



Lee Khai Li

Athlete (F)
Age: 22 / Chinese - SO Selangor

Sport – Bowling

Event 1- Women's Singles
Team Event - SO Malaysia



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Khai Li, a bright and cheerful girl, has a passion for bowling and always carries a beaming smile wherever she goes. Her joyful demeanor often leads people to question what disability she could possibly have. Khai Li's family initially didn't notice anything unusual and thought she might just be taking her time to develop.

However, her family became concerned when they noticed developmental delays, such as delayed speech, and decided to have her tested. She was diagnosed with ADHD by a psychologist, which shed light on her behavior and allowed her family to better understand and support her. Despite not excelling academically, Khai Li is described as smart in her own unique ways.

Khai Li's sister, Sher Li, who chose to study psychology to further understand intellectual disabilities and the special needs community, emphasizes the importance of accepting the reality and finding ways to support not only Khai Li but also the whole family. Sher Li has made choices in her life, such as pursuing flexible job hours and living closer to her family, to provide care and support for Khai Li, acknowledging the impact their choices have on the family's overall well-being.

As a Unified partner in Special Olympics Malaysia, Sher Li is joining the bowling team for the Berlin World Games, teaming up with Beverly, another athlete with an intellectual disability. She recognizes that being a sibling of an individual with special needs requires taking care of oneself first to offer support effectively. Sher Li emphasizes that Unified partners can learn from athletes with disabilities and allow them to be independent and do things on their own.



Khai Li's family has observed her inclination towards music and rhythm, and they have always recognized her unique approach to life and self-expression. At 22 years old, Khai Li remains true to herself, and her family supports her in pursuing her own ambitions.

The story of Khai Li and her family highlights the importance of understanding and accepting individuals with disabilities, recognizing their unique strengths, and providing support and opportunities for them to thrive.