

Yip wins third Games medal

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Yip Pin Xiu picked up her third medal in as many events yesterday, wrapping up her 2018 Asian Para Games with a bronze medal in the women's 50m freestyle S4 (1-4).

She touched the wall in 1min 4.68sec at the Gelora Bung Karno Aquatic Centre in Jakarta, finishing behind winner Peng Qiuping of China (43.48) and Gabidullina Zulfiya of Kazakhstan (45.51).

On Monday, Yip won the 50m backstroke S4 (S1-4) and added a bronze in the 100m freestyle S4 (S1-4) the next day.

The 26-year-old, who has muscular dystrophy, said her medals gave

her motivation that she was on the right track to prepare for the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo.

"It was a good swim and I'm glad I'm done," said Yip, who was the youngest of nine Nominated Members of Parliament appointed to a 2½-year term last month.

"It has been a very tiring five days but it was all worth it. Travelling

with this team has been a very good experience.

"I've seen everyone train really hard and we've come up with personal bests, medals and good swims, and this has shown all our hard work has paid off.

"Everybody deserves a short break before we get back to training even harder."

Her close friend Theresa Goh set a season-best 49.29sec to finish fourth in the 50m freestyle S5, won by China's Yao Chuan in 38.98.

Team Singapore have won three golds – two from Toh Wei Soong – one silver and five bronze medals at the Games, which end tomorrow.

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Medals won by Team Singapore at the 2018 Asian Para Games so far: three golds, one silver and five bronzes

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Singapore's Toh Wei Soong and Yip Pin Xiu have won three medals each at the 2018 Asian Para Games in Jakarta. Yip, 26, won her third yesterday with a bronze (1min 4.68sec) in the women's 50m freestyle S4 (1-4). PHOTO: SPORT SINGAPORE

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