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SINGAPORE: Singapore's Yip Pin Xiu swam to her first gold medal at the 8th ASEAN Para Games on Tuesday (Dec 8), breaking a world record for the S2 class along the way.

Despite being three classes below all of her opponents at S2, the 23-year-old finished the women's 50m backstroke S5 (S2-S5) with a time of 1:01.61s, a mere 0.02s ahead of Vietnam's Nguyen Thi Den. Singapore's Theresa Goh finished third, winning the bronze with a time of 1:01.73s. Goh already has five gold medals from the Games.



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Yip's gold medal added to her count of two silver medals from the women's 100m freestyle S5 and the women's 50m freestyle S5.

Singapore has won a grand total of 16 swimming gold medals along with six silver and 11 bronze. Singapore is ranked third in the medal standings for swimming, behind Vietnam and Indonesia.

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