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Sports do not build character. They reveal it. – Heywood Broun



President of ASIAN HOCKEY FEDERATION

## HRH PRINCE ABDULLAH AL-HAJ IBNI Sultan Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah

ard work can trump any and all talent and the only way to harness that ability is through grueling work.

All the six teams that will compete for the majestic RM100,000 silverware – The Sultan of Johor Cup – defending champions Australia, past winners India, Malaysia and Great Britain plus Japan and New Zealand, both of whom have yet to win the title, have come well prepared to do battle in the tournament.

The spirit of the game lies in the players like you and the fans and this has kept the passion burning in the only annual Under-21 tournament in the world. Although it is an invitational tournament it has made a tremendous impact in the world of hockey.

I have a special place in my heart for the Sultan of Johor Cup as it was "born" after a discussion with His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim the Sultan of Johor, who also happens to be my beloved brother-in-law.

With pride and all honesty this tournament has grown to be one of the most important tournaments not only in the country and Asia but also in the International Hockey Federation (FIH) calendar.

The Sultan of Johor Cup has grown from strength and strength, thanks to the tremendous efforts of the

organizing committee, the Johor Hockey Association (JHA), the Malaysian Hockey Confederation (MHC), the Johor State Government and the Johor Palace.

Not forgetting the loyal sponsors, the volunteers and many others who make the "annual sacrifices" to ensure the huge success of the tournament.

On the field the five S's of sports: stamina, speed, strength, skill and spirit will decide a team's success. The greatest is spirit and you need this to succeed. At the same time you have to work hard for anything and the final outcome is much sweeter.

Every ounce of sweat on the ground is another ounce of joy when the scoreboard is in your favour. The harder the battle, the sweeter is the victory.

On a final note the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) is proud of the achievements of this tournament with many of those who have played here "graduating" to their senior teams in their respective countries.

I am sure this year's Sultan of Johor Cup will be another great success and to all the participating countries I wish them good luck.

Thank You.



The much sought after tournament is the grooming ground for young talent to gain exposure and experience at the highest level of hockey.



President of MALAYSIAN HOCKEY CONFEDERATION

DATO' SRI SUBAHAN KAMAL

Welcome to the much-anticipated eighth edition of the Sultan of Johor Cup. This year will once again bring the thrills and spills as a stellar six-team line up made of defending champions Australia, last year's runners and former champions Great Britain, two-time champions India and inaugural champions Malaysia together with Japan and New Zealand battle for honours at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium in Johor Bahru from October 6-13.

The much sought after tournament is the grooming ground for young talent to gain exposure and experience at the highest level of hockey. Although it is an Under-21 tournament the Sultan of Johor Cup is highly competitive among the hockey playing nations.

Interestingly, this year there are no newcomers to Sultan of Johor Cup with the return of New Zealand after a year's absence. All the six teams have played in this prestigious tournament before and India, the reigning world junior champions look title favourites in Johor Bahru. However, "favourites" tag does not hold water as seen in recent times and none of the other teams in the tournament can be written off. Any of the six teams can win the Cup if the young talent can display their true potential in Johor Bahru.

It is the beginning of their hockey career and playing in the Sultan of Johor Cup is the place for them to show their game if they want to make it big and upgrade themselves at senior level.

The Under-21 Sultan of Johor Cup, without doubt, will be another week of top class hockey and as the president of the Malaysian Hockey Confederation it gives me the opportunity to wish each and every one success, both on and off the field.

I do hope the team officials and players will have some time to visit some of the many beautiful places in Johor which they will cherish when they return to their respective countries.

Let the games begin.



...support to this international tournament that has put the city of Johor Bahru on the world map. It is our wish to make the city an international sports hub in this part of the world.



THE CHIEF MINISTER OF JOHOR

## YAB DATO' HAJI OSMAN Bin haji sapian

here is a change in the Johor Government leadership but there is certainly no change in our commitment to the people, especially sports. As we all know sports binds all and cuts through racial and religious barriers to unite people.

The new State Government is committed to unite the people and the Sultan of Johor Cup Under-21 Invitational Tournament that began in 2011 has been a shining example in this respect.

As in the past the state government is continuing with its financial support to this international tournament that has put the city of Johor Bahru on the world map. It is our wish to make the city an international sports hub in this part of the world. And we are on track in this respect. Johor continues to be a top destination of investors and this vibrant city recently added a new RM1.8 billion Forest City Golf Resort which is another addition to the state's tagline as a "Golfing Paradise" which is a hit with the foreign tourists.

Johor has the highest number of foreign direct investment and this booming southern state has plenty to offer, both, to locals and foreigners.

The Sultan of Johor Cup hockey tournament has always been a crowd puller and a big tourist attraction with many of the parents of the young players taking the two-fold opportunities – to lend their loved ones morale support in the stands apart from visiting the many popular destinations available in Johor plus the good food to satisfy their taste buds.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all parties involved, directly or indirectly, for the commitment, support, tireless efforts and valuable contributions which has made the Sultan of Johor Cup a great success.

I am sure there will be a long and continuous growth and success in the hockey community and we are proud to note that the Sultan of Johor Cup is a key tournament in the International Hockey Federation (FIH) as it is the only annual international tournament for the Under-21 age group.

In this respect I would like to express the state government's sincere appreciation to all concerned in making the tournament a huge success.

I also take this opportunity to thank all members of the Organising Committee, the volunteers and helpers for their precious time, sacrifices and dedication and playing a key role to make the tournament what it is today.

To all participants, local and overseas, a very warm welcome to Johor Bahru and soak yourself in our warm hospitality of diverse cultures and sights that are plenty in this southern gateway.

Thank You.





It is the perfect avenue for you to create a phenomenon with your spirits.



**MINISTER OF OUTH & SPORTS MALAYSIA** 

HONOURABLE SYED SADDIQ BIN SYED ABDUL RAHMAN

would like to extend a warm welcome to the participating teams - Australia, Great Britain, India, New Zealand, Japan and Malaysia – with the promise of an exciting time in the 8th Sultan of Johor Cup for hockey lovers in the country.

To me sport is the agent of unity through high spirit of sportsmanship. As a Johorean, I am extremely proud that this world class tournament is played in my home state and it gives me great pleasure to pen a few words as the new minister of youth and sports.

Since this is an Under-21 tournament and the only one that is played annually in this age group, I am excited to see young talent from around the world pitting their skills in the stick and ball game which has drawn worldwide attention.

It is the perfect avenue for you to create a phenomenon with your spirits. This is the right tournament for you to work your way up for a place in the senior squad to build your hockey career.

I laud the initiative taken by the various parties to build the tournament into such a reputation that countries clamor to be invited and be part of the highly competitive game.

World class hockey nations have hogged the limelight playing in this tournament that was "born" due to our

sports-loving Johor Sultan His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almaarhum Sultan Iskandar and his beloved brotherin-law HRH Prince Abdullah Ibni Sultan Ahmad Shah, who is the Regent of Pahang.

The fact that the Sultan of Johor Cup has been duly given recognition by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) speaks volumes of the tournament where the young talent gets the exposure and experience playing against the hockey powerhouses in the sport.

To all members of the organising committee of the Sultan of Johor Cup, heads of the various departments, the volunteers and helpers, sincere thanks for your time, sacrifices and dedication in ensuring the smooth running of the tournament to make it a huge success.

