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HCL Supports Olympic Gold Quest for the Next 5 Years

Commits Rs. 6 crores to support Indian athletes

August 29, 2017, Mumbai/ Delhi, India: Strengthening its contribution towards sports in India, **HCL**, a leading global conglomerate, today announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Olympic Gold Quest (OGQ), a not-for-profit foundation with a mission to support Indian athletes at the Olympics. With this partnership, HCL has committed Rs. 6 crores over the next five years to support the athletes in their quest for Olympic medals. The partnership will help OGQ reinforce their mission to bring together eminent sportspersons, business leaders, sportswriters and talent to identify emerging athletes, understand their training requirements and support them. As part of the partnership, Sundar Mahalingam, Chief Strategy Officer, HCL Corporation and Shiv Nadar Foundation will also join OGQ as a board member.

Viren Rasquinha, CEO, Olympic Gold Quest said, *“Olympic Gold Quest has been set up with the aim to identify talented sportsmen and women who can go on to win Olympic gold medals. However, no organization can work towards such a massive goal alone and we are glad that organizations like HCL that are already investing in promoting sports in the country are coming forward to support us in our quest. It is our pleasure to associate with HCL and we are also happy to welcome Mr. Sundar Mahalingam as a board member at OGQ.”*

Speaking about the partnership, **Sundar Mahalingam, Chief Strategy Officer, HCL Corporation** said, *“We are pleased to be associated with Olympic Gold Quest. The vision for this association is not only to support the athletes in their quest for gold medals, but to inspire confidence in the entire nation and other budding athletes that talent will never go unsupported. I am confident that HCL’s association with OGQ will provide a perfect opportunity for the Indian sporting talent to emerge as strong contenders across various global sports platforms. Our efforts to support OGQ are in line with HCL’s core brand philosophy of touching people’s lives, as part of which we have been investing significantly in promoting and nurturing sports in the country.”*

Founded by Indian sporting legends **Geet Sethi and Prakash Padukone**, OGQ is a not-for-profit entity committed to bridging the gap between the best athletes in India and their counterparts across the world, thereby enabling Indian athletes to win Olympic Gold medals. OGQ currently supports 130 athletes including 53 senior athletes across 8 individual sports viz. Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis and Wrestling. 5 out of the 8 Indian medallists in London 2012 and Rio 2016 Olympics were supported by OGQ.

Notes to the Editor:

About HCL



Founded in 1976 as one of India's original IT garage start-ups, HCL is a pioneer of modern computing with many firsts to its credit, including the introduction of the 8-bit microprocessor-based computer in 1978 well before its global peers. Today, the HCL Enterprise has a presence across varied sectors that include technology, healthcare and talent management solutions and comprises three companies - HCL Infosystems, HCL Technologies and HCL Healthcare. The enterprise generates annual revenues of over US \$7.5 billion with more than 120,000 employees from 100 nationalities operating across 32 countries, including over 500 points of presence in India. For further information, visit www.hcl.com

About Olympic Gold Quest

Olympic Gold Quest (OGQ) is a program of the Foundation for Promotion of Sports and Games committed to bridging the gap between the best athletes in India and in the world thus helping them to win Olympic Gold medals. OGQ's vision is to scout for potential medal talent, help identify areas of support and work with all stakeholders to aid deserving talent. OGQ strives to compliment the efforts of the Indian Government and various Sports Federations in identifying and funding the best and most deserving medal prospects for the Olympics. OGQ brings together eminent sportspersons, business leaders, sportswriters and talent scouts to identify emerging athletes, understand their training needs and raise funds for supporting athletes with Olympic medal winning potential. For more information, visit www.olympicgoldquest.in

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