跳高女将孙雪莉获颁爱家乐奖学金

我国跳高女将孙雪莉昨天获颁本地家庭电子产品公司“爱家乐”（AKIRA）所赞助的奖学金。这是本地公司首次提供奖学金赞助我国田径运动员的学业。

20岁的孙雪莉目前就读于新加坡管理大学，她是全国女子跳高纪录保持人。爱家乐提供的奖学金总值超过2万3000元，为期三年，直到2010年5月为止。爱家乐将支付她大学的学费和购买课本的费用。

昨天在国家体育场的新加坡田径总会所举行的记者会上，爱家乐董事经理孙思贤说，他们和孙雪莉会谈后，被她对跳高的热忱和远大的抱负所打动，加上她的学业和跳高成绩都十分优异，于是决定提供她这份奖学金。

孙思贤说：“我自己以前也是学生运动员，明白要平衡学业和体育并不容易。通过这份奖学金，我们希望能帮助孙雪莉在体育和学业上争取好成绩，并为本地蓬勃的田径运动作出贡献。”

这份奖学金没有附带任何条件，也没有为孙雪莉预定任何目标。但孙雪莉说：“我可以向大家保证，奖学金一定会促使我更加努力。我相信经过不断的努力，加上获得爱家乐的支持，我一定会在比赛里为新加坡争光。”
National jumper Michelle Sng received a scholarship from local electronics firm Akira yesterday. It is the first time a private organisation in Singapore is sponsoring a local athlete's academic pursuits.

The 20-year-old is currently studying at SMU and holds the national female high jump record. Akira's scholarship is valued at $23,000 for three years until May 2010 and covers Michelle’s tuition fees and cost of textbooks.

Akira’s managing director, Sng Sze Hiang, said he was moved by Michelle’s passion and her development plans in high jump and impressed by the excellence she has demonstrated in both sports and academic pursuits. He said, “As a former student-athlete myself, I can relate to the problems young athletes face in balancing excellence in studies and sports here. Through this gesture, we hope to play a part in Michelle’s academic and sporting excellence.”

The scholarship comes with no strings attached. Michelle says, “The scholarship has given me the impetus to work harder. I believe with dedication and hard work and Akira’s support, I can bring glory to Singapore in the competitive arena.”