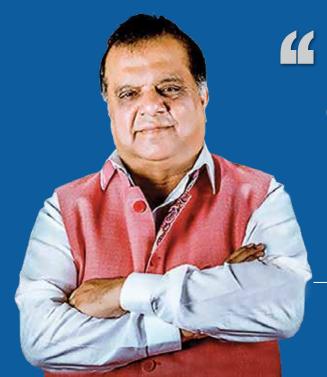
This tournament has made an impact the world over and it is one way of promoting the state of Johor and the country as a whole and make it a popular tourist destination.

Malaysia is a "melting pot' and known for its diverse cultures which are unique in the world plus it is a paradise for food lovers.

Enjoy your stay in Malaysia as there is plenty to see in the country.

Thank You.





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President of INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY FEDERATION DR. NARINDER DHRUV BATRA

he International Hockey Federation (FIH) has nothing but praise for this annual invitational tournament which has grabbed headlines around the world.

On behalf of FIH and as president of the international hockey body I extend warm greetings to all the six participating teams and also to the organizing committee, the volunteers and others who have contributed to the splendid organization of the tournament.

The Sultan of Johor Cup has not only gained worldwide recognition but is one of the most important tournaments in the FIH calendar. It is an Under-21 tournament which gives the participating teams to "test" their young talent. To the Johor Hockey Association (JHA), the Malaysian Hockey Confederation (MHC) and the Asian Hockey Confederation our sincere gratitude for a job well done since the Sultan of Johor Cup was inaugurated in 2011.

It is not only in creating a new event for the young players but also to be able to spread the news and action of the

tournament in a more global and innovative approach taking hockey onto a whole new dimension.

Joining the tournament, which has seen tremendous growth over the past years since its inauguration in 2011 speaks volumes of the efforts put in by the various parties to ensure the smooth running and success of the Sultan of Johor Cup.

As per last year, we have six teams - Australia, Great Britain, India, Japan, Malaysia and New Zealand - vying for honours in the weeklong tournament at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium in the beautiful city of Johor Bahru.

Join us in the competition and judge for yourself. I have no doubt you will enjoy what you see.

Thank you for your support and enjoy hockey.



If you want to win, you will go much further in competition. That should be your attitude in training, in sports, or in any aspect of competition in your life. Wanting to achieve is the most important step in achievement



Acting President

DATO MAJID MANJIT ABDULLAH

t has been a remarkable journey for the Sultan of Johor Cup since the idea of holding this tournament was first mooted after the 2009 Junior World Cup Finals hosted in Johor Bahru and Singapore.

Two sports loving Royalties in the country – His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Sultan Iskandar and his beloved brother-in-law HRH Prince Abdullah Ibni Sultan Ahmad Shah, the current Regent of Pahang discussed the possibility of holding an annual tournament as we have world class facilities and did not want the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium to be a white elephant after hosting the Junior World Cup Final.

Sultan Ibrahim was receptive to the idea and took a personal interest in the tournament and hence this annual tournament for the Under-21 was born and he agreed the trophy to be named after him.

Interestingly, Sultan Ibrahim wanted only the best for the tournament and he personally had a say in the design of the majestic handcrafted trophy made of sterling silver and made in London at a cost of RM100,000.

The rest is history as Malaysia fittingly became the first holders of the trophy which is now a much sought after silverware annually after the Junior World Cup which is held only once every four years . It has made such an impact in the world of hockey that the International Hockey Federation (FIH) wasted no time in featuring in its annual hockey calendar.

Since then India and Australia have won the Sultan of Johor Cup twice, Germany and Great Britain once but the highly competitive tournament has always drawn the best from all the participating teams with many of the young talent finding a place in their respective senior teams. There is a change in the leadership of the state government but it has not affected the tournament in anyway. Instead, the more than RM2 million raised during the official launch on September 6 at the Persada International Convention Centre, Johor Bahru shows the growth of the tournament.

As the acting president of the Johor Hockey Association when the incumbent resigned following the last general elections, I take this opportunity to welcome all participants, local and overseas and extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Johor Hockey Association for the splendid organisation of this world class tournament.

Enjoy your stay in this beautiful city of many opportunities and spare your time to visit the many theme parks, indulge in the diverse cultural activities apart from enjoying local and overseas cuisines and bring back memories.

The Royal Town of Muar has been awarded the Cleanest Tourist City in Asean which is another reason for one to visit the laid back town often described as a paradise for pensioners.

To the participating teams always make a total effort, even when the odds are against you. Display sportsmanship in your game.

"If you want to win, you will go much further in competition. That should be your attitude in training, in sports, or in any aspect of competition in your life. Wanting to achieve is the most important step in achievement."

Good Luck.



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Johor State Executive COUNCILLOR FOR YOUTH, SPORTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE

YB MOHD KHUZZAN ABU BAKAR

s the new person at the helm as the State Executive Chairman for Youth, Sports and Culture Committee it is my pleasure to extend each and every one a warm "Selamat Datang" (Welcome) to this beautiful city at the southern tip of peninsula Malaysia.

I am delighted to be involved with the youth and sports in the state and the Sultan of Johor Cup fits nicely into my portfolio as the new state government has drawn up elaborate plans for the youth in Johor. Johor has also made rugby, hockey, football, athletics and netball as the core sport in the state.

The young is the future generation in this rapidly developing world and we need to keep the young involved in healthy activities in today's present fast paced life with modern technology. Johor can look forward to having activity hubs in all districts, catering for the needs of the young in the state.

The Sultan of Johor Cup, which is an Under-21 tournament, is another yearly activity that caters for the youth, a much looked forward tournament that can draw the youth to take up sports to fill their social needs in a healthy way.

This world class tournament involving six teams is such a big hit, both at national and international level. It is heartening to know that hockey is played at all levels in the state and in the country.

The huge crowds that have been turning up at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium on the outskirts of the city to show their support for the teams is a good sign that our efforts are paying dividends in our bid to keep the youth occupied. The government is grateful that the Johor Palace is playing a big role in keeping our youth off the streets and His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar and his Royal Family is deeply involved in sports at all levels.

Some of the existing youth hubs in the city and the districts are being upgraded. New ones are also being built to cater for youth-related activities.

Thanks to HRH Major-General Tunku Ismail Ibni Sultan Ibrahim, the Crown Prince of Johor, football is another major sport in the state. Owned by Tunku Ismail, Johor Darul Takzim (JDT) has scaled new heights in the Malaysian Football League (MFL).

Known as the Southern Tigers, JDT has won the Malaysian Super League for an unprecedented five years in a row from 2014. The team is the current kingpins of Malaysian football, having also won the FA Cup, the Malaysia Cup and the Charity Shield. Next year JDT will play in the AFC Champions League, which is another first for a Malaysian football team. JDT also became the first team in the country to the AFC Cup in 2015.

This year's Sultan of Johor Cup, which is in its eighth year, has drawn six teams – Australia, Great Britain, India, Japan, New Zealand and Malaysia – for a weeklong of top world class hockey from October 6-13.

I take this opportunity to thank the Organising Committee, the sponsors, the volunteers, the helpers and all those who have contributed one way or other to make the tournament a huge success.

Good luck to all the participating teams.



