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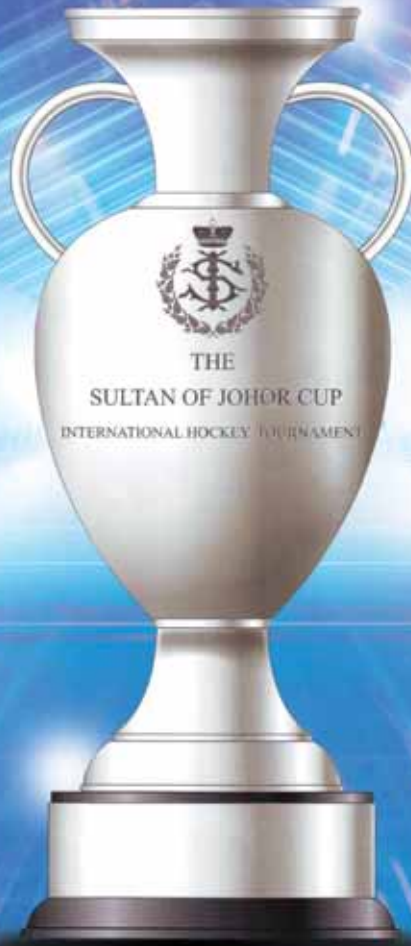


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YAB DATUK ONN HAFIZ BIN GHAZI

The Chief Minister Of Johor

The Sultan of Johor Cup (SOJC) is a symbol of success thanks to dedication, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to excellence.

After a decade we add a new chapter to SOJC history this year. Instead of six teams, we will have eight this year for the invitational international Under-21 tournament that features in the International Hockey Federation (FIH) annual calendar.

This is a big boost for Johor's sports tourism as it continues to play its role in boosting the state's economy after bouncing back from the COVID-19 pandemic. Johor is targeting around 15 million tourists this year.

With that, as the Chief Minister and on behalf of the State of Johor, it is my immense pleasure to wish all participating teams and officials, visitors, and hockey fans, a very warm "Selamat Datang" (Welcome) for this year's 11th edition of SOJC.

The symbol of success does not stop for SOJC. This marquee tournament has achieved remarkable recognition worldwide as it is played annually and aspires to further shine as a premier hockey tournament in the FIH calendar.

We will pursue this momentum and Johor must forge forward with resolve to make the state a sporting hub in this region.

The SOJC has a positive impact on promoting active and healthy lifestyles that also promote unity. The power of sports brings people and nations together - embracing universal values that promote peace and social harmony.

As in the past years, in this edition of the Sultan of Johor Cup, we are going to see adrenaline-pumping matches. Out of the eight teams, seven will be heading to Kuala Lumpur for the Junior World Cup Finals from Dec 5-16.

Except for Great Britain - it did not qualify - Australia, Germany, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, and host Malaysia feature in the 13th Junior World Cup. The SOJC is the precursor to the World Meet and Johor Bahru will be a real test.

To all teams, always protect the team's reputation with a high degree of professionalism. Be a role model.

I would also like to congratulate and thank the organizing and sub-committees, the local agencies, and volunteers, who have worked tirelessly.

Not forgetting the sponsors, and the well-wishers without whose contributions it would not have been possible to meet all the requirements to host a successful world-class hockey tournament.

Good luck.

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader,"

- John Quincy Adams



YB TUAN MOHD HAIRI BIN MAD SHAH

*Johor Youth, Sports, Entrepreneurial Development,
Cooperatives and Human Resources Committee
Chairman*

It fosters a sense of pride and motivation as the Sultan of Johor Cup (SOJC) continues to make its global presence in the world of hockey.

A well-disciplined younger generation with a balanced personality is an asset to any country in the present challenging situation in the world. The youth is to be groomed with discipline, leadership, and a strong personality.

The Sultan of Johor Cup, which is an invitational Under-21 tournament, has become the pride of place in generating youth who can win the world, fits the bill.

Without teamwork, you cannot succeed so teamwork is absolutely critical. You have to work for each other. I salute the sports fraternity in Johor for their unflinching support toward making the SOJC a huge success.

We are delighted to embark on a new journey in the 11th edition with eight teams competing for the majestic trophy in the annual invitational international tournament.

It's all the more interesting and heartening to know this year's SOJC will be the precursor to the 13th Junior World Cup in Kuala Lumpur from Dec 5-16.

The fact that seven of the eight teams - Australia, Germany, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, and Malaysia will play in the Junior World Cup is

a symbol of the incredible heights the SOJC has reached.

We are proud of this as the state government stays on track to make this bustling city of Johor Bahru a sports hub in this region. There are challenges but we remain steadfast and focused on our goal.

International sports meets are big contributors to the increase in tourist arrivals and this will be a great boost to the economy of Johor. Not only do tourists crave fresh experiences alongside their journey, but they also seek high-quality accommodation and food. Johor has all that.

Johor Hockey Association president Dato' Majid Manjit Abdullah and his team deserve a pat on the back for their hard work and leaving no stone unturned for the smooth running of the tournament.

Last but not least, I would like to extend sincere appreciation and gratitude to the sponsors, members of the organizing committee, and sub-committees for their dedication, time, and energy to ensure -the success of the SOJC.

This tournament attracts participation or spectators and it will be another vibrant weeklong of top-class hockey.

To all the participating teams good luck and do not neglect your sportsmanship.

Thank You.

*“Real difficulties can be overcome.
It is only the imaginary ones that are unconquerable”*

- Theodore N. Vail



DATO` MAJID MANJIT ABDULLAH

President Of The Johor Hockey Association

It is the beginning of a new era for this year's Sultan of Johor Cup which features in the International Hockey Federation (FIH) calendar. From the usual six teams, we will have eight instead.

After a decade this showpiece tournament for young hockey talent with many having progressed and 'graduated' to become vital cogs in their country's senior team, is bearing fruit. This is heartening and fulfills our mission to groom the young.

I am grateful and thankful for the vision of two royalties - our present King His Majesty Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah and Sultan of Johor His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar.

Both are sports-loving and things worked well between the two royalties who are related through marriage. The King, then the Crown Prince of Pahang, did not want the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium, built for the 2009 Junior World Cup Finals, to be a white elephant while Sultan Ibrahim agreed for the trophy to be named after him which saw the birth of the SOJC.

The rest is history and a point of interest is Malaysia became the first to engrave its name on the majestic trophy. Malaysia registered a come-from-behind 3-2 win over favorites Australia in the final that happened to be Malaysia's first-ever international hockey title.

I would like to welcome all teams coming for this year's SOJC - at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium which is the home of SOJC - in this bustling city of Johor Bahru which is the gateway to Malaysia down south.

To the organizing committee, the sub-committees, the volunteers, and the various agencies your remarkable accomplishment is second to none.

Your hard work and dedication are truly inspiring and appreciated. Thanks to your commitment and dedication we have achieved a new milestone in this year's SOJC. What an achievement. Keep it up.

SOJC always captures the imagination and we are delighted and excited that the 2023 edition is getting bigger and better with top-notch teams making their way to Johor Bahru.

With seven of the eight teams playing in the Junior World Cup Finals in Kuala Lumpur a month later hockey fans can expect some enticing matches. It shows the significance and appeal of this tournament.

Great Britain is the odd team that will not be playing in the Junior World Cup. The other teams in this year's SOJC are defending champions India, runners-up Australia, Germany, Pakistan, New Zealand, South Africa, and hosts Malaysia.

Salam Malaysia Madani.

"Everything that I've ever been able to accomplish in (sports) and in life has come out of adversity and perseverance."

- Scott Hamilton



YB HANNAH YEOH TSEOW SUAN

Minister Of Youth & Sports Malaysia

It is with great pleasure I say “*Selamat Datang*” (Welcome) to Malaysia for this highly acclaimed Under-21 invitational international hockey tournament in Johor Bahru from Oct 27-Nov 4.

The Sultan of Johor Cup has not only grown in stature but has become a “major” for young hockey talent as it is the passport to progress to the senior team in their respective countries.

This year’s Sultan of Johor Cup, which celebrated its 10th Anniversary last year, is particularly exciting as it is being held a month before Malaysia plays host to this year’s Junior Cup Finals in Kuala Lumpur from Dec 5-16.

The power of a major sport like the Sultan of Johor Cup brings excitement to people across the country and has the power to bring the people together. In addition, it has a positive impact on the economy growth.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the organizing committee for the hard work, grit, and determination shown since the Sultan of Johor Cup was inaugurated in 2011.

It is heartening to note that this year’s Sultan of Johor Cup will see eight teams - Australia, India, Pakistan, Germany, New Zealand, South Africa, Great Britain, and hosts Malaysia - competing for the trophy. In the past, only six teams competed.

Except for Great Britain, the rest of the teams in this year’s Sultan of Johor Cup will be a precursor to the Junior World Cup. The atmosphere in Johor Bahru will be energetic and you will see crowds that will motivate the teams.

The Sultan of Johor Cup encourages healthy competition and we expect every player to give their best in the game.

I welcome the teams to the Sultan of Johor Cup and wish them all the very best of luck in the tournament.

“Time doesn’t change a person, it helps you get a handle on who you are. Setbacks have an upside; they fuel new dreams.”

- Dara Torres



DATO` SRI SUBAHAN KAMAL

President Of The Malaysian Hockey Confederation

The sport remains vibrant, thanks to the development at all levels and once again we will be able to watch the future stars of the stick and ball game as the Sultan of Johor Cup embarks on a new journey.

After a decade the SOJC will turn a new page with eight teams going into the fray - two more than the six since its inception in 2011. This brings a massive change in the Under-21 invitational international tournament.

I must congratulate the Johor State Government and the Johor Hockey Association on this as the popularity of hockey continues to rise in Johor Bahru.

It has grown into a major event in the FIH (International Hockey Federation) world hockey calendar. This year's SOJC will be held in Johor Bahru from Oct 27-Nov 4 - a month before the Junior World Cup Finals in Kuala Lumpur from Dec 5-16.

