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Michael Fasching has been coaching swimming in Hong Kong since 1988, and is in no doubt this year's team is the best we've ever had.

"I'm in agreement," he said. "It's the first time we've had three A qualification times, which is quite an achievement in itself."

Fasching is hopeful one or more of his charges can reach the semi-finals as one of the 16 fastest swimmers in the world, but underlined just how difficult a challenge that is.

"We've settled in well, spirits are really high and the mood is good," he said.

"The semis will be very difficult, the girls are under enormous pressure. They'll have to set Hong Kong records or new personal bests to get there.

"It's tremendous pressure, but they're looking forward to it all. There's no guarantees but all are trying to go for that goal.



Michael Fasching, coach of the Hong Kong team, is hopeful of a podium finish for at least one of his charges.

“The relay team [Sze Hang-yu, Stephanie Au Hoi-shun, Camille Cheng Lily-mei and Yvette Kong Man-yi] are sort of in a semi already as only the top 16 qualify [for the Games]. It’s a real achievement.”