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The Sultan of Johor Cup 2018 **International Under-21 Hockey Tournament** 

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# MATCH SCHEDULE

8th Sultan of Johor Cup 2018

Australia, Great Britain, India, Japan, New Zealand & Malaysia



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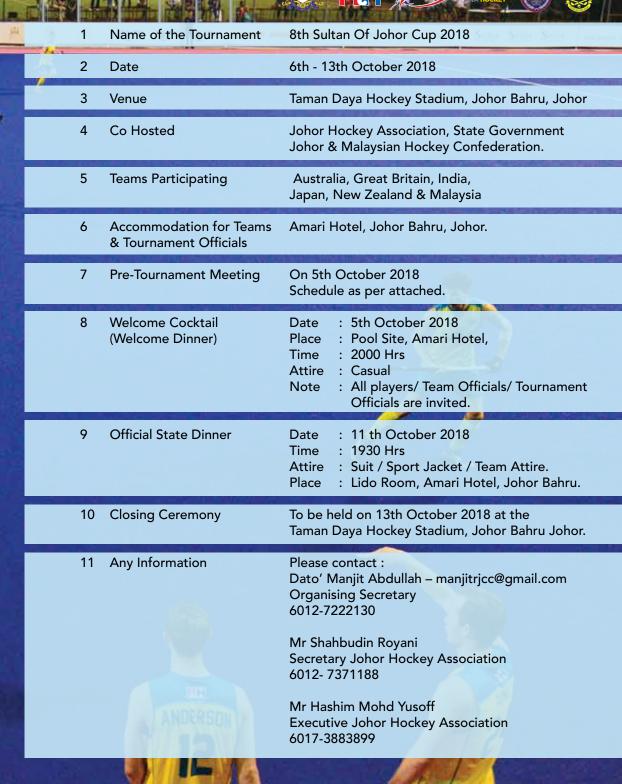
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## More than RM2 Million in Sponsorship Raised for 8th Sultan of Johor Cup

The Johor State Government once again led the list of sponsors with a contribution of RM500,000 for the 8th Sultan of Johor Cup Under-21 International Invitational Hockey Tournament - a sixnation tournament that features in the International Hockey Federation (FIH) calendar.

This year's tournament will be held from October 6-13 at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium on the outskirts of the booming city of Johor Bahru with six teams defending champions Australia, Great Britain, India, Japan, New Zealand, and Malaysia.

Also contributing a similar amount of RM500,000 is RITZ Corporation Holding Berhad - a new name on the sponsors' list - giving the tournament a financial shot towards the RM2,130 million that was raised at the official launch of the tournament at the Persada International Convention Centre in Johor Bahru on September 6.

This is the biggest amount raised in sponsorship since the tournament was inaugurated in 2011.

The mock cheques were received by HH Prince Abdul Rahman Al-Haj Ibni Sultan Ibrahim, the Tunku Panglima Johor, who represented His Majesty Sultan Johor, Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar.

The main sponsors who presented their contributions for SOJC 2018 are:

Johor State Government	(RM500,000)
<b>RITZ Corporation Holding Berhad</b>	(RM500,000)
Astaka Padu Sdn Bhd	(RM200,000)
WM Era	(RM200,000)
Johor Corporation	(RM100,000)
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UM Land	(RM100,000)
Tenaga Nasional Berhad	(RM100,000)
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SAJ Holdings Sdn Bhd	(RM50,000)
KH Land Sdn Bhd	(RM50,000)
Iskandar Waterfront Holding Bhd	(RM50,000)
Genting Berhad	(RM50,000)
Berjaya Times Square	(RM30,000)

Sports Depot will provide apparel for match officials as well as special awards for "Man of the Match" for all 18 matches.

The tournament, growing in stature and hockey playing nations clamour to be invited to the only annual Under-21 Invitational Tournament in the world which features in the International Hockey Federation (FIH) calendar.

This year's teams are defending champions Australia, Great Britain, India, Japan, New Zealand, and Malaysia. India and Australia are the two most successful teams since the tournament was inaugurated in 2011, winning the title twice. Germany, Great Britain, and Malaysia have won the silverware once each.



"Each year we have to turn down a lot of requests from other teams. It was the same this year but as has been our practice we can only accommodate six teams. For the time being there is no intention to increase the number," said Dato' Manjit Majid Abdullah, the acting president of the Johor Hockey Association (JHA), who is also a vice-president of the Malaysian Hockey Confederation (MHC).

"The Sultan of Johor Cup is one of the most soughtafter hockey tournament as it is the only Under-21 international tournament played annually where young talent is exposed and groomed.

"We are thankful that sponsors have generously stepped forward to help our organizational costs. This tournament is also where Johor gains in terms of the tourism dollar." Rightly, the parents of some of the players, both local and foreign, make an annual trip to Johor Bahru to give their children moral support in the stands apart from taking the opportunity to visit the "land of many opportunities" as tourists.

Johor is a popular tourist destination and has plenty to offer from the beautiful beaches in Desaru facing the South China Sea to popular theme parks like Sanrio Hello Kitty, Thomas Town, Legoland, Austin Heights Water & Adventure Park, Angry Birds Activity Park, 'Dinosaurs Alive' Water Theme Park.

Putting that aside Johor is also has a haven for food, local and foreign cuisines that are easily available in the numerous restaurants in the city - thanks to Johor's long history and diverse cultures that have created a treasure trove of delectable eats tucked within its streets.











# Sultan Ibrahim's first official visit to **MONGOLIA**- 'Land of Blue Skies'

is Majesty Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar paid an official visit to Mongolia – dubbed the "Land of the Blue Skies" – landlocked East Asia country sandwiched between China to the south and Russia to the north.

It is the first to the country by Sultan Ibrahim after accepting an invitation from the President of Mongolia, Khaltmaagiin Bhattulga which was conveyed to the Johor ruler by Mongolia Ambassador to Singapore, George Lkhagvadorj Tumur earlier in June this year.

Sultan Ibrahim travelled in his private Jet from the Senai International Airport. Accompanying the Johor Sultan was his son Tunku Panglima Johor, Tunku Abdul Rahman.

In a posting on Sultan Ibrahim's official Facebook the visit will not only enhance relations between Johor and Mongolia, but also to explore investment opportunities for both sides. Sultan Ibrahim and his 15-member delegation was accorded a warm ceremonial welcome at the Chinggis Khan International Airport in Ulaanbaatar, including the inspection of a 20 guard-of-honour mounted by Mongolian State Honour Guards.

The 15-member delegation comprised representatives of Johor state-owned companies to explore business, trade, tourism and investment opportunities in Johor.

Sultan Ibrahim also called on the President of Mongolia HE Khaltmaagiin Battulga at the State Palace and also met Prime Minister HE U. Khurelshukh at his official residence apart from attending a development briefing by Mongolian officials.

During the royal visit Sultan Ibrahim also made an overnight visit to the picturesque Tuv Province, which is 77km from Ulaanbaatar, where the world-famous Gorkhi-Terelj National Park is located.

Sultan Ibrahim also visited the iconic "Tsonjin Boldog" which features a giant steel statue of the great Mongol warrior Genghis Khan.

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## **ROYAL CONCERN**

is Majesty The Sultan of Johor Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar once again showed that he cares for his subjects when he visited the Minister of Home Affairs Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin who was recovering after surgery at the Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore recently.

The Johor ruler, known for his concern for the welfare of his Bangsa Johor, as the people of Johor are fondly called, advised all parties to put aside their political differences and pray for Tan Sri Muhyiddin's recovery.