In short, we can dub the 11th edition of the SOJC as a "Mini Junior World Cup" as seven of the eight teams playing in Johor Bahru will also feature in the 13th Junior World Cup in Kuala Lumpur.

It will be a hockey 'fiesta' in many ways in Johor Bahru and Kuala Lumpur with the future stars on parade.

The youth of every nation form the backbone of the nation and tournaments like the SOJC and the Junior World Cup are the perfect platforms to build their discipline, character, and resilience in positive ways.

The seven teams are Australia, Germany, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and host Malaysia. The odd team out is Great Britain. However, the SOJC will not be short of rivalry and excitement on the pitch at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium.

It gives me the greatest pleasure to bid "SELAMAT DATANG" (Welcome) to all for the 11th edition of the SOJC which has always drawn crowds that are a delight to watch.

The young hockey talent we get to see in the SOJC and the Junior World Cup could be playing for their respective countries on the big stage like the Olympics and the World Cup, if they could break into their senior ranks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the organizing committee and the sub-committees for their dedication, time, and energy in ensuring the success of the SOJC.

Since the tournament was incepted in 2011. It is our wish to see the good work prosper and reach the desired heights.

May I extend my thanks to all those who have worked tirelessly to make the SOJC a success! Good luck to all the participating teams. Play your game in the true spirit of sportsmanship. Let the games begin.

Salam Malaysia Madani

"Nothing is impossible. With so many people saying it couldn't be done, all it takes is an imagination."

- Michael Phelps



DATO` FUMIO OGURA

President Of The Asian Hockey Federation

After a decade of being a six-team affair this year's 11th edition of the Sultan of Johor Cup (SOJC) is breaking new ground with eight teams and a new page of history written in the annals of the invitational tournament.

This adds excitement to the Sultan of Johor Cup Under-21 Invitational International tournament, the only one that is held annually, except for a two-year absence in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic that hit the whole world.

The tournament, which featured in the International Hockey Federation (FIH) calendar since 2012 - a year after its inauguration in 2011 - is a much sought-after tournament that leaves the organizers with a headache with teams wanting to be invited.

This is not only healthy for the development of hockey but tournaments like the world-class SOJC promote communal harmony as well as tolerance, and unity.

We, in the Asian Hockey Federation, salute the efforts taken by the Johor Hockey Association, the Johor Palace, the state government, and the Malaysian Hockey Federation to make the SOJC a huge success.

It is a perfect platform for young hockey talent to take their game to a higher level.

Expect top-class hockey in this year's SOJC from Oct 27 to Nov 4 - just a month before the 13th Junior World Cup in Kuala Lumpur.

Australia, Germany, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, and South Africa will compete in the Junior World Cup. Together with Great Britain, it will be a weeklong hockey festival at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium in Johor Bahru - the home of SOJC.

To all the teams, officials, hockey fans, and visitors you will feel at home in Johor Bahru because of the warmth and hospitality of the people there.

On behalf of the Asian Hockey Federation, I extend a warm welcome to everyone to come and watch SOJC, a showcase of exceptional hockey talent and fierce competition.

Good luck.

*“Good sportsmanship goes beyond the game;
it starts with respect.”*

- Tommy Hilfiger



DATO' TAYYAB IKRAM

President of The International Hockey Federation

I take my hat off to the sports-loving royalties of Johor and Pahang for the birth of this Under-21 International Invitational Tournament that has turned out to be the hotbed of future hockey stars around the world.

The gesture by the sports-loving Rulers - His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar the Sultan of Johor and His Majesty Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah the King of Malaysia - has left a mark in hockey history at all levels.

The tournament is a bold vision for the growth and development of the sport. The development also means solidarity. I have no words to describe the success of the Sultan of Johor Cup since it was inception in 2011.

Tournaments like the SOJC make the world a better place to live, healthier, and more beautiful as sports are without boundaries. More importantly, it brings harmony and solidarity on and off the field.

I am certainly impressed with the positives and of what I have seen - the passion and energy to work hard and take the SOJC to the next level and move forward.

To Dato' Manjit Abdullah (JHA president) and your organizing team led by Hashim Yusoff, thank you for your endeavors, organizational abilities, and ongoing support to make the SOJC the best in this region.

As the president of the FIH, I congratulate the Johor Hockey Association (JHA), the Malaysian Hockey Confederation (MHC), and the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) for playing their role effectively in bringing this tournament to such a high level.

This year's SOJC opens a new page of history for the tournament. From six teams, we will instead have eight teams - Australia, Germany, Great Britain, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and hosts Malaysia.

Only Great Britain did not qualify for the Junior World Cup Finals in Kuala Lumpur in December. It must be noted that teams in the SOJC have their own fan base in Johor Bahru. This is heartening and encouraging for the development of hockey.

It is an honor and a great privilege to welcome all participating teams, and officials to the SOJC. SOJC provides a platform for future stars to compete against some of the best teams in the world.

Always compete in the spirit of excellence, respect, and fair play. Being a true champion is about so much more than winning.

This Under-21 tournament will inspire and encourage more youngsters to take up the game as FIH, as the sole ultimate governing body for the sport in the world, will play its part to unlock the potential of hockey.

Development of the game is our top priority.

Thank You.

"Passion first and everything will fall into place."

- Holly Holm



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Mr. Razali Yahya
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MATCH SCHEDULE

11TH SULTAN OF JOHOR CUP 2023

POOL A	POOL B
GERMANY	INDIA
AUSTRALIA	MALAYSIA
SOUTH AFRICA	PAKISTAN
GREAT BRITAIN	NEW ZEALAND

FRIDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2023

POOL: B TIME: 1605 PITCH: 1
India MATCH 01 Pakistan
POOL: A TIME: 1805 PITCH: 1
Australia MATCH 02 Great Britain
POOL: B TIME: 2035 PITCH: 1
Malaysia MATCH 03 New Zealand

SATURDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2023

POOL: A TIME: 1605 PITCH: 1
Germany MATCH 04 South Africa
POOL: B TIME: 1805 PITCH: 1
Pakistan MATCH 05 New Zealand
POOL: B TIME: 2035 PITCH: 1
Malaysia MATCH 06 India

SUNDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2023

REST DAY

MONDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2023

POOL: A TIME: 1605 PITCH: 1
South Africa MATCH 07 Great Britain
POOL: A TIME: 1805 PITCH: 1
Australia MATCH 08 Germany
POOL: B TIME: 2035 PITCH: 1
India MATCH 09 New Zealand

TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2023

POOL: A TIME: 1605 PITCH: 1
Germany MATCH 10 Great Britain
POOL: A TIME: 1805 PITCH: 1
South Africa MATCH 11 Australia
POOL: B TIME: 2035 PITCH: 1
Pakistan MATCH 12 Malaysia

WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2023

REST DAY

THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2023

PLACE: 5-8 TIME: 1805 PITCH: 1
3 RD Pool B MATCH 13 4 TH Pool A
PLACE: 5-8 TIME: 2035 PITCH: 1
3 RD Pool A MATCH 14 4 TH Pool B

FRIDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2023

PLACE: 7/8 TIME: 1535 PITCH: 1
Loser M 13 MATCH 15 Loser M 14
PLACE: SF 1 TIME: 1805 PITCH: 1
1 ST Pool B MATCH 16 2 ND Pool A
PLACE: SF 2 TIME: 2035 PITCH: 1
1 ST Pool A MATCH 17 2 ND Pool B

SATURDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2023

PLACE: 5/6 TIME: 1535 PITCH: 1
Winner M 13 MATCH 18 Winner M 14
PLACE: 3/4 TIME: 1805 PITCH: 1
Loser M 16 MATCH 19 Loser M 17
FINAL TIME: 2035 PITCH: 1
Winner M 16 MATCH 20 Winner M 17



TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

11TH SULTAN OF JOHOR CUP 2023



TOURNAMENT 11th Sultan Of Johor Cup (Men's Junior) Invitational Tournament

VENUE Taman Daya Hockey Stadium, Johor Bahru, Johor, Malaysia

DATES 27 October To 4 November 2023

PARTICIPANTS Australia, Great Britain, Germany, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan & South Africa

TECHNICAL DELEGATE Abdullah Al Harrasi Oman

TECHNICAL OFFICIAL Daljit Singh Malaysia

UMPIRES MANAGER Harsha Gandam India

ASSISTANT UMPIRES MANAGER Linggam Karupusamy Malaysia

JUDGES
 Martin Courtney Australia
 Balvinder Singh India
 Mohd Hafeez Yunus Malaysia
 Faqaruddin Kadir Malaysia
 Gobinathan Subramaniam Malaysia

NEUTRAL UMPIRES Khalid Hussain Hong Kong
 Shahbaz Ali Bangladesh

NATIONAL UMPIRES
 Timothy Sheahan Australia
 Kevin Roberts Great Britain
 Ole Ingwersen Germany
 Mohit India
 Kugannan Segaran Malaysia
 Mohd Ismady Alib Malaysia
 Bevan Nicole New Zealand
 Muhammad Fahad Ali Khan Pakistan
 Chad Fourie South Africa



EVENT FACT SHEET

11TH SULTAN OF JOHOR CUP 2023



NAME OF THE TOURNAMENT	11th Sultan Of Johor Cup 2023
DATE	27 October – 4 November 2023
VENUE	Taman Daya Hockey Stadium, Johor Bahru, Johor
CO HOSTED	Johor Hockey Association, State Government Johor & Malaysian Hockey Confederation.
TEAMS PARTICIPATING	Australia, Great Britain, Germany, India, Pakistan, South Africa, New Zealand & Malaysia -Two Pools Competition - 3 games per day only pitch one (TV production only one pitch)
ACCOMMODATION FOR TEAMS & TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS	PINETREE MARINA RESORT Jalan Persiaran Tanjung, Pengkalan Puteri, 79100 Nusajaya, Johor, Malaysia.
PRE- TOURNAMENT MEETING	On 26th October 2023 Schedule will be attached after discuss with TD.
OFFICIAL STATE DINNER	Date : 1st November 2023 Time : 1930 Attire : Suit / Sport Jacket/ Team Attire. Place : PINETREE MARINA RESORT, Johor.
CLOSING CEREMONY	To be held on 4th November 2023 at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium, Johor Bahru Johor. Attire : Batik. Teams : Teams Attire.
ANY INFORMATION	Please contact: Dato' Manjit Abdullah President Johor Hockey Association – manjitrjcc@gmail.com 6012-7222130 Hashim Mohd Yusoff Organising Secretary & Executive Secretary Johor Hockey Association 6017-3883899



RM2.7 MILLION RAISED FOR 11TH SOJ C

The world-acclaimed Sultan of Johor Cup, an annual invitational international Under-21 tournament played in Johor Bahru, is the perfect platform to expose, unearth, and launch new talent and captivate fans.

