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LONG distance swimmer Heidi Gan's first taste of world class action at the London Olympics has opened her eyes to the possibilities in front of her.

Her first international competition was last year's SEA Games in Indonesia where she surprisingly clinched two gold medals through the 5,000m and 10,000m open water events.

Today, she finished 16th in the women's 10km Marathon Open Water at Hyde Park, an incredible performance for someone ranked 24th in the world and making her Olympic debut against a top class field.

The result has given her a big confidence boost and she said she will go for more competitions to improve her time.

The 23-year-old clocked 2'45 minutes in the six-lap competition which was won by Hungary's Eva Risztov in 1'57:38.2 seconds. American Haley Anderson claimed the silver (1'57:38.6s) while Martina Gribaldi of Italy (1'57:42.2s) settled for the bronze.

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