barry Whitbread's side downed Vietnam in Hanoi on a historic night for Singaporean football.

After a couple of editions where they failed to clear the group stage, Singapore made a remarkable comeback in the 2004 edition as they posted a commanding 5-2 aggregate win over Indonesia in the final to emerge as the ASEAN champions for a second time.

Stars like Noh Alam Shah, Lionel Lewis, Khairul Amri, Daniel Bennett and captain Aide Iskandar were again part of the squad as Radojko Avramovic's side successfully defended their title in 2007.

Singapore had won the first leg in Kallang 2-1, but Thailand hit back in the return leg and were inching towards the title on away goals before Khairul netted with nine minutes left on the clock as the Lions matched the Thais on three Southeast Asian titles.

They were back on the summit again in 2012 and this time it was Shahril Ishak, in his third ASEAN Championship appearance, who emerged as the MVP as Singapore again defeated Thailand in the final to become the most successful side in the competition with a fourth title.

However, the 2012 triumph remains Singapore's last great success in the competition, while in the meantime, Thailand have established themselves as regional powerhouses by adding four more titles to their cabinet.

Under Japanese tactician Tatsuma Yoshida, Singapore made it to the semi-finals of the 2020 edition on home soil, where they suffered a heartbreaking extra-time defeat to Indonesia.

New head coach Tsutomu Ogura will hope to turn that spark, ignited by his compatriot, into a blaze as a new crop of Singapore players battle for regional glory at the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024. *

TOURNAMENT RECORD:

- *Champions* 2012, 2007, 2004, 1998
- *Semi-finals* 2020, 2010
- *Group stage* 2022, 2018, 2016, 2014, 2010, 2002, 2000, 1996

NICKNAME:

The Lions

HEAD COACH:

Tsutomu Ogura (Japan)

THAILAND

At the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024, Thailand will set their sights on becoming the first nation in history to win the tournament three consecutive times.

After getting the better of Indonesia in the 2020 final under Alexandre Polking, they went on to defend their title in 2022 by defeating Vietnam 3-2 on aggregate with the Brazilian head coach still at the helm.

However, it will be Japanese tactician Masatada Ishii who will guide them in the latest edition of the regional showpiece as the War Elephants look to be crowned as the champions of Southeast Asia for a record-extending eighth time.

The Thais have tasted success in the competition ever since the inaugural edition back in 1996 when the legendary Kiattisuk 'Zico' Senamuang scored a stunning goal just nine minutes into the title clash to beat Malaysia 1-0.

After failing to reach the final two years later, Kiattisuk was once again the hero as he emerged MVP of the tournament in 2000 as Thailand posted a commanding 4-1 win against Indonesia in the final, courtesy of a Worrawoot Srimaka hat-trick.

Kiattisuk was once again key in 2002, but his teammate Therdsak Chaiman was the standout player this time around as the Thais inflicted more pain on the Indonesians — this time beating them in a penalty shootout in the final at a packed Gelora Bung Karno Stadium in Jakarta.

But the War Elephants were made to wait 12 years for their next title when Chanathip Songkrasin's left-foot stunner ensured a 4-3 aggregate win over Malaysia as Thailand made up for final defeats in 2007, 2008 and 2012.

Another triumph followed in 2016 at the expense of Indonesia before consecutive titles under Polking in 2020 and 2022 as the Thais firmly established themselves as the dominant power in Southeast Asian football.

In their two most recent successes, Chanathip, the competition's all-time top scorer Teerasil Dangda and 2022 MVP Theerathon Bunmathan have grabbed the headlines. The stage is now set for more stars to emerge as the War Elephants target title number eight. ✨

TOURNAMENT RECORD:

- *Champions 2022, 2020, 2016, 2014, 2002, 2000, 1996*
- *Runners-up 2012, 2008, 2007*
- *Semi-finals 2018, 1998*
- *Group stage 2010, 2004*

NICKNAME:

Changsuok (The War Elephants)

HEAD COACH:

Masatada Ishii (Japan)

TIMOR-LESTE

Timor-Leste have only participated in three ASEAN Championships, but they've been at two of the three most recent editions of Southeast Asia's coveted tournament and, after missing out in 2022, will feature at the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024.