It is also the perfect platform to market and expose your products during a tournament of this magnitude as it sells. From a six-team affair the tournament this year has expanded to eight teams.

The increase in teams participating will also see a change in the format of the tournament. Instead of a one-round league with the top two playing in the final, this year the teams have been divided into two pools of four teams each. The top two teams in each Pool will play in the cross-over semi-finals with the winners playing in the final and the loser in the playoff for third placing.

Germany, Australia, South Africa, and Great Britain are in Pool A while India, Malaysia, Pakistan, and New Zealand are in Pool B. All matches will be played at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium - the home of the SOJC.

With the exception of Great Britain, the other seven teams will also be playing in this year's 13th edition of the Junior World Cup in Kuala Lumpur from Dec 5-16, and this year's SOJC has been dubbed the "Mini World Cup".

This year's SOJC has also hit a high in terms of sponsorship with a whopping RM2.7 million pledged at its official launch. This is the biggest amount raised since the Sultan of Johor Cup - which features in the International Hockey Federation (FIH) calendar - was inaugurated in 2011.



The 11th edition of the SOJC was launched on September 26 in a glittering ceremony at the Persada International Convention Centre in Johor Bahru.

It was graced by His Highness Tunku Abdul Rahman Ibni Sultan Ibrahim, the Tunku Panglima of Johor who represented his father His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar, the Sultan of Johor.

Also present at the launching ceremony was the Johor State Youth, Sports, Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives Committee chairman Tuan Mohd Hairi Bin Mad Shah, Johor Hockey Association President Dato' Majid Manjit Abdullah, Malaysian Hockey Vice-President Dato' Seri Dr. Anil Jeet Singh plus Johor State Deputy Secretary (Sports, Youth and Volunteers), Dato' On Jabbar and Johor Hockey's Deputy President (1) Dato Haji Amran A. Rahman.

"I am overwhelmed with the response from the sponsors. Our gratitude to them. We remain on track



as a sports hub in this region with many international meets held in the state. We have the facilities - world-class facilities to host international meets," said Mohd Hairi who also conveyed his heartfelt gratitude to the organizers, volunteers, and other agencies for their good work to make the SOJC a huge success.

The tournament is co-hosted by the Johor State Government, the Johor Hockey Association, and the Malaysian Hockey Confederation.

Fittingly the Johor Government led the sponsorship contribution with RM500,000 and Caikang Holding Sdn Bhd also contributed the same amount. VFive Group and Majulia Group pledged RM300,000 each.

Radio Television Malaysia (RTM), the official broadcaster of the tournament which will be played at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium from October 27-Nov 4, pledged RM200,000.

Capital A Berhad; Genting Malaysia Berhad; Johor Corporation, Tenaga Nasional Berhad; SKS Group Sdn Bhd; and Contemporary Logistic pledged RM100,000 each. Those who pledged RM50,000 each were Trenergy

Infrastructure Sdn Bhd; Pertama Land & Development Sdn Bhd; JBB Builders (M) Sdn Bhd; Pelabuhan Tanjung Pelepas Sdn Bhd; and Astaka Padu Sdn Bhd.

Berjaya Sdn Bhd and Sandep Mark Joseph Ampersand Sports Kuala Lumpur pledged RM30,000 each followed by YPJ Holdings with RM10,000.

Those who contributed in kind were Pinetree Marina Resort, which is the official hotel for SOJC; EF Digital Media - Official Digital Media Partner; and Shekhinah PR Media Agency.





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| 1. Kerajaan Negeri Johor | RM500,000.00 |
| 2. Caikang Holding Sdn Bhd | RM500,000.00 |
| 3. Vfive Group | RM300,000.00 |
| 4. Majulia Group | RM300,000.00 |
| 5. Penyiaran Malaysia (RTM) | RM200,000.00 |
| 6. Air Asia Berhad | RM100,000.00 |
| 7. Genting Malaysia Berhad | RM100,000.00 |
| 8. Johor Corporation | RM100,000.00 |
| 9. Tenaga Nasional Berhad | RM100,000.00 |
| 10. SKS Group Sdn Bhd | RM100,000.00 |
| 11. Contemporary Logistic | RM100,000.00 |
| 12. Bina Puri Holding Berhad | RM50,000.00 |
| 13. Trenergy Infrastructure Sdn Bhd | RM50,000.00 |
| 14. Pertama Land & Development Sdn Bhd | RM50,000.00 |
| 15. JBB Builders (M) Sdn Bhd | RM50,000.00 |
| 16. Pelabuhan Tanjung Pelepas Sdn Bhd | RM50,000.00 |
| 17. Astaka Padu Sdn Bhd | RM50,000.00 |
| 18. Berjaya Sdn Bhd | RM30,000.00 |
| 19. Ampersand Sports Kuala Lumpur | RM30,000.00 |
| 22. YPJ Holdings Sdn. Bhd. | RM10,000.00 |
| 20. Pinetree Marina Resort | Official Hotel |
| 21. EF Digital Media | Digital Media Partner |
| 23. Shekhinah PR Sdn Bhd | Media Agency |





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Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) | RM100,000.00



SKS Group | RM100,000.00



Contemporary Logistic | RM100,000.00



Bina Puri Holding Berhad | RM50,000.00



Trenergy Infrastructure Sdn Bhd | RM50,000.00



Pertama Land & Development Sdn Bhd | RM50,000.00



Perlabuhan Tanjung Pelepas Sdn Bhd | RM50,000.00



Astaka Padu Sdn Bhd | RM50,000.00



Berjaya Sdn Bhd | RM30,000.00



Ampersand Sports Kuala Lumpur | RM30,000.00



YPJ Holdings Sdn. Bhd. | RM10,000.00



Pinetree Marina Resort | Official Hotel



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KEMBARA MAHKOTA JOHOR (KMJ) ROARS AGAIN

Johor's best-known Mela - Kembara Mahkota Johor (Johor Royal Excursion) - returned this year after a three-year break much to the delight of Bangsa Johor.

The four-day event was held from Aug 5-8 after the much-awaited annual event was suspended in 2019 in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic.

His Royal Highness Major General Tunku Ismail Ibni Sultan Ibrahim, the Crown Prince of Johor, led the Johor Royal Excursion (KMJ) for the first time this year - which involved 879km of travel and crisscrossed the state covering 10 districts.

Stops included Ulu Tiram, Kota Tinggi, Mersing, Kluang, Segamat, Tangkak, Muar, Batu Pahat, Pontian, and Kulai before ending in Johor Bahru.



The excursion, which is designed to foster closer ties between the palace and the people, was initiated by His Majesty Sultan of Johor, Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar in 2001 when he was the Crown Prince.

The eagerly awaited annual event was flagged off by Dato' Dr. Abdul Rahim Ramli, President of the Johor Council of the Royal Court.

Her Majesty The Permaisuri of Johor, Raja Zarith Sofiah Binti Almarhum Sultan Idris Shah graced the flag-off ceremony from Istana Pasir Pelangi, Johor Bahru, along with HH Che' Puan Besar Khaleeda and HH Tunku Tun Aminah Binti Sultan Ibrahim.

Joining the Crown Prince were HH Tunku Idris Iskandar Al-Haj Ibni Sultan Ibrahim, the Tunku Temenggong of Johor; HH Tunku Abdul Rahman Al-Haj Ibni Sultan Ibrahim, the Tunku Panglima of Johor; HH Tunku Abu Bakar Al-Haj Ibni Sultan Ibrahim, the Tunku Putera of Johor, and Dato' Dennis Muhammad Abdullah.



It was a joy. It was fun. There was plenty for the huge crowds that turned up at all the places that were earmarked for the royal entourage to make stops in the meet and greet sessions.

At the Batu Pahat and Kulai legs of the royal excursion well-known Johor emcee DJ Dave, who is polyglot - thanks for his experience as a producer, deejay, emcee, and sports commentator during his days with Radio Television Malaysia (RTM) before retiring in 2019 - set the mood for the celebrations.



- DJ Dave -

The widely traveled Dave delivered useful information on the events aligned with the KMJ, especially his running commentary on water sports activities was hilariously funny.

Hilarity ruled when the participants took to slippery pole climbing by the river, pillow fights and boat pulling (the first time). It was the same when it came to playing futsal wearing the Malay sarong - a long piece of cloth wrapped around the body from the waist or chest worn by men and women in Malaysia.

It was another roaring success for KMJ - living up to the Royal tagline - The Ruler and his subjects are inseparable (Sultan Johor dan Rakyat Berpisah Tiada).

Bangsa Johor promotes communal harmony as well as tolerance, unity, and understanding - and the excursion leaves memories that will be cherished by people who come from all walks of life, both the young and old.

It was pretty beautiful and what a spectacle the 23rd edition of KMJ turned out to be.





