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### HCL Asian Junior Tennis Championship 2017 concludes

- *Mihika Yadav from India and Nitin Kumar Sinha from India win the U-18 Singles category for Girls and Boys respectively*
- *Mana Kawamura and Funa Kozaki from Japan emerge winners in the U-18 Doubles category for Girls*
- *Siddhant Banthia from India & James Kent Trotter from Japan emerge winners in the U-18 Doubles category for Boys*

**June 3, 2017, Pune, India:** HCL, a leading global conglomerate, today announced the winners of the HCL Asian Junior Tennis Championship 2017 at Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Balewadi in Pune. The championship which kick started on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 saw participation from over 100 Indian and international players in the Singles and Doubles categories for both boys and girls. Mr. Nikhil Kanetkar was the Chief Guest for the event and Hon'ble Secretary of the Maharashtra State Lawn Tennis Association, Sunder Iyer and Sundar Mahalingam, Chief Strategy Officer, HCL Corporation and Shiv Nadar Foundation were the guest of honors.

In the singles category of girls Mihika Yadav from India emerged the winner by defeating Mahak Jain from India by 6-3, 6-3 and for boys Nitin Kumar Sinha from India emerged Champion by defeating Christian Didier, Chin from Malaysia by 6-4,4-6,6-2. In the double category of boys *Siddhant Banthia from India & James Kent Trotter from Japan* defeated J, Otico from Philippines and Seita Watanake from Japan by 7-6(5), 6-3 and in double category of girls Mana Kawamura and Funa Kozaki from Japan defeated Akansha Bhan of India and Mai Napatt Nirundron of Thailand by 7-6(4), 4-6 [10-4].

Speaking at the occasion, **Sundar Mahalingam, Chief Strategy Officer, HCL Corporation and Shiv Nadar Foundation** said, *"It was a pleasure to host the HCL Asian Junior Tennis Championship 2017 and many congratulations to the winners. With this Championship, we wanted to offer an opportunity to the Indian tennis players to compete against their international counterparts on their home turf. We received a terrific response and over 100 Indian and international players participated in the championship. We will continue to invest in creating similar platforms to promote and nurture talent in the country in the future as well."*

**Hon Secretary of the MSLTA Sunder Iyer** said, *"We are extremely pleased with the outcome of this year's Asian Junior Tennis Championship held in India for the second time. I congratulate the winners and participants for a spectacular performance. We are happy to be associated with HCL for this unique and much required platform for the junior category."*

The HCL Asian Junior Tennis Championship 2017 was being held in association with the Maharashtra State Lawn Tennis Association and under the aegis of the International Tennis Federation (ITF); Asian Tennis Federation (ATF); and All India Tennis Association (AITA). Players from 11 countries in the region (Thailand, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, Philippines, Hong-Kong, Malaysia, China, Sri Lanka, Iran and India) participated in the Championship. Each category had a draw of 32, which included the top 22 players (basis their ITF ranking) who directly entered the main draw. While the remaining players were drawn from the qualifying matches and wild cards.



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