His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim spent almost 30 minutes with Tan Sri Muhyiddin and also advised the former Johor Chief Minister "not to worry too much and get stressed" over his illness. Also present during the visit was the minister's wife Puan Sri Noorainee Abdul Rahman.

"I pray for his good health as the people and the country needs his leadership," said His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim after his visit.



His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim was also in Singapore to seek treatment for an old polo injury to his shoulder and his left arm was in a sling when he visited the minister.

Tan Sri Muhyiddin was admitted to Mount Elizabeth Hospital for surgery to remove a pancreatic growth. The surgery was successful and the minister has since resumed his duties as Malaysia's Home Minister.

The 71-year-old Tan Sri Muhyiddin was born in Muar and is the Party Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia president. He is the Member of Parliament for Pagoh and the state assemblyman for Gambir, both in the state of Johor.

## JOHOR SULTAN GRACES VAISAKHI TEA PARTY

is Majesty The Sultan of Johor graced a tea reception in conjunction with the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi hosted by his Sikh friends, headed by businessman Avinderjit Singh at his home in Taman Iskandar, Johor Bahru on 17 April.

Tuanku Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar was earlier accorded a warm welcome by Mr Avinderjit's father Harjit Singh and family and several others from the Sikh community.

His Majesty took the opportunity to extend his Vaisakhi greetings and later joined the guests for refreshments.

Also present was Singapore's Johor Bahru Consul-General Rajpal Singh.







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## YABBA, DABBA, DOO WITH LOVE



A Surprise Gift to Sultan Ibrahim from A Loving Brother-In-Law

is Majesty Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar has a long list of hobbies that are the envy of many but it warmed his heart when he received a surprise gift from none other than his beloved brother-in-law HRH Tengku Abdullah Ibni Sultan Ahmad Shah.

Prince Abdullah, who is the Regent of Pahang, presented Sultan Ibrahim with a replica of an iconic car – a working version of Fred Flintsone's car which has its own motor – meaning the driver and passenger won't have to rely on their feet to power the "prehistoric ride".

The prized gift was handed over to Sultan Ibrahim by Dato Majid Manjit Abdullah, who represented Tengku Abdullah, at Istana Pasir Pelangi in Johor Bahru on January 15. The Flintstones is Sultan Ibrahim's favourite cartoon, with Fred Flintstone being his favourite cartoon character.

The model received by Sultan Ibrahim is an accurate likeness of the original and has wood-like finish on the sides, stone-like finish on the wheels and cloth roof with a cut-out back screen in lieu of an actual rear window.

Prince Abdullah is married to Sultan Ibrahim's sister Tengku Puan Pahang, Tunku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah.

According to Manjit it was a late birthday gift to Sultan Ibrahim whose birthday falls on November 22. Sultan Ibrahim used Fred's favourite catchphrase "Yabba dabba, doo" on his Facebook posting to announce the arrival of the gift from his brother-in-law.

## His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim invited to visit VATICAN CITY in ROME

ohor ruler His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar is a popular figure who is held in high esteem and who is willing to speak out against religious intolerance which has put many Malay moderates and minority races at ease for an inclusive vision of Bangsa Johor.

And it is not a surprise Sultan Ibrahim is one of the most sought after Royal Personality by foreign missions. Sultan Ibrahim's care for his subjects stands out and the world has taken note of this.

Earlier in August this year the Johor ruler received an invitation from Pope Francis to make a state visit to Vatican City in Rome. The invitation was conveyed to Sultan Ibrahim when he granted an audience to the Pope's Apostolic Nuncio (diplomatic representative)



to Malaysia, Archbishop Joseph Salvador Marino at the Pasir Pelangi Palace in Johor Bahru.

During the meeting Archbishop Marino presented a special silver medallion from the Pope to Sultan Ibrahim. In return Sultan Ibrahim presented a memento to Archbishop Marino.





## MUAR Royal Town is Pride of Johor as Cleanest Tourist City in Asean

ften described as a laid-back pensioner's paradise Muar scored big in tourism this year when the Johor Royal town came through a stringent basic criteria to win the Cleanest Tourist City in Asean award – giving the southern most state an added boost to its tourism.

Muar, the fourth largest town in booming Johor after the city of Johor Bahru, Batu Pahat and Kluang, received the award in a ceremony that was held in Chiang Mai, Thailand in January during the 2018 Asean Tourism Forum from Jan 22-26.

It was hard work put in by the Muar Municipal Council that brought the award. Some RM50 million was spent to promote cleanliness programs in the district through gotong-royong, recycling activities and preservation of canals, rivers and landscapes. It is certainly money well spent.

Johor contributed over RM11.4 bil to the tourism industry and grabbed the number three spot after Selangor and Kuala Lumpur in attracting tourists to Malaysia – thanks to its easy accessibility via land, sea and air.

Tourism in Johor is a major money spinner and Muar has its own uniqueness in drawing tourists. It is rich in history and heritage apart from being famous for its food - namely Otak-Otak, Mee Bandung Muar, Asam Pedas, Satay, Ikan Bakar, Johor Laksa, Nasi Ambeng, Lontong, Fried Oyster Omelette and its famed 434 coffee made with freshly roasted beans.

Not forgetting that Muar is probably the only town in the country that serves satay for breakfast and it is a must for visitors.

Vistors and locals are also drawn to Dataran Tanjung Emas roundabout and fountain with a sculpture carrying the Johor Royal Crest of Arms which is a delight to watch when it is lighted up at night. Tanjung Emas is also where you can watch the beautiful sunset across the river mouth.

Muar was previously known as Bandar Maharani. The name was given by Sultan Abu Bakar in 1884. It was named the Royal Town by His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar on Nov 24, 2012 in conjunction with the Johor ruler's birthday celebrations.

Pre-war buildings in Muar reflect their British, Chinese, Indian, Dutch, Malay and Peranakan elements in design to preserve history.

An interesting point in its history, Muar, is the only city in the country which had its own railway system during the British colonial era and managed by the Muar State Railways (MSR) and was built in 1889 – the second railway system network built in the country after the first railway line from Taiping to Port Weld in Perak in 1885 – according to records in the National Archives.

The ferry is also part of Muar history. From 1884 to 1967 Muar Ferry Service connected Muar to other states in the north and operated from Pengkalan Tanjung Agas to Pengkalan Tangga Batu. It was terminated in 1967 when the Sultan Ismail Bridge was completed. A new Muar Second Bridge connecting Parit Bunga in the north and Sabak Awor in the south was completed in 2005 to ease traffic congestion on Sultan Ismail Bridge and the town.

Muzium Bukit Kepong is a must visit for visitors, both local and foreign, as it is steeped in history for the country's fight against communists.



# Sultan Ibrahim wants only the Best for BANGSAJOLOR







hanks to the Johor Royal Family the rakyat (people) of Johor are simply called Bangsa Johor -which rightly means there are no Malay, Chinese, Indian or other ethnic groups - only Bangsa Johor.

His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar wants his Bangsa Johor to have sense of belonging and pride.

The concept of Bangsa Johor (Citizen of Johor) is unique in the country and Sultan Ibrahim and the Royal Family is loved by all.

Johor is the only state in the country which has its own army although its function is mainly ceremonial. Yet it reflects Johor's uniqueness. To ensure that Bangsa Johor is never left out Sultan Ibrahim goes on his annual "pilgrimage" to every corner of the state to meet his subjects - putting aside protocal to eat and enjoy activities with them,

Sultan Ibrahim wants only the best for his Bangsa Johor and has personally embarked on overseas missions to look for investors to invest in Johor that will benefit the people.

