

It has been an eventful year for 14 year-old Joseph Schooling. Participating in several local and regional tournaments had him not only breaking meet records left and right, but also setting many personal best records.

Known for his prowess in the 50m and 100m butterfly, his pet events, Joseph has become a well-known name here at SICC for his representation of the Club and his country.

Hence, it was with mixed feelings that his coaches and friends took the news of his leaving Singapore to attend school in faraway Jacksonville, Florida, at the acclaimed Bolles School.

Founded as a military school in 1933, The Bolles School is considered one of the most



Bon Voyage, Joseph!

distinguished college preparatory institutions in the US. Bolles students are recognised each year with several awards and scholarships for academic and athletic achievement. It is no wonder that Joseph wants to pursue his studies and swimming ambitions there.

"I think Bolles can take me where I want to go, where swimming is concerned," said the shy, good-looking teenager. "I want to keep aiming for the next level. First the Asian Games, then Commonwealth Games, then the Olympics."

Joseph's athletic ambitions were spurred on by two major events in the past 12 months – his participation in the Asian Youth Games and the Beijing Olympics

last year. In the Asian Youth Games, Joseph swam his personal best time in the 200m fly and reached the finals, a great achievement indeed for a first-time participant at such a prestigious world sporting event.

Joseph was also incredibly inspired by the Beijing Olympics, which he was privileged to attend. "Watching the Chinese cheer on their athletes, and the great sense of national pride that they have, is very motivating," he said, his eyes shining with excitement.

Although we are saddened to lose such a talented swimmer, SICC is proud to have been instrumental in this young man's growth as a swimmer. Joseph is thankful to all his coaches – Head Coach Frank Hohmann, in particular for their



Joseph in 2002

encouragement, training and the time invested in mentoring and motivating him.

We wish you all the best, Joseph, and look forward to cheering you on from the sidelines as you advance and achieve your dreams!