DAY 1 | JOHOR BAHRU, KOTA TINGGI & MERSING



DAY 2 | KLUANG, SEGAMAT & TANGKAK



DAY 3 | TANGKAK, MUAR & BATU PAHAT



DAY 4 | PONTIAN & KULAI

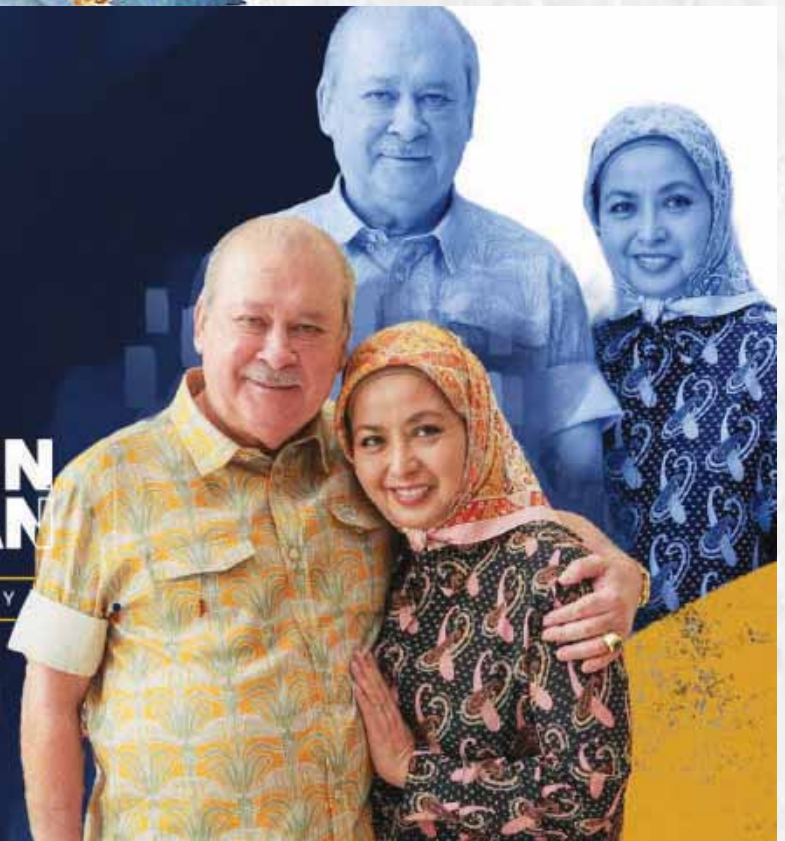


Selamat ULANG TAHUN PERKAHWINAN

HAPPY 41st ANNIVERSARY

22 . 9 . 1982

"Allah Peliharakan Sultan"



A memorable and meaningful 41st Wedding Anniversary

Their Majesties, The Sultan of Johor and The Permaisuri of Johor cherished their 41st Wedding Anniversary on September 23 as a "wonderful and meaningful gift" with their son HH Tunku Abu Bakar Al-Haj Ibni Sultan Ibrahim clinching third place for a podium finish in Race 1 in Sepang.

There was more to come from Tunku Abu Bakar, The Tunku Putera of Johor, a day later in Race 2 when he clinched another third place finish which saw him end the season as runners-up overall with 137 points just five behind Anthony Liu of China - in the Drivers' Championship.

It was a remarkable feat by the Johor Prince in what is only his second GT3 season. Expect more from Tunku Abu Bakar in the new season.

The Johor Royalty had more to cheer when another Prince - His Highness Tunku Abdul Rahman Al-Haj Ibni Sultan Ibrahim also did well in the weekend in Sepang to finish in 11th position in both races.

The Permaisuri of Johor, Zarith Sofiah Binti Almarhum Sultan Idris Shah described the success of her son as "wonderful and meaningful gift" for their 41st Wedding Anniversary. The Royal couple was at the Sepang Circuit for the weekend.

"It is a wonderful gift for His Majesty and myself in conjunction with our 41st wedding anniversary," said the Permaisuri.

Also at the event were HRH Raja Nazatul Shima Binti Almarhum Sultan Idris Shah, The Raja Puan Besar of Perak; HRH Raja Iskandar Ibni Almarhum Sultan Idris Shah; The Raja DiHilir of Perak; HH Tunku Idris Iskandar Al-Haj Ibni Sultan Ibrahim, The Tunku Temenggong of Johor as well as Dato' Dennis Muhammad Abdullah.

The Tunku Putera of Johor clinched another third place finish in Race 2 the following day at Sepang on Sept 24.



-Allah peliharakan Sultan -



It's a trophy fit for a King - two Kings, in fact. The Sultan of Johor Cup is a tale of two royals teaming up to ensure hockey excellence in the country.

Another piece of history was made when Malaysia became the first holder of the majestic trophy - defeating Australia 3-2 in a thrilling final. It was the first time ever that a national team won an international hockey tournament.



Manjit, who is also vice-president of the Asian Hockey Federation has left no stone unturned in making the Sultan of Johor Cup a "major" in the hockey world.

On June 21, 2009, a pulsating Junior World Cup Final was held at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium in Johor Bahru, with Germany beating The Netherlands 3-1 to take the title. After the final, though, the stadium fell silent.

The then Malaysian Hockey Confederation (MHC) president Prince Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah, who was then Crown Prince of Pahang, did not want the stadium - built at a cost of RM21 mil - to become a white elephant.

From six teams back then, it has grown into an eight-team affair this year as it enters its second decade. The tournament was not held during the COVID-19 pandemic years.

The teams taking part this year are defending champions India, Australia, Germany, Britain, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and host Malaysia, all world-class sides.

A Cup Of Kings

Thus was born the Sultan of Johor Cup, with Sultan Abdullah, now the King of Malaysia, and His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar, the Ruler of Johor - who is set to be the next King - as the brains behind the tournament.

Except for Britain, the seven other teams will also compete in the 13th Junior World Cup in Kuala Lumpur from Dec 5-16.

The two Royals, with strong links, oversaw the birth of the now internationally acclaimed international invitational Under-21 tournament. It is played annually and features in the International Hockey Federation (FIH) calendar.

Both the royals involved have shown humility and kindness that left a lasting impression on their subjects.

After the Junior World Cup Final, Prince Abdullah had mooted the idea of the tournament to Johor Hockey Association president Dato' Majid Manjit Abdullah during a flight to London for an FIH meeting. Prince Abdullah also wanted the trophy to be named after the Sultan of Johor, to whom he is related by marriage. The rest, as they say, is history.

The Sultan of Johor has his annual Kembara Mahkota Johor (KMJ) for his Bangsa Johor with the royal tagline - The Ruler and his subjects are inseparable (Sultan Johor dan Rakyat Berpisah Tiada) - that promotes communal harmony as tolerance, unity and understanding.

Both, Prince Abdullah and Manjit identified the trophy at Asprey in London but Sultan Ibrahim had the final say in the design. Once the approval was given it was a handcrafted trophy made of sterling silver at a cost of RM100,000.

Similarly, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah recently embarked on a 10-day "Get to Know Borneo Travel", that covered, 2,332KM of Sabah and Sarawak to get closer to the people.

Much attention was paid to the minute details when work was in progress on the trophy at Asprey. The then Johor Youth and Sports Committee chairman Datuk Jais Sarday even flew to London to "inspect" the work progress.

When the pick was done the highly insured trophy was taken back to Johor Bahru by Manjit and the first tournament was held in November 2011.



Hashim

- The 'Gurkha' of SOJC



He carries no kukri knife, the famed curved blade of the Gurkhas, hand grenades, or other weapons, but Hashim Mohamed Yusoff is the "Gurkha" of the decade-old Sultan of Johor Cup (SOJC).

This year he is entrusted with a dual role. Apart from being the executive secretary of the Johor Hockey Association (JHA), Hashim has been tasked with the job of being the organizing secretary of the 11th edition of the expanded SOJC.

Having been involved with the SOJC since its inauguration in 2011, Hashim has seen the world-acclaimed tournament grow from six to eight teams this year. Along the way Hashim "combats" all that is thrown at him and has fought many a "battle" to ensure that the tournament remains a success.

Hashim claims as the taskmaster, he must lead by example, making sure that everything knits together to ensure the success of the tournament - thanks to his wide experience in running more than 100 domestic and international tournaments.

At the same time, the 55-year-old Hashim looks back with fond memories he had with his mentor, the late S. Satgunam, the former Malaysian Hockey Federation (MHF) secretary who roped him to be part of the organizing team for the 2002 World Cup held in Kuala Lumpur.

It was the beginning for Hashim, who was made the assistant secretary in 2003 and learned the tricks of trade in his job. He took over the hot seat when Satgunam passed away in 2006 due to health issues. Hashim gave up his post as MHF secretary in 2015.

Taking a leaf from his mentor, Hashim says Satgunam's "administrative skills are legendary that brought Malaysia international recognition" and as the task master he stays out of the limelight.

"The players and the facilities take priority. That remains my top priority in any tournament, something Satgunam taught me and I am grateful for that. I am extremely grateful for his guidance. Just like him I have to be meticulous in my job and nothing is left for chance.

"Satgunam drove home a strong message ...that nobody can get lost if they follow the right path. Respect all and do not look down on anyone. Do not hurt anyone and ensure credit is given where it is due," says Hashim, adding that his mentor's guidance is second to none.

As the "taskmaster" he does not want the world's only annual Under-21 invitational tournament to be tarnished in any way. SOJC has established a strong footing internationally.

Besides the 2002 World Cup, Hashim's other tournaments includes the 2009 Junior World Cup co-hosted by Malaysia and Singapore, FIH Champions Trophy, FIH Champions Challenge, Asia Cup, Junior Asia Cup and the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup from 2006 to 2015.

Hashim's also had the distinction of having worked under the patronage of the late Sultan Azlan Shah, Sultan Nazrin Shah, Al-Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah and Tengku Majid of Johor.

As the JHA executive secretary, Hashim credits the success of SOJC to the good working relationship he has with incumbent JHA president Dato' Majid Manjit Abdullah.

"We have been friends for over 30 years from our hockey playing days. So working with Dato' Manjit is easy as we understand each other well. His passion for hockey is well known and we are committed to ensure SOJC is well managed and keeps its place in world hockey.