O Sol Nascente will head into the 2024 edition hunting for their first point in the tournament, having lost all 12 games they've played to date.

The closest they came to collecting three points in the regional showpiece was in their debut campaign in 2004, when they were moments away from registering a famous result against the Philippines.

A Januario goal just before the hour mark had Timor-Leste draw first blood at Bukit Jalil National Stadium in Kuala Lumpur, and they hung on to the slender lead up until stoppage time when a Chieffy Caligdong double took the game away from them in heartbreaking fashion.

O Sol Nascente returned to the competition 14 years later after overcoming Brunei Darussalam 3-2 on aggregate in a two-legged qualification tie and put on brave displays against Indonesia and the Philippines in the tournament proper, only to exit with four losses.

Back-to-back qualification was secured in 2020 but they bowed out in the group stage, and there was further disappointment two years later when they were denied a place in the main event after losing the qualifiers to Brunei DS.

However, Timor-Leste, now managed by Chilean tactician Simon Elissetche, showed tremendous character to get a hard-fought 1-0 win over Brunei DS after two legs of the qualifiers in October and secure their place among the elites of ASEAN football in the 2024 edition.

Paulo Gali scored very early in the second half of the first leg to give Elissetche's side a 1-0 win in Bandar Seri Begawan before the Timorese held onto a goalless draw in the return meeting in Chonburi to advance to the group stage.

Having also made it to the third round of the 2027 AFC Asian Cup qualifiers this year at the expense of Mongolia, Timor-Leste will hope to leave their mark at the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024. ✨

TOURNAMENT RECORD:

Group stage 2020, 2018, 2004

NICKNAME:

O Sol Nascente (The Rising Sun)

HEAD COACH:

Simon Elissetche (Chile)

VIETNAM

Vietnam have a storied history in the ASEAN Championship, reaching at least the semi-finals in all but two editions of the competition and emerging as the champions in 2008 and 2018.

Vietnam's first run to the final of the regional showpiece, however, came as early as the 1998 edition that they hosted, but Alfred Riedl's men finished runners-up to Singapore in the title clash in front of their supporters in Hanoi.

After falling in the semi-finals on three occasions thereafter, they clinched their historic maiden title in 2008 when legendary striker Le Cong Vinh scored in both legs of the final against Thailand and Duong Hong Son emerged as the tournament's MVP with some brilliant displays in goal for Henrique Calisto's side.

They would return to the final 10 years later and claim their second title — this time under Park Hang-seo and powered by a young crop of players, including Nguyen Quang Hai, Doan Van Hau and Nguyen Cong Phuong.

After overcoming the Philippines 4-2 on aggregate in the semi-finals, they were pegged back by Malaysia, who came back from two goals down to draw 2-2 in the first leg of the final, only for veteran striker Nguyen Anh Duc to score the only goal of the return leg in Hanoi and guide Vietnam to the silverware.

With Korean tactician Park in charge, Vietnam not only found success in Southeast Asia but also made history by qualifying for back-to-back AFC Asian Cups in 2019, where they reached the quarter-finals, and 2023 while also reaching the third round of the FIFA World Cup qualifiers for the very first time in 2021.

Looking to end his five-and-a-half-year spell in Vietnam on a high, Park guided the nation to another ASEAN Championship final in 2022 in his final tournament as head coach but had to settle for a runners-up finish after a narrow defeat to Thailand.

Now with Park's compatriot Kim Sang-sik at the helm, the Golden Star Warriors will hope to go one step further at the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024. ✨

TOURNAMENT RECORD:

- *Champions 2018, 2008*
- *Runners-up 2022, 1998*
- *Third place 2002, 1996*
- *Semi-finals 2020, 2016, 2014, 2010, 2007, 2000*
- *Group stage 2012, 2004*

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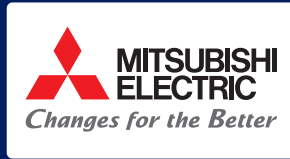
Nhung Chien Binh Sao Vang (The Golden Star Warriors)

HEAD COACH:

Kim Sang-sik (Korea Republic)



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