



PRESS RELEASE
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SUDIRMAN CUP BATTLE ROYAL BECKONS

GROUP 1				GROUP 2				GROUP 3			
GROUP 1A	GROUP 1B	GROUP 1C	GROUP 1D	GROUP 2A	GROUP 2B	GROUP 3A	GROUP 3B	GROUP 3A	GROUP 3B		
1 CHN	1 KOR	1 JPN	1 DEN	1 GER	1 SGP	1 NZL	1 URY	1 NZL	1 URY		
2 THA	2 TPE	2 MAS	2 IRA	2 VIE	2 AUS	2 NCL	2 SVK	2 NCL	2 SVK		
3 HKG	3 RUS	3 ENG	3 IND	3 SCO	3 USA	3 MAC	3 PPF	3 MAC	3 PPF		
				4 CAN	4 AUT	4 QAT	4 FIJ	4 QAT	4 FIJ		

(The completed draw for the TOTAL BWF Sudirman Cup – 2017)

Denmark and Indonesia, who played an epic Thomas Cup final last year, have been drawn together – along with India – for the TOTAL BWF Sudirman Cup 2017. The event will be held in Gold Coast, Australia, from 21 to 28 May 2017.

The three Nations, all boasting a variety of star quality, were thrown together in arguably the hardest sub-group (1D) of the BWF World Mixed Team Championships when the draw was made today in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in the presence of the Deputy Tournament Referee, BWF Council Members, Team Officials and media.

The original list of 32 Teams was pared down to 28, with four teams – Mexico, Netherlands, Spain and Sweden – withdrawing over the last few days. The 28 participating Teams were divided into four groups, with Group 1 consisting of the 12 Teams that will compete for the Title. Group 2 and Group 3 (eight Teams each) will fight for overall placing.

Top seeds China and No.2 seeds Denmark were placed at the head of Sub-groups 1A and 1D respectively and the other Teams were picked by lot according to their respective seedings.

Defending Champions, China, who have won the Title on all but four occasions since the tournament started in 1989, will have to battle Thailand and Hong Kong in sub-



Group 1A. Sub-group 1B has Korea, Chinese Taipei and Russia, while sub-group 1C has Japan, Malaysia and England.

Sub-group 2A consists of Germany, Vietnam, Scotland and Canada. Hosts Australia are in sub-group 2B with Singapore, USA and Austria.

Group 3 also has eight teams, divided into two sub-groups: 3A consists of New Zealand, New Caledonia, Macau and Guam, and 3B has Sri Lanka, Slovakia, Tahiti and Fiji.

Welcoming guests to the draw ceremony, BWF President Poul-Erik Høyer said he expects a high-intensity competition. "The Sudirman Cup has seen epic battles since its inception in 1989," he noted. "I firmly believe it will continue to see epic battles this year too."

President of Badminton Australia, Geraldine Brown, said the popular destination is geared up for the tournament. "There will be some interesting matches. It's more open than it's ever been and we're in for a very exciting time. As for Australia, we're excited to be in the second group. We have got a good draw. All the preparations are on track. People are in Gold Coast making the final arrangements, we're all very excited. The city has been supportive, Tourism and Events Queensland has been supportive and everything is ready for a wonderful event."

Among those present were BAM Technical Director Morten Frost and