"Increasing the number of teams participating from six to eight is a big challenge but we have vowed to make sure the tournament stays healthy and provide the juniors with world class facilities for them to show their skills with the stick and the ball," added Hashim.

Thanks to the late Satgunam, Hashim's administrative and organizational abilities have been put to good use, bringing along a wealth of experience as an international umpire, qualified coach, umpires manager and tournament director.





DATO' MANJIT OUR MAN AT THE ASIAN GAMES IN HANGZHOU, CHINA

Dato' Majid Manjit Abdullah is simply a fascinating man in hockey and the Johor Hockey Association incumbent president gets rewarded for his hard work this year.

The JHA and the SOJC organizing committee congratulated Manjit on his selection by the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) to be a member of the Jury of Appeal in this year's Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.

The JHA is also proud that another of its council member, Shaji Balakrishnan, who is the chairman of the Umpires Board, was at the Asiad as a Technical Official for hockey competition.

In March this year, Manjit, who heads the Special Projects and Events was re-elected a vice-president of the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) at their congress in Mungyeong, South Korea.

It did not stop at that for Manjit, who started his hockey administration with the Johor Hockey Association in the early 80s.

There was double joy for Manjit in Mungyeong when he was awarded the AHF Excellence Award at the Congress - due recognition for his work to develop youth hockey in the region.

The annual Sultan of Johor Cup (SOJC) Under-21 Invitational International tournament in Johor Bahru



which is in its second decade is testimony to this. From a six-nation tournament, this year's SOJC will be an eight-team affair.

The man who has been the driving force behind the Sultan of Johor Cup (SOJC) since its inauguration in 2011 and his organizational abilities have earned him high praise all around. Despite his busy schedule as a corporate leader, the annual tournament is something close to his heart.

Manjit who hails from Muar, Johor is a man with vision, strength, and determination marked with perseverance and is a pillar of strength in the highly acclaimed SOJC.

For the record, Manjit was equally good in athletics - his first love actually. He was the "Fastest Sikh" in the country at one time when he won the 100m in 11.4s at the Malaysia Singapore Sikhs Sports Council Championships at the age of 19. This was in Penang.

A keen golfer Manjit brooks no nonsense in whatever he undertakes - thanks to his discipline. And it has been a hallmark of his character, both on and off the field.

"I have no worries whenever Manjit is tasked to do a job. The SOJC is a good example. It's a tournament that gets 'thumbs up' all around from participating teams," sums up the current president of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) Dato' Tayyab Ikram.

For the record, Manjit was also the national hockey team manager in 1986 and a former vice-president of the Malaysian Hockey Confederation.



19TH ASIAN GAMES HANGZHOU 2022 FOCUS ON JINHUA



ASIAN GAMES EXCITEMENT FOR SHAJI

No matter what level, without officials there is no game. Like the players, these officials have earned their place on merit and have worked incredibly hard, making many sacrifices to be in the loop for selection.

One of the proud officials is Johor Bahru schoolteacher Shaji Balakrishnan who has made the nation and the Johor Hockey Association proud. Shaji is the Johor Hockey's Umpires Board chairman.

The Johor Hockey Association congratulates Shaji for making the grade for the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, held from Sept 23-Oct 8.

Shaji was selected as a Technical Official for the Asiad - his first Asian Games although he had done the South East Asian Games, popularly known as the Sea Games plus other international tournaments like the Asian Indoor Championships, and four-nation tournaments.

The four-nation Good Luck tournament in Beijing in 2007 was his last tournament as an umpire before switching to technical aspects of the game. Shaji was the assistant umpire manager at the 2013 Sea Games in Myanmar and assistant Technical Delegate to the 2019 Sea Games in Manila.

Shaji has been part of the Sultan of Johor Cup (SOJC) family since the annual Under-21 International Tournament was inceptioned in 2011 and the SOJC organizing committee is proud of his selection to the Asian Games.



Calling himself a "late bloomer", Shaji, who teaches at Sekolah Kebangsaan Seri Kota Puteri, has another assignment lined up as the Technical Delegate to a four-nation tournament in Singapore from Dec 11-18.

Superb work ethics and unwavering spirit, respect and understanding between officials keeps them acting with integrity - which clearly drives home a strong message why they are a vital cog in any tournament.

Shaji is married to A. Prasana, also a teacher. The couple has a daughter Shyra - the only child - who is following the footsteps of her parents and is expected to graduate from the Tun Hussin Onn Teachers Training Institute in Batu Pahat in two years.

"It was very exciting Asian Games assignment for me. This was my first Asiad and the experience gained in China at this level is priceless and will stand in good stead in my official duties,"
said Shaji.

A graduate from the Raja Melewar Teachers College in Negri Sembilan, Shaji's playing career was only at district level and played for Kota Tinggi, Pasir Gudang and Johor Bahru - due to work commitments.

This "setback" however, did not stop him from pursuing his hockey career in other capacities and he has been rewarded. In fact, god willing, Shaji could be looking at more rewards coming his way and is prepared to work hard for that.

The lovable Shaji is Johor Hockey's pride.

James D ' Cruz

- his love for the nation and hockey



Former international hockey goalkeeper James D'Cruz is one proud Malaysian whose face glows with pride when one talks about the world-class Taman Daya Hockey Stadium in Johor Bahru. Not many are aware of his strong links to the stadium.

His love for the game and country overrode all when the former hockey international and World Cup goalkeeper took up the challenge while others shied away as time was against the deadline - to lay the artificial turf.

Seremban-born James completed the mammoth task of not only laying the artificial turf but also the floodlights at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium. It was all done within a month and this was in February 2009 - a face-saving mission for the ninth edition of the Junior World Cup co-hosted by Malaysia and Singapore from 7-21 June 2009.

The stadium was tested in a four-nation tournament and was described "as the perfect venue for a major international tournament" with world-class pitches and up-to-date facilities. Thanks to James.

Among those who paid glowing tributes were coaches David Ralph (England), Pablo Lombi (Argentina), Pascal Kina (Belgium), and team managers Anupam Ghulati (India) and Khawaja Junaid (Pakistan).

Then Malaysian Hockey Federation (MHF) president Tengku Abdullah was very impressed with the facilities when the stadium was delivered and said:

"Given the short notice to complete it, I am very pleased that now we have two excellent pitches and all other necessary facilities we can host the World Cup." He had earlier visited the stadium for a final inspection.

"The challenge (to lay the artificial turf) brought the hockey out of me," said James as he reflected on his decision that left many wondering if he was in the right frame of mind.

However, there was no budging, and James used his links on both sides of the causeway to get cracking without a doubt. Things were made slightly easier when it came to sports. Sports without borders as they say.

James admits that it was a mammoth task no doubt. It was round-the-clock work for James and the Puteri Pacific Hotel

was his "home" for a month. He made lots of sacrifices but his love for the game and the country was the driving force.

Today the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium in Johor Bahru - one of the best arenas in all of hockey in Malaysia - is Johor's pride and home to the world-acclaimed Sultan of Johor Cup (SOJC), an annual invitational international tournament that features in the International Hockey Federation (FIH) calendar.

James played for Malaysia in the 1973 World Cup in Amsterdam plus several other international tournaments including the Nehru Memorial Cup (India), and the Pesta Games in Singapore. He was in the 1975 World Cup held in Kuala Lumpur but a broken leg put paid to his dreams.

His late brother Austin Anto D'Cruz was a goalkeeper for Johor before he was killed in a road accident in 1971- just hours after buying a new car in Kuala Lumpur and was driving back to Johor Bahru.

The Taman Daya Stadium was built at a cost of RM21 million and the world-class stadium located on the outskirts of Johor Bahru has a seating capacity of 5,000 while the adjacent practice pitch can accommodate 3,000 spectators.

James was among the elite in the 70s with names like Brian Sta Maria, N. Palanisamy, Michael Yan, and Kuldip Singh.

He migrated to Perth, Australia in 1987 for his children's education. James and his wife Barbara, who retired from Qantas, remain Malaysian citizens. His son Mark is an engineer while daughters Sharmini and Sabrina are accountants in Perth.

For his contributions to the game, both, in Malaysia and Australia, James earned several awards in recognition.



HOCKEY WORLD MOURNS AMARJIT



In Loving Memory

AMARJIT SINGH JESSY

(1964 - 2023)

He left for his heavenly abode on Feb 22, 2023 - just two days before he was scheduled to undergo heart surgery at a private hospital in Ipoh, Perak. He was 59.

Amarjit Singh Jessy's untimely death left behind a huge void and a glittering legacy as an international umpire and Umpires' Manager that made Malaysia proud in hockey. The retired bank officer is regarded as one of the greatest all-time hockey umpires in Malaysian hockey and will be remembered as a true icon.

Amarjit, who was staying in Canning Gardens in Ipoh, is survived by wife Sujan, daughter Sharon, and sons Darrenjit and Aaronjit.

He had strong credentials in his umpiring career and the best Malaysia has produced to leave a name for himself and the nation in the world of hockey. The fact he was the first Asian - and only Malaysian - to have been awarded the Golden Whistle by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) speaks of his impact on the stick and ball game.

The FIH Golden Whistle is awarded to an individual who reaches the century mark in his umpiring career. Amarjit umpired 154 international matches.

His dedication to the sport and willingness to share his knowledge and expertise with others were second to none. Amarjit was an iconic umpire who brought many aspiring young umpires so much joy. His untimely death left many stunned by the news.

"He was more than just an outstanding umpire. His kindness, empathy, and wonderful humanity left a lasting impression on all. Amarjit simply was a wonderful human being with great values and an indomitable spirit.

"A great friend with a big smile. He was loved by all. We miss him enormously," - Murugan Nair



A former international umpire Murugan, who chairs the Johor Hockey Association competitions committee is also the venue manager for the 11th edition of the Sultan of Johor Cup.

Johor Hockey Association president Dato' Majid Manjit Abdullah, who is also a vice-president of the Asian Hockey Federation, described Amarjit as a "vibrant personality with an aura" that was felt in the hockey world.