For the record Johor is on target to be the richest state in Malaysia by 2025 with an initial target of RM176 billion in investments from 2013 to 2022 - a target already surpassed in March this year with development corridor Iskandar Malaysia's figures reading RM262 billion. The figures are expected to swell further.



## JOHOR READY TO HOST **SUKMA** 2020

ohor, the Southern Jewel, is leaving no stones unturned in its bid to make the 2020 National Games (Sukma) as the best in the series when it plays host in two years' time.

To kick-start the Sukma 2020 the Johor state government recently unveiled Sports Johor logo and Sports Johor Sdn Bhd – a wholly-owned subsidiary of the state-linked company Kumpulan Prasarana Rakyat Johor (KPRJ) – and is tasked with organizing sporting events in the state.

Two of Johor's best sports personalities are at the helm to ensure that Sukma Johor 2020 is a huge success. KPRJ chief executive officer is Noorazam Osman, who is also the president of the Johor Rugby Union, and Sports Johor CEO is On Jabbar.

The state's new Youth, Sports and Culture committee chairman Mohd Khuzzan Abu Bakar assured that it is "all systems go" to get the various venues completed before time in 2019. Sukma Johor 2020 will be held in June 2020.

The "Games Village" is the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia main campus in Skudai on the outskirts of the booming Johor Bahru City.

Work on the State Arena Larkin is on target and slated to be ready by March 2019 while new aquatic centre



and Stadium Mount Austin are slated to be completed by April 2019.

The National Games are held every two years and Johor last played host in 1992. This year's Sukma were held in Perak while Sarawak hosted the biennial games in 2016.

Mohd Khuzzan said Johor will welcome some 15,000 athletes, officials and volunteers to Sukma Johor 2020.

The new Johor state government has also launched Sports Action Plan 2018-2020 to spearhead sports development in Johor and produce more world-class sportsmen from the state.

"Sports Johor want to develop sports in Johor as a business and generate revenue for the state government's coffers.

Johor has also identified football, hockey, rugby, netball and athletics as the five core sports in the state.







"I feel this year is one of the best seasons for JDT. We set new heights in the Malaysian Super League by winning the title for a fifth straight year. JDT also qualified for next season's AFC Champions League and this is a new milestone for the club," says Major-General Tunku Ismail.

"Releasing seven players for national duty in the recent Asian Games is something JDT can be proud of. Winning 11 titles in five years is fantastic and more can be expected from the Southern Tigers next year.

"It is an honour and privilege for me to be participating in the ACL. It is about moving forward and obviously we want to do well. At the same JDT are patient and realistic."

## JDT set sights on **AFC Champions League** after scaling new heights in Malaysian football

A fter winning the Malaysian Super League title for a record fifth straight year since 2014 Johor Darul Takzim - simply known as JDT - has set a new benchmark in Malaysian football. The title was JDT's with four matches to play.

Now the Johor club, owned by HRH Major-General Tunku Ismail Ibni Sultan Ibrahim, who is also the Crown Prince of Johor, is looking for greater happenings at the Asian level - the AFC Champions League next season.

JDT has become synonymous in Malaysian football and has also made an impact in the Asian region when it became the first Malaysian club to win the AFC Cup in 2015 and October 31 was a historic day for the Johor club that year with a 1-0 win over FC Istiklol in the final in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

Apart from the five Malaysian Super League titles, JDT have also won the FA Cup (2016), the Malaysia Cup (2017) and also the Charity Shield – described as "proud achievements of a small club with a big ambition.

The success of winning these five important trophies is difficult to be surpassed and is a benchmark for Malaysian football.

In the Malaysian Super League this year JDT registered 19 wins, drew twice and lost only one in 22 matches to clinch the title with a massive 59 points and a goaldifference of 38 after scoring a 47 goals and conceded only nine. Second-placed Perak were a distant second with statistics reading 10 wins, six draws and six defeats for 36 points with 35 goals for and 27 against.

For the record the Southern Tigers won the title with four matches to spare.

JDT's victory celebrations, which began at the Larkin Stadium – the home of the Southern Tigers - were massive. From the Larkin Stadium the players, rode in an open-top bus which took them to the Dataran Bandaraya in Sri Gelam for more celebrations, including fireworks which lighted up the night sky with thousands of fans lining up the streets as Johoreans celebrated.

## UniKL's Tengku Abdullah Hockey Stadium

niversity Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) celebrated its 16th anniversary with a "dream come true" new hockey stadium – aptly named after UniKL chancellor Prince Abdullah Ibni Sultan Ahmad Shah, the Regent of Pahang.

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The 800-capacity Tengku Abdullah Stadium was launched by Prince Abdullah himself who is also the President of the Asian Hockey Confederation and a former president of the Malaysian Hockey Confederation. It is located at the Malaysia France Institute in Bangi, Selangor.

None is more happy and proud than Prince Abdullah himself, who sits on the International Hockey

Federation (FIH) Executive Board, as the new stadium will "make UniKL the centre of excellence for the development of the sport" in the country.

STADIUM TENGKU ABDULLAH

The stadium costing RM10.7 took three years to complete and boasts of world-class facilities, including a FIH approved synthetic turf, clubhouse, sauna and a gym. More importantly it will be the new home ground for the UniKL hockey team.

"I hope we can create programs that produce thinking athletes and unveil new talents that can represent the team at national level in the near future," said the sports loving Prince Abdullah who is also deeply involved in football at FIFA level.



## **HOCKEY JOURNEYS**

## PASSION KEEPS ARIFF Going in Hockey

e picked up the game during his school days in his hometown Seremban and had dreamt big of playing for the country but a career in the Police Force changed the entire scenario.

Mohd Ariff Krishnan Abdullah learned the stick and ball game under the famous national coach Lawrence van Huizen – father of former international and present national hockey coach Stephen van Huizen.

That was when he was studying in Saint Paul's Institution, Seremban, one of the famous schools in the country that produced many hockey greats. Apart from Stephen names like Peter van Huizen and Gary Fidelis come to the fore. Saint Paul's also produced several other sports greats.

The call of duty as a police officer curtailed his hockey but Ariff's passion for the game never diminished. Coming through the rank and file in the police force, Ariff recently retired as the deputy officer in charge at the Ulu Tiram Police Station with the rank of Sub-Inspector.

Ariff is still very much in the game as a Johor Hockey Association (JHA) council member and is the Chairman of the Technical Committee. He is also a council member of the Johor Bahru District Hockey Association (JBDHA) – which is affiliated to JHA.

He may not have donned national colours in the game but he proudly played state and national level hockey for his home-state Negri Sembilan and later Johor apart from playing for Police in inter-state competitions.

After "graduating" as a police officer Ariff was posted to Johor and based in Johor Bahru – the main hub of the game in the state. He became a regular figure at the Sri Gelam Hockey fields where the local league matches were mostly played.

For the record Sri Gelam had the best grass hockey pitches in the country and Pakistan can vouch for that after playing a test match against Malaysia on the field. Ariff made the grade into the Johor Under-20, Under-23 teams in the annual age-group inter-state national hockey tournaments apart from playing for Johor Police. He also played for the Johor Government Services (MAKSAK) in the Malaysian Government Services Championships.