"Amarjit conducted several umpiring courses for us during the Sultan of Johor Cup. A very knowledgeable personality in the sport. Gone too soon. It's a big loss for hockey. His contributions to the game as an umpire, umpires' manager, mentor, and coach will always be remembered and cherished."

- Dato' Majid Manjit Abdullah



Asian Hockey Federation is also reeling from Amarjit's untimely demise. AHF president Dato' Fumio Ogura, however takes solace that Amarjit has left behind a legacy.

“As a great umpire and mentor, Amarjit’s legacy will continue to inspire future generations in hockey - both players and officials.” - Dato’ Fumio Ogura



International Hockey Federation (FIH) President Dato’ Tayyab Ikram, also spoke highly of Amarjit and credited him for his hard work in the development of umpiring.

“Amarjit established his own identity and cut a distinct sight on the field in a capable manner. His journey and determination have been super-inspiring,” - Tayyab.



Former Perak coach V. Maniam is still struggling to come to terms with Amarjit’s passing, more so as they were close neighbors in Canning Garden and used to meet quite often.

“I coached him when he was playing for Perak in the Razak Cup. He was a defensive player. However, got interested in umpiring and moved towards that direction. For me, he reached the pinnacle of his umpiring when he did the World Cup, Olympics, and other major international meets.

“He was the most recognized and his control of the game was one of the best I have seen. It earned him world recognition and his resume tells all,” said Maniam, himself a former international player. - V. Maniam



“Just before his demise, I had a good talk with him regarding the hockey situation in the world and there were plenty of positives in our discussion. His passing shocked everyone.

“He was close to me and my family as we lived nearby in Canning Garden. Hope the national and state associations will recognize and respect his contributions with a reward.”

Amarjit officiated at three Olympics - the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, the 2004 Olympics in Athens, and



the Beijing Olympics in 2008. He also did four World Cups - Utrecht, Netherlands (1998), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (2002), Monchengladbach, Germany (2006) and New Delhi, India (2010).

He also did the Junior World Cup in Rotterdam in 2005, two Commonwealth Games, Champions Trophy, and one Europe Nations Cup. Among the tournaments as umpires’ manager were the Azlan Shah Cup (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013); Champions Challenge 2 in Lille France (2011); Champions Challenge in Argentina (2012); Olympic Qualifiers in Japan (2012); Chinese National League, Beijing (2012).

Amarjit became the first in the world to be bestowed a rare honor by the FIH as umpires’ manager for five international tournaments in a year and this was in 2013 - an achievement Malaysia can be proud of. In general, an umpire manager will get one or two appointments per year.

He also conducted umpires courses in Myanmar, Thailand, China, Indonesia, and the Asian Umpires Academy. In fact, two weeks before his death Amarjit conducted a course in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and was down to do another in Vietnam.

Though you have left us, your legacy will remain forever. Rest Peacefully.

*“It is hard to forget someone who gave you so much to remember.”
- Unknown.*



*“The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living.”
- Unknown.*



UNPRECEDENTED SUPER 10 FOR JDT

Malaysian football kingpin Johor Darul Takzim - better known as JDT - wrapped up the Malaysian Super League title in style with a 4-0 win over Police FC in their own den for their 10th consecutive title.

The win at the Sultan Ibrahim Stadium gave the Southern Tigers an unassailable 64 points from 22 matches - a 15-point lead over their closest rivals Selangor. JDT's impressive goal tally after the win over Police read 79 goals for and conceded only seven.

Putting that aside JDT is also in line for a quadruple this season, having won the Charity Shield at the start of the new season and the FA Cup in July. In the FA Cup final JDT beat Kuala Lumpur City 2-0. The team is also in the Malaysia Cup semi-finals and will face Perak for a place in the final.

The all-conquering JDT clinched the Super League title without defeat. The only blemish was a 3-3 draw against Kedah in Alor Setar on August 26.

JDT's Argentine coach Esteban Solari - in his first season with the team - is one happy man with the team's consistency in the highly competitive Super League to win the title with four more matches to go.

He has switched focus to the AFC Champions League and the Malaysia Cup. However, JDT lost their opening Group I match in the AFC Champions League against Kawasaki Frontale 1-0 at home on September 19. The other two teams in the group are Ulsan and BG Pathum United.





JOHOR *HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE*

The state government wants to transform the Greater Johor Bahru area into the Southern Gateway for visitors and tourists to Malaysia - and massive changes can be expected in this bustling and booming city in the south.

Chief Minister Datuk Onn Hafiz Ghazi has revealed in announcements of Special Financial Zones (SFZ) and Special Economic Zone (SEZ) that will act as catalysts for economic expansion in Johor.

With political stability and a stable government, more investors are making a beeline to the southern state. Johor remains a top state in the country for investments. Johor's economy is based on agriculture, manufacturing, commerce and tourism.

Johor is one of Malaysia's most developed and advancing states but expect more from the state in the next two years that have been termed as "crucial" with a focus on SFZ and SEZ. It spells many positives for the state flag to be kept flying high.

Johor is a major contributor to the national economy.

The Sultan of Johor, His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar wants only the best for his

"Bangsa Johor" - and has become the envy of others in Malaysia.

The upgrading to improve the state's infrastructure with public facilities and amenities works aligns with the Johor Maju manifesto.

Bangsa Johor practice of "one Johor, one people" regardless of race or religion - brings out the pride in the people of Johor. Under this concept, different ethnic groups in the state live together harmoniously. The much-loved Johor Ruler has never sidelined any ethnic community in the state.

In the true spirit of muhibbah, which means racial assimilation, Sultan Ibrahim can be seen attending Hari Raya, Chinese New Year, Deepavali, Vasakhi, and Christmas open houses to celebrate the festivals with his subjects.

Johor has more to offer regarding tourism - including enchanting, rustic, and authentic islands.

Johor's most famous beach resort is Desaru on the east coast, facing the South China Sea. The pristine sandy beach fringed with casuarinas or palms. The name "Desaru" means a village of casuarinas - Desa means village while Ru is the local name for Casuarina.





PREVIOUS WINNERS 2011-2014

THE SULTAN OF JOHOR CUP



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 Faez (Malaysia)

Fairplay Trophy: New Zealand



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)

Top Scorer:
 Kane Russell (New Zealand)

Best Goalkeeper:
 Turkey Sushant (India)

Fairplay Trophy: New Zealand



2013 CHAMPIONS

INDIA

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

Player of the tournament:
 Harmanpreet Singh (India)

Top Scorer:
 Harmanpreet Singh (India)
 9 goals

Most Promising Player:
 Harjeet Singh (India)

Best Goalkeeper:
 Garry Gibson (Great Britain)



PREVIOUS WINNERS 2015-2018

THE SULTAN OF JOHOR CUP



2015 CHAMPIONS GREAT BRITAIN

ROLL OF HONOUR (2015)

Champions	: Australia	Best Goalkeeper:	Chris Wyver (Great Britain)
Runners-up	: Pakistan	Best Player of the Tournament:	Harjeet Singh (India)
Third	: Japan	Fair Play:	Australia
Fourth	: England		
Fifth	: Malaysia		
Sixth	: New Zealand		
Top scorer : Luke Taylor - 10 goals (Great Britain)			



2016 CHAMPIONS AUSTRALIA

ROLL OF HONOUR (2016)

Champions	: Australia	Man of the Match (Final):	Kiran Arunasalam (Australia)
Runners-up	: Pakistan	Top scorer:	Tom Craig (Australia - 6 goals)
Third	: Japan	Best Goalkeeper:	Keita Matsuda (Japan)
Fourth	: England	Fair Play:	Japan
Fifth	: Malaysia		
Sixth	: New Zealand		
Top Scorer: Kane Russell (New Zealand)			



2017 CHAMPIONS AUSTRALIA

ROLL OF HONOUR (2017)

Champions	: Australia	Most Promising Player:	Vivek Prasad (India)
Runners-up	: Great Britain	Best Goalkeeper:	Chris Wyver (Great Britain)
Third	: India	Man of the Match (Final):	Nathaniel Stewart (Australia)
Fourth	: Malaysia	Fairplay:	United States of America
Fifth	: Japan		
Sixth	: United States		
Top Scorer: Dilpreet Singh (India) 9 goals Nathan Ephraums (Australia) 9 goals			



2018 CHAMPIONS GREAT BRITAIN

ROLL OF HONOUR (2018)

Champions	: Great Britain	Most Promising Player:	Prabhjot Singh (India)
Runners-up	: India	Best Goalkeeper:	Oliver Payne (Great Britain)
Third	: Australia		
Fourth	: Japan		
Fifth	: Malaysia		
Sixth	: New Zealand		
Top Scorer: Nathan Ephraums (Australia)			



PREVIOUS WINNERS 2019-2022

THE SULTAN OF JOHOR CUP



2019 CHAMPIONS

GREAT BRITAIN

ROLL OF HONOUR (2019)

Champions	: Great Britain	Player of the Tournament :	Kawabe Kosei (Japan)
Runners-up	: India	Best Goalkeeper :	Oliver Payne (Great Britain)
Third	: Malaysia		
Fourth	: Japan		
Fifth	: Australia		
Sixth	: New Zealand		
Top Scorer:	Lakra Shilanand (India)		

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2021
NO TOURNAMENT DUE TO PANDEMIC



2022 CHAMPIONS

INDIA

ROLL OF HONOUR (2022)

Champions	: India	(India- 7 goals)
Runners-up	: Australia	Most Promising Player:
Third	: Great Britain	Sharda Nand Tiwari (India)
Fourth	: Japan	Best Goalkeeper:
Fifth	: South Africa	Jed Snoden (Australia)
Sixth	: Malaysia	Player of the Tournament:
Top Scorer:	Sharda Nand Tiwari	Cooper Burns (Australia)



Australia has added four new faces to their Sultan of Johor Cup squad as head coach Jay Stacy looks for “flexibility” in his well-balanced team to the invitational Under-21 tournament in Johor Bahru from Oct 27-Nov 4.

The four names of the team are Diarmid Chappell, Will Mathisan (both Queensland), Lachlan Rogers Tasmania), and Hamish Adamson of Western Australia.

“It’s a well-balanced team, with several factors taken into consideration. By no means is this team we have named for the Sultan of Johor Cup set in stone to be the Junior World Cup team,” Stacy was quoted by Hockey Australia.

“We are looking for flexibility within the squad. The Sultan of Johor Cup will hold some weight in the selection process as we are heading to the Junior World Cup which is being played in the identical climate conditions in Kuala Lumpur.

“It will allow us to come up with a very competitive team at the Junior World Cup. We will put up all the pieces of the selection puzzle together before deciding.”

Stacy is quick to point out that the Sultan of Johor Cup remains a priority. After the heartbreak of losing last year’s final to India 5-4 in a shootout following a 1-1 draw, the Burras aim to regain the title they last won in 2017.

Team Manager : Christian Bourke
 Coach : Jay Stacy
 Assistant Coach : Matthew Wells
 Assistant Coach : Mark Knowles
 Physiotherapist : Liam Nottle

PLAYERS

- 1 Campello Aneurin Roberts (NYE)
- 2 Mathison Will
- 6 Henderson Liam
- 7 Rogers Lachlan
- 9 Chappell Diarmid
- 11 Freedman Max
- 12 Adamson Angus
- 13 Downey Dylan
- 16 Czinner Nathan
- 17 Adamson Hamish
- 18 Fahy Noah
- 19 Marais Craig
- 21 Burns Cooper
- 23 Geddes Cambell
- 24 Foster Brodee
- 25 Taylor Michael
- 26 Banyard Hunter (GK)
- 28 Larkin Max (GK)

GREAT BRITAIN



Great Britain is the odd team in this year's Sultan of Johor Cup (SOJC) - expanded to eight teams instead of the usual six - in the annual invitational Under-21 tournament in the International Hockey Federation (FIH) calendar.

Of the eight only Great Britain will not feature in the 13th Junior World Cup in Kuala Lumpur from Dec 5-16. Still, Great Britain, having won the SOJC three times - in 2015, 2018, and 2019) and runners-up twice (2017, 2019) - will be a strong contender in the "Mini-World Cup" in Johor Bahru.

Despite their failure to qualify for the World Cup after Great Britain finished sixth in the European qualifier in Ghent, Belgium, the team is capable of holding its own against the seven other teams in the SOJC.

Great Britain is drawn in Pool A with Germany, Australia, and South Africa. Their opening match is against Australia on October 27.

Last year, Great Britain defeated Japan 3-1 in the playoff for the bronze medal match.

Team Manager	: GANNON Paul
Head Coach	: BLEBY Jon
Assistant Coach	: GOUDIE Jerome
Medical Doctor	: WILLIAMS Jonathan
Physiotherapist	: HANNA Laura

PLAYERS

- 2 SPRECKLEY Tom
- 3 NEAVE Monty
- 4 NURSE Nick
- 5 PENROSE Rory
- 6 GRAVES Ted
- 7 MOORHOUSE Tom
- 8 PAYTON Jacob
- 9 STURCH-HIBBITT Jonny
- 10 ANDERSON Max
- 11 WILCHER Lewis
- 13 MARKHAM Henry
- 14 STONE Harrison
- 15 TULLY Felix
- 17 HUGHSON Matthew
- 19 DOUGLAS Ali
- 22 ROBSON Ellis
- 23 DOUGLAS Calum (GK)
- 26 CARLETON James (GK)

GERMANY



Germany made only one appearance in the Sultan of Johor Cup Under-21 Invitational tournament before and this was in 2012. The Germans walked away with the title in their first outing, defeating India 3-2 in the final.

It was at Taman Daya Hockey Stadium the Germans clinched their fifth Junior World Cup title, defeating the Netherlands 3-1 in the final in 2009. Germany has won the Junior World Cup for a record six times and finished runners-up to Argentina in the last edition.

Germany came to the 11th edition of the SOJC, which has been expanded to eight teams this year, with strong credentials. The Germans come, still fresh, from winning a junior four-nation tournament in Dusseldorf. The manner in which they demolished India 6-1 in the final speaks of their might. Earlier they had beaten England 4-0.

If the list of players includes names like Florian Sperling, Ben Hasbach, Hugo von Montegelos, Fabio Seltz, and Nikas Berendts they ring fear if they are in the team for SOJC and the World Cup.

Germany will certainly start as an early favorite for this year's SOJC what more when they have fond memories of their success at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium. The Germans are drawn in Pool A with Australia, South Africa, and Great Britain.

Team Manager : FEUERHAKE Tobias
 Head Coach : van EIJK Rein
 Assistant Coach : GARCIA Russell
 Assistant Coach : SCHLINGEMANN Omar
 Medical Doctor : GORZOLLA Robert
 Physiotherapist : HECK Robin
 Physiotherapist : KUHN Marvin
 Physical Trainer : ARKELL Robin

PLAYERS

- 3 HASBACH Ben
- 4 FRANZ Christian
- 8 CORDES Jan
- 10 HOECHEMER Luis (C)
- 11 von MONTGELAS Hugo
- 12 SCHMIDT-DIDLAUKIES Tom
- 14 HINRICHS Peer
- 15 BERENDTS Nikas
- 16 BARRY Antheus (C)
- 20 SPERLING Florian
- 21 POLJARIC Matteo (C)
- 23 BRILLA Jakob
- 24 HOLDERMANN Liam
- 25 STRUTHOFF Michel
- 26 FLATTEN Aron
- 27 GLANDER Paul
- 29 ONYEKWUE NNAJI Joshua (GK)
- 35 SIMON Florian (GK)

NEW ZEALAND



Black Sticks gunning for international exposure

This will be the seventh appearance for New Zealand in the Sultan of Johor Cup and their best in the Under-21 invitational tournament was a fourth-place finish in 2014, losing 6-2 to Australia in the bronze medal playoff.

The Junior Black Sticks, as the New Zealand juniors are known, have qualified for the 13th edition of the Junior World Cup to be played in Kuala Lumpur from Dec 5-16, and coach Aaron Ford is likely to use his World Cup squad in the Sultan of Johor Cup.

He said selections for the squad have been based on performance at the national hockey championships and the Under-18 tournament plus performance in camp.

The SOJC will provide the platform for the players to showcase their progress and the depth of young talent in New Zealand and test themselves on the world stage.

“This is a brilliant chance for these players to take the next step in their game. The SOJC provides a great challenge and an opportunity to shine on the international stage for the Black Sticks with a focus on developing and nurturing young talent,” Ford believes.

In the SOJC, the Black Sticks are drawn in Pool B together with defending champions India, Malaysia, and Pakistan. They open their campaign with a match against Malaysia on October 27.

Team Manager : GANDA Sunjay
 Head Coach : FORD Aaron
 Assistant Coach : BARTHOLOMEW Sam
 Physiotherapist : ADARGH Ben

PLAYERS

- 1 PAR Ryan
- 3 WILSON Matthew
- 4 HICKSON James
- 5 MARCHANT Thomas
- 6 FRASER Aidan
- 7 IRWIN Joshua
- 8 COSSLETT Scott
- 9 WARD Patrick
- 11 TORR Daniel
- 12 CULHANE Benjamin (C)
- 13 LINTS Sam
- 14 ALDRED Luke
- 16 WHITTLESTON Jordan
- 17 ELMES Luke (GK)
- 17 HOLMES Luke
- 18 GANLEY Hayden (GK)
- 20 BAX Aiden
- 21 NELSON Gus



Defending Sultan of Johor Cup champions India go into the fray this year with a dual mission - to defend the title and also fine-tune their team for the Junior World Cup which will be played in Kuala Lumpur from Dec 5-16.

Ranked three in the International Hockey Federation (FIH) rankings for juniors issued in June, India's coach C.R. Kumar said he will use the Sultan of Johor Cup to test his reserves for the World Cup as some of the first team players are injured and will be rested.

"The Sultan of Johor Cup is a big test for those vying for a place in the world cup team. We won the SOJC last year and we are on a mission to retain the title. It's not going to be easy as there are eight teams in this year's SOJC.

"We are also aware that seven of the eight teams will be playing in the World Cup. All seven teams are using the SOJC as their final stop to fine-tune their respective team for the World Cup. The writing is on the wall."

The Taman Daya Hockey Stadium has been a lucky ground for the Indians who have won the trophy three times. They won in 2013, 2014 and last year. India retained their Asian Junior title in Oman with a 2-1 win over Pakistan in the final.

Team Manager : Janardhana C. B
 Head Coach : KUMAR C. R.
 Assistant Coach : KRUIS Herman
 Physiotherapist : NALE Nikhil
 Physical Trainer : KAMLAKAR Darshan
 Physical Trainer : Saneesh

PLAYERS

- 2 Rawat Yogember
- 3 Lakra Sunit
- 4 Lakra Amandeep
- 5 CHANDURA BOBY Poovanna
- 6 ALI Amir
- 7 Sahani Arun
- 8 Singh Angad Bir
- 10 Amandeep
- 13 Yadav Ranvijay Singh (GK)
- 14 SINGH Vishnukant
- 16 SINGH Uttam (C)
- 17 Abdul Ahad
- 20 JOJO Sunil
- 22 SINGH Gurjot
- 27 Shashikumar Mohith
Honnenahalli (GK)
- 30 Lalage Aditya Arjun
- 32 Rohit
- 39 Balu Sathish
- 50 Sukhvinder
- 78 Rajinder Singh



Getting an invite to the 11th edition of the Sultan of Johor Cup Under-21 tournament is a blessing for South Africa coach Guy Elliott who would not have asked for a better opportunity to pick his final Junior World Cup team.

The South Africans made their SOJC debut last year and narrowly missed out on the bronze medal match by one point to finish fifth overall, defeating host Malaysia 3-2 in the playoff.

With the Junior World Cup to be played in Kuala Lumpur from Dec 5-16, Elliott is using the SOJC to give his players "one final attempt" to make the country's final Junior World Cup squad.