Highlights of his hockey career, was representing JBDHA in the Arafura Games in Darwin, Australia in 1991. Along



the way Ariff also took up coaching, umpiring and hockey management to further improve his hockey.

Ariff is a "pioneer' in the six-nation Sultan of Johor Cup Under-21 Invitational Hockey tournament – an annual tournament that features in the International Hockey Federation (FIH) calendar. This year is the eighth edition of the Sultan of Johor Cup and teams participating this year are defending champions Australia, last year's runners-up Great Britain, India, New Zealand, Japan and Malaysia.

As a Liaison Officer, Ariff is a hit with the SOJC's Tournament Directors since 2011 – well versed with the needs and requirements for the smooth running of the tournament.

Ariff is married to Norzila Johari, a bank officer and the couple has three children. Like many love stories Ariff too has his own "love story" to talk about. His love journey started during a train journey to Seremban. He was returning home to celebrate Christmas in December 1985 while Norzila was on her way to attend the wedding of her close friend also in Seremban.

Call it the 'Curry Puffs Love' that blossomed when Norzila bought some "curry puffs" when the train stopped at Gemas - one of the several stations along the journey. Norzila did not know that Ariff loves curry puffs and thus began the "Curry Puffs Love Story" for Ariff and Norzila.

He may have retired from the Police force but for Ariff it is not "easy to retire" from hockey as he looks to another successful outing in the Sultan of Johor Cup. For the record Ariff's job as a Liaison Officer began in 2009 when he was one of those picked as LO for the 2009 Junior World Cup Finals which was jointly hosted by Singapore and Malaysia.



## **HOCKEY JOURNEYS**



ohnson Gomez is into his 25th year as the secretary of the Batu Pahat District Hockey Association and has an ardent wish for the district's Artificial Hockey Pitch project to become a reality soon to further improve and raise the standard of the game in the district.

The affable retired teacher's love affair with the game began when he coached four secondary schools in the district after graduating from the Regional Teachers Training Centre in Johor Bahru in 1968 following the completion of his secondary education at the Batu Pahat High School in 1966.

In all the four schools - Sekolah Menengah Tengku Mahmud Iskandar, High School Batu Pahat, Sekolah Menengah Dato Bentara Luar, and Sekolah Menengah Dato Onn, Johnson was the hockey coach. While at SM Dato Onn he also helped coach Sekolah Kebangsaan Peserai hockey team. Also at SM Dato Onn, he was the Sports Secretary from 1978-1984.

"This was a rather profitable venture as the primary school students in SK Peserai would enroll at SM Dato Onn for their secondary school education," said Johnson with pride when he recalls that some of his players he coached made it into the Johor state teams and also the national teams at various levels.

Born in "God's own Country" as he claims, Johnson graduated with a degree in Bachelor of Education from University Putra Malaysia in 1984 to further improve his teaching career.

Apart from coaching his school and district teams, Johnson was an active hockey umpire. He umpired matches involving schools at district, state, and national levels, Johnson also officiated at National Games (Sukma), Piala President, National Inter-Club Championships and Johor Indian Sports Association Games.

Johnson's association with the Sultan of Johor Cup began since its inception in 2011 after making an impact at the 2009 Junior World Cup Finals jointly hosted by Singapore and Malaysia (Johor Bahru). He was the Liaison Officer for teams playing in Singapore but staying in Johor Bahru.

Since his retirement from active umpiring, Johnson has ventured into technical duties. He underwent a Technical Officers' Course conducted by the Malaysian Hockey Confederation during the 2017 Sultan of Johor Cup which came in "handy" during his duties at the National Junior League, Inter-University Games, (MASUM) and Liga Hoki Johor and Piala President.

## Affable **JOHNSON**'s love for Hockey, Athletics and Charity Work goes hand in hand

Johnson is a qualified Level Two Malaysian Athletics Federation (MAF) Technical Official and has officiated at SUKMA Games, National Athletics Meets, the National Telekom and the National Schools championships.

Johnson is equally active in social work.

He is currently President of an NGO - Society of St.Vincent de Paul Society, Batu Pahat. It is an International Catholic lay organization aimed at helping the needy or marginalized.

"We help the needy by providing monthly cash aid, rations, medical fees and educational aid. Currently we are sponsoring two university students. We also provided aid to victims of natural disasters in Penang and Kedah (2017) and more recently in Lombok (earthquake) and Kerala (floods).

Johnson also acts as the Secretary of another NGO, Malaysian Consultative Council of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism and Taoism. This is a national organization of five religious groups aimed at fostering unity , harmony and friendship among our multi-racial society.

The NGO also held a special prayer service to remember those who perished in the MH 370 disaster.



## **HOCKEY JOURNEYS**

# 'It was a crime staying in sports'- **YASUDHASAN**

ohor Bahru-born S. Yasudhasan gave 30 over years of his life to hockey because of his passion for the game, both, as a player and later as an official in various capacities but the manner in which he was forced to call "quits" is something he least expected.

Life, however goes on for the 66-year-old, who now resides in Semenyih, Selangor – knowing that he did enough to aspire the younger generation to be trained professionally and to take "hockey as a sports major choice and priority" – thanks for his enormous passion for the game.

As usual, Yasudhasan's hockey life also started as a player and later "graduating" as an official – at national and international levels. But the "hurt" is still there when he talks on why he quit the game totally in 2010. It was out of frustration when he realized that certain high ranking office bearers used the sport to make money.

"I was being used to promote the game but later found out some in higher authority were making money out of it. I could not swallow this and I quit as an accredited Tournament Director at Asian (AHF) and International Hockey Federation (FIH) level.

"It was a crime staying in sports," says Yasudhasan with disappointment when reflecting on what transpired. He still loves...but now only on the sidelines.

"Hockey has been a long time passion and it took me through a lot of training, focus and concentration before I achieved the position as an accredited Tournament Director. For more than 30 years, hockey was part of my life and I aspired to see the younger generation to be trained professionally.

## **FAIZAL** Triumphs in the 'Ball' Games –Hockey And Football







"My expertise in hockey and vast exposure in Outdoor and Indoor Hockey, technical duties and umpiring benefited the younger generation and hockey enthusiasts as it was my intention and desire to commit and impart my knowledge and experience to hockey affiliates, national associations and clubs.

"My professional attributes, career and other training not related to hockey did provide a benefit for hockey players to learn and gather expertise other than the game itself. It increased the morale and motivational development among the players themselves."

Without doubt hockey was his first love although he did represent Kuala Lumpur Government Services in athletics too, after he moved to the capital city to pursue his career in the printing line with the National Government Printers as a printing technician.

His last international assignment in hockey was Tournament Director at the Asian Games Qualifier in Dhaka, Bangladesh held from May 7-16, 2010.

He donned Johor colours at junior and senior level in national tournaments from 1970 to 1980 before moving to Kuala Lumpur in 1988 where he became the Offset Print Trainer with the National Security Printers from 1988 to 1990. Later he was promoted as Senior Corporate Account Executive in 1990, a post he held until he retired in 2008.

In his career with the Government Printers his professional attributes included being trained in:

- 1) Negotiation Skills;
- 2) Presentation Skills;
- 3) Marketing Skills;

e was an all-round sportsman who indulged in hockey, football and athletics as his main beats and to a lesser extent tried his hand in volleyball, cricket and badminton to name some but it was taking its toll on Faizal Abdullah.

The Johorean, however, finally decided on the "ball" games – hockey and football – after finding his niche in the two sports - and without regrets as the two sports took him to the top as an official. The former Ministry of Health officer made it to the top as an international umpire for five years and a 10-year stint as a Class One national football referee, officiating in the Malaysian League, the FA Cup and the Malaysia Cup.

During his playing days as a footballer Faizal represented Muar, Kota Tinggi and Johor Bahru when he was posted to the said districts while working with the Ministry of Health.

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On the success track in his career, Yasudhasan successfully concluded sales and provided consultative service on security documents to some of the KEY accounts namely; Government Security Department (Prime Minister's Department); Pos Malaysia Berhad; Royal Customs and Excise Department; Inland Revenue Board; Bank Negara Malaysia; Recoding Industries Malaysia; Anti-Corruption Agency. He also provided expertise in verifying printed security documents on its authenticity.

On the hockey front as an official Yasudhasan was a national umpire from 1972-1987 and went on to become an International Grade One Crown Umpire until he retired in 1996. As a FIH Grade 1 Umpire, Yasudhasan officiated at the Champions Trophy in Kuala Lumpur, Pakistan and Berlin apart from doing the European World Cup Qualifying round in Italy.

He was also the Chairman Umpires Committee with Kuala Lumpur Hockey Association (KLHA) from (1993-1996); Chairman Umpires Committee Malaysian Hockey Federation (MHF) from 2007-2008 apart from being the Umpires Manager for various National and International Tournaments, conducted courses for Umpires Development Programs.

Among his other highlights as a Tournament Director included the Six Nation Men's Junior IHF tournament in Kuala Lumpur (2006); South Asian Games in Sri Lanka (2006); MAIGOC, Macau China (2007), Four Nation Tournament Perth/Darwin, Australia (2008); First Asian Indoor Hockey in Ipoh (2008); Three Nations Tournament in Tabriz, Iran (2009). Yasudhasan was also the Coordinator of FIH Umpire Development Workshop in Kuala Lumpur (2007).

In March 2011, Yasudhasan conducted a hockey development program and Technical Clinic for the Ministry of Sports & Education Thailand.

He also had the rare honour of holding three major posts as a hockey official – as Tournament Director, Umpires Manager and Secretary of the Asian Indoor Hockey.

Interestingly, to Pakistani greats and household names in the hockey fraternity throughout the world, like forwards Hanif Khan, Kalimullah Khan, Samiullah Khan and midfielder Akhtar Rasool, to name a few, Yasudhasan was simply "Yasud Hasan" and one in their family.

As a football referee Faizal coached the Asean Football Association Referees apart from being match Commissioner and an assessor in hockey and football at state and national level. Faizal, who is now retired and is into catering business with his daughter, speaks with pride when he talks about officiating the Pre-Olympic round matches between Australia-New Zealand held in the two countries in 1991 in Hobart and Auckland, respectively.

"I did not expect to be 'handpicked' for the pre-Olympic matches in Australia and New Zealand. It is an honor for me and my country to be recognized as an international umpire," said Faizal, who also had umpiring stints Oman, in the Middle-East.

Faizal also officiated at the Indira Ghandi Memorial Hockey Tournament in Lucknow, India which had teams like Pakistan, India, Poland, Japan and South Korea.As a player Faizal donned Johor state colors from 1977 to 1985 and had a fair share of success with his home state in national hockey tournaments. After giving up his playing career Faizal went into coaching and took Johor to win the once famous four-nation Esso Cup Tournament in Singapore in 1987.

Today, Faizal is still actively involved in competitive hockey, playing in the Grand Masters (age 60) tournaments, both at Asia and world level. In the World Masters (Age 60) he represented Malaysia in The Hague, Holland in 2014 and Cristchurch, Australia in 2016. This year he played in the same tournament in Barcelona, Spain for Singapore as an invited guest. He also donned Malaysia colors in the Grand Masters Asia Cup (Age 60) in Hong Kong (2013), Kuala Lumpur (2015) and Hiroshima in 2017.



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### Previous Winners 2011-2017 THE SULTAN OF JOHOR CUP

1		2011 CHAMPIONS -	MALAYSIA
	ROLL OF HONOUR (2011) Champions : Malaysia Runners-up : Australia Third : South Korea Fourth : India Fifth : Pakistan Sixth : New Zealand	Man-of-the-Match (Final): Mohamed Hazrul Faiz (Malaysia) 7 goals Best Player of the Tournament: Fitri Saari (Malaysia)	Best Goalkeeper: Mohamed Hazrul Faiz (Malaysia) Top Scorer: Mohamed Noor Faeez (Malaysia) Fairplay Trophy : New Zealand
Att AULTAN OF 101 Cur 2012		2012 CHAMPIONS •	GERMANY
	ROLL OF HONOUR (2012) Champions : Germany Runners-up : India Third : Australia Fourth : Pakistan Fifth : New Zealand Sixth : Malaysia	Man-of-the-Match (Final) : Niklas Wellen (Germany) Most Promising Player: Tom Grambusch (Germany) Top Scorer: Kane Russell (New Zealand)	Best Goalkeeper: Tirkey Sushant (India) Fairplay Trophy: New Zealand
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	ROLL OF HONOUR (2013) Champions : India Runners-up : Malaysia Third : Argentina Fourth : Pakistan Fifth : South Korea Sixth : England	Player of the Tournament: Fitri Saari (Malaysia) Top Scorer: Shahril Saabah (Malaysia) Most Promising Player: Harpreet Singh (India)	Best Goalkeeper: Lee Se Young (South Korea) Fairplay Trophy: England
		2014 CHAMPIONS •	INDIA
	ROLL OF HONOUR (2014) Champions : India Runners-up : Great Britain Third : Australia	Fourth : New Zealand Fifth : Malaysia Sixth : Pakistan	
aritacha		2015 CHAMPIONS •	GREAT BRITAIN
Service Services	ROLL OF HONOUR (2015) Champions : Great Britain Runners-up : India Third : Malaysia Fourth : Argentina Fifth : Australia Sixth : Pakistan	Top scorer : Luke Taylor - 10 goals (Great Britain) Best Goalkeeper: Chris Wyver (Great Britain)	Best Player of the Tournament: Harjeet Singh (India) Fair Play : Australia
		2016 CHAMPIONS • .	AUSTRALIA
	ROLL OF HONOUR (2016) Champions : Australia Runners-up : Pakistan Third : Japan Fourth : England Fifth : Malaysia Sixth : New Zealand	Man of the Match (Final): Kiran Arunasalam (Australia) Top scorer: Tom Craig (Australia - 6 goals)	Best Goalkeeper: Keita Matsuda (Japan) Fair Play: Japan
		2017 CHAMPIONS • /	AUSTRALIA
	ROLL OF HONOUR (2017) Champions : Australia Runners-up : Great Britain Third : India Fourth : Malaysia Fifth : Japan Sixth : United States	Top Scorer: Dilpreet Singh (India) 9 goals Nathan Ephraums (Australia) 9 goals Most Promising Player: Vivek Prasad (India)	Best Goalkeeper: Chris Wyver (Great Britain) Man of the Match (Final): Nathaniel Stewart (Australia) Fairplay: United States of America



Last year's joint top scorer Nathan Ephraums is in the Australian team that will defend the title in this year's 8th edition of the Sultan of Johor Cup.