"The SOJC is a great opportunity for us to prepare for the Junior World Cup, It is time for the players to grab the opportunity to develop the team together," says Elliott, delighted with the invite for this year's SOJC.

South Africa, ranked 10th in the FIH Junior rankings list issued in June, goes into the fray on October 28 with a match against Germany in Pool A. The other teams in Pool A are Australia and Great Britain.

Elliott believes the SOJC is a "tournament that will bring out the challenge" for all the participating teams this year.

Team Manager : Robin Jones
 Head Coach : Guy Elliott
 Stand-in Manager : Devon van der Merwe
 Assistant Coach : Devon van der Merwe
 Psychotherapist : Justin Swan

PLAYERS

1 VAN NIEKERK DEVAN
 27 VIRISSIMO GIANLUCA
 21 KAHDER FAWAAZ
 4 ANSELL NATHAN
 5 FLINT JAMES
 6 NEUHOFF DAN
 29 MONTGOMERY ROSS
 15 SEALE JAMIE
 7 HANS NEETHLING
 10 BREYTENBACH ROSS
 31 TSHEBI DAVID
 11 KNOTT DAMIAN
 16 JEYI THABANG
 17 MTHALANE AYAKHA
 14 OLIPHANT CALEB
 9 LE FORESTIER CAMERON
 3 MBATA VIWE
 13 DE KLERK JOSH

PAKISTAN



There is a ray of hope in Pakistan hockey with lots of positives after taking the silver in this year's Asia Junior Cup in Oman, losing 2-1 to India in the final.

The encouraging performance by Pakistan saw several juniors called up to join the seniors team in training camp. Korea finished third in Oman with a 2-1 win over Malaysia in the playoff.

The Asia Junior Cup also served as the qualifier for the Junior World Cup to be held in Kuala Lumpur from Dec 5-16.

However, the game remains at a crossroads in Pakistan following a humiliating 10-2 defeat to arch-rivals India in the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, and failed to make the semi-finals.

In the Sultan of Johor Cup, Pakistan and India are drawn in Pool B together with Malaysia and New Zealand. Interestingly, India and Pakistan will renew their rivalry when they open their SOJC campaign in the opening match of the invitational tournament on October 27.

This is Pakistan's seventh appearance in the SOJC and they last played in 2016, and took second place after losing 3-1 to Australia in the final. The Green Shirts made its debut in 2011 (5th); (2012 (4th); 2013 (4th) and 2014 (6th).

Team Manager : Col (R) ASIF Naz Khokhar
 Head Coach : Abdul Hanif Khan
 Coach : Shakeel Abbasi
 Assistant Coach : ASIF Ahmed Khan
 Assistant Coach : M Ali Khan
 Captain : Hannan Shahid

PLAYERS

- 1 Muhammad Faizan Janjua
- 12 Ali Raza
- 2 Muhammad Abdullah
- 2 Arbaz Ahmad
- 4 Ihtesham Aslam
- 5 Muhammad Khan
- 6 Ageel Ahmad
- 7 Zakriya Hayat
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- 9 Abdul Hanan Shahid
- 11 Ali Murtaza
- 11 Abdul Qayyum
- 13 Basharat Ali
- 14 Bilal Akram
- 15 Abdul Wahab
- 16 Arbaz Ayaz
- 17 Muhammad Murtaza
- 18 Abdul Rehman



It's a work in progress for Malaysia which started after last year's Sultan of Johor Cup (SOJC) where the host finished sixth and last with a 3-2 defeat to South Africa in the playoff for fifth place. It was Malaysia's second defeat to the debutants, having lost to the South Africans 3-1 in the preliminary round. As the first holders of the majestic trophy, handcrafted and made of sterling silver from Asprey, London, it was an embarrassment for Malaysia last year.

Two playing tours of Australia and one to Europe apart from playing in the Asian Cup Junior Championships in Oman in May, team manager I. Vikneswaran says the SOJC is to "check all parameters" to finalize the World Cup squad. In the Junior Asia Cup, Malaysia reached the semi-finals but lost to Pakistan 6-2 in the semi-finals. In the playoff for third place, the South Koreans edged Malaysia 2-1. Defending champions India beat Pakistan 2-1 in the final.

With former national coach Stephen Van Huizen coming on board as the Technical Director for the juniors "there are lots of positives" especially when it comes to the standard of playing of the team. "The SOJC is a great way to pick the Malaysian team for the World Cup. It is a new beginning for Malaysia and we hope to fine-tune the team as seven of the eight teams in this year's SOJC will also play in the World Cup."

The teams are divided into two pools, and Malaysia is gunning for a top-two finish from Pool B which also has India, Pakistan, and New Zealand. "It is a litmus test for us," says Vikneswaran who hails from Johor Bahru and called on the home fans to come and cheer and support the team.

Team Manager	: ISWARAPATHAM Vikneswaran
Stand-In Manager	: MEGAT Azrafiq
Head Coach	: RAHIM Amin
Assistant Coach	: TAJUDDIN Tengku
Assistant Coach	: JAMALUDDIN Roslan
Assistant Coach	: CHARUN Baljit Singh
Medical Doctor	: RAGURAJA Devan
Physiotherapist	: GAN Chin Kong
Physiotherapist	: Charles Rodny
Physiotherapist	: THAM Ching
Physical Trainer	: ARCHBOLD John

PLAYERS

- 1 MOHAMAD RAFAIZUL (GK)
- 2 NORIZAM Muhammad
- 3 Wan Muhammad Najmie
- 4 Eswaran George
- 5 HARIZAN Faris
- 6 Ahmad Suhaimi KAMARUDDIN
- 7 MISRON Azmilmuizzuddin
- 8 Harris Osman
- 9 Mughni Kamal
- 10 LIAU Altarico
- 11 Muhammad Addy Jazmi Jamlus
- 12 Shahmie Irfan Suhaimi
- 13 Muhammad Danish Aiman
- 14 CHE Nur Aqirullah
- 15 Shafiq Ikhmal Daniel
- 16 Muhammad Danish Afnan (GK)
- 17 JEFFRYNUS Andywalfian
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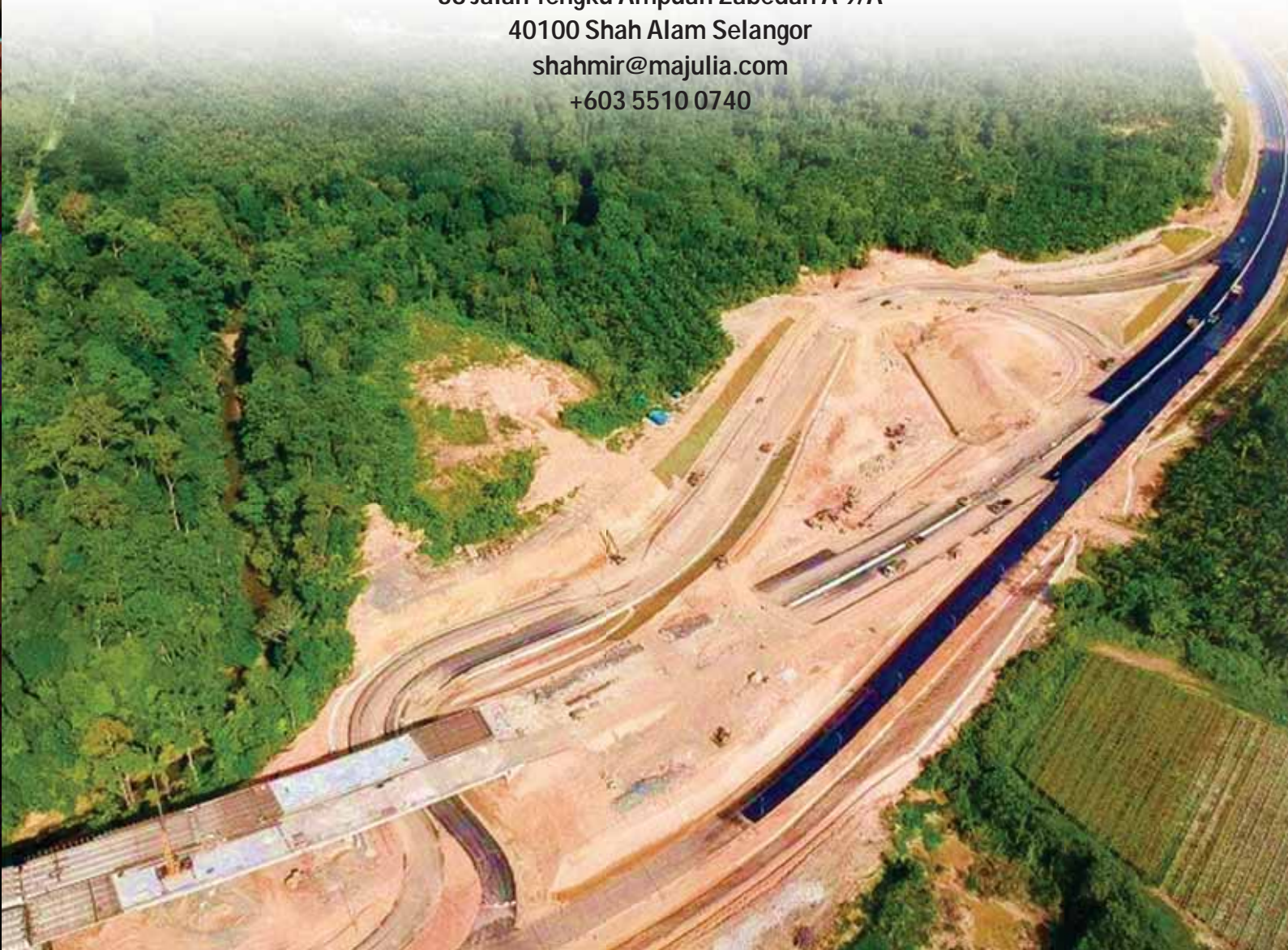




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