Together with India's Dilpreet Singh the duo hogged the limelight last year with nine goals each with the Australian also netting a goal in his team's 2-0 win over Great Britain in the final to retain the title they won in 2016.

The highest capped player in the Australian team is goalkeeper Matthew Finn who also played a key role in Australia's run in the tournament last year. Finn is followed by Blake Wotherspoon

(11 caps) another member from last year's winning team and Alec Rasmussen with nine caps.



Team Manager	:	CHRISTIAN BOURKE
Stand-in Manager	:	NICK LENOIR
Coach	:	CHRIS O'REILLY
Assistant Coach	:	NICK LENOIR
Physiotherapist	:	MELANIE TRI

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17	BELTZ	HAYDEN
21	BUSIKO	LACHLAN
2	DILLON	HAYDEN
10	EPHRAUMS	NATHAN
32	FINN	MATTHEW (GK)
11	FISHER	MATTHEW
15	FLYNN	LIAM
16	GREEN	COBY
4	GUPTE	NIRANJAN
12	HAZELL	EHRAN
13	KING	BRAYDEN
18	MARTIN	DYLAN
5	MCBRIDE	DANIEL
6	RASMUSSEN	ALEC
1	STAINES	BEN
20	STEFFENS	DAMON
19	WOTHERSPOON	BLAKE



### **GREAT BRITAIN**

Great Britain was at the losing end in last year's final against Australia – a 2-0 defeat at the hands of the country from Down Under.

However, despite the defeat, Great Britain's goalkeeper Chris Wyver was named the tournament's Best Goalkeeper in the Roll of Honour for special awards. Wyver was also name Best Goalkepper in 2015.

Great Britain, were the champions in 2015 with a 4-3win over India in the shootout after both teams drew 2-2 in regulation time. The British will be one of the front runners for honours this year.



Team Manager	:	PAUL GANNON
Coach	:	JON BLEBY
Assistant Coach	:	JEROME GOUDIE
Medical Doctor	:	NICHOLA OSBORNE
Physiotherapist	:	HANNA LAURA

1	PAYNE	OLIVER
2	MAZARELO	JAMES
3	NURSE	TIMOTHY
4	DRAPER	JACOB
5	OATES	JAMES
6	TURNER	JACK
7	GRIFFITHS	GARETH
8	MARSHALL	KYLE
9	RAMSHAW	MATTHEW
10	WEST	DANIEL
11	PARK	NICHOLAS
13	WAY	EDWARD
14	CROWSON	THOMAS
15	PAVIS	JOSHUA
16	MACKENZIE	CALLUM
17	GOLDEN	CAMERON
19	SCOTT	DUNCAN
21	RUSHMERE	STUART





India became the first team to clinch back to back titles in the Sultan of Johor Cup and this feat was achieved in 2013 and 2014.

The Indians, however, were denied a third title in 2015, losing to Great Britain in the final. Last year India could only manage a third placing, defeating Malaysia 4-0 in the playoff match.

The reigning Junior World Cup champions, India, always a favourite with the hockey crowd at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium, come into this year's tournament as one of the seeded teams.



Team Manager		CHETRI BHARAT KUMAR
Stand-in Manager :	:	ALAGAPAN ARUN
Coach :	:	FELIX JUDE
Physiotherapist :	:	PANDEY RAVI SHANKAR

- 2 BECK SUMAN
- 3 RAJAK PANKAJ KUMAR (GK)
- 4 MOR MANDEEP (C)
- 5 HARMANJIT SINGH
- 6 HASPREET SINGH
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- 9 GURSAHIBJIT SINGH
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- 24 PRABHJOT SINGH
- 25 SOMJEET
- 30 MOHD FARAZ
- 32 LAKRA SHILANAND (VC)



### JAPAN

After a creditable third place in the six-team Sultan of Johor Cup in 2016, Japan ended up in fifth place last year against the strong challenge mounted by champions Australia, runners-up Great Britain, third placed India and host Malaysia. United States of America finished at the bottom without goal and point to show.

The Japanese, who defeated Malaysia in the final to win the gold medal in this year's Asian Games in Jakarta, are in the process of building a strong team for the 2020 Olympics which will be held in Tokyo.

In the Sultan of Johor Cup the hard running Japanese have notched some impressive wins in the tournament and the same can be expected from the team from the Land of the Rising Sun in this year's eighth edition of the annual FIH meet.

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Team Manager	:	NAGAYA KYOICHI
Stand-in Manager	:	MAEDA KAZUO
Coach	:	SAKAMOTO HIROKI
Physiotherapist	:	SAITO KAI

1 - F		
2	KITAGAWA	TAKUMI (GK)
5	FUJISHIMA	RAIKI
7	OKIHARA	SOICHIRO
8	YONEDA	KAZUKI
10	TAKAHASHI	YOSUKE
15	MATSUMOTO	WATARU
16	KAWABE	KOSEI
17	KAWAHARA	YAMATO
18	TAMEKUNI	RYUJI
19	ARNOULD	YURI (GK)
20	ISEKI	SHOJI
21	WATANABE	KEITA
22	YOSHIKAWA	DAICHI
23	HAMAKI	RYOSUKE
24	UKAI	SOTA
25	TAKIGAWA	RYOTA
26	NAKAHANA	JUN
27	NISHIKAWA	TAKUMI



### NEW ZEALAND

The Kiwis will be making their fifth appearance in the sixnation International Under-21 Invitational Hockey Tournament after being left out last year. New Zealand has always won the fans over with their sportsmanship.

This is reflected in New Zealand winning the Fairplay Trophy in the first two years of the tournament in 2011 and 2012. The year 2012 is special to New Zealand in many ways as Kane Russell also won the Top Scorer's award although the team could only manage a fifth place – ahead of hosts Malaysia.

New Zealand's best in the Sultan of Johor Cup was finishing fourth in 2014 and their last trip to Johor Bahru in 2016 saw the Kiwis end their campaign in sixth place. The team finished at the bottom in 2011,



Coach	:	COLLINS BRYCE
Assistant Coach	:	MENEZES JUDE
Physiotherapist	:	PARK BEN

- 1 JERAM KALYAN
- 2 BECKERT LOUIS (GK)
- 5 FRASER ZANDER
- 8 JACKSON MOSS
- 9 SUKHA NETESH
- 10 LAWSON HARRY
- 11 LANE SAM
- 12 WARD JORDAN
- 13 BUSCHL MALACHI
- 14 GREENTREE CONNOR
- 16 NEILD TIM
- 19 VAN AARDT MATTHEW (GK)
- 21 ANDREWS REUBEN
- 23 GUY XAVIER
- 24 STEVENSON DYLAN
- 25 HIHA SAM
- 27 WYNDHAM-SMITH MAKS
- 29 EDWARDS BENJI





Hosts Malaysia wrote history as the first winners of the majestic silverware in the inaugural Sultan of Johor Cup in 2011.

That was the year when the Malaysians also scooped up three other awards – the Best Player of the Tournament through Fitri Saari, the Top Scorer's award through Mohamed Noor Faeez (7 goals) and the Best Goalkeeper award through Mohamed Hazrul Faiz.

Malaysia's next best was finishing runners-up to India in 2013 and a third placing in 2015. As hosts Malaysia will not be short of support in the stands and it will not be a surprise if the homesters lay their hands on the trophy again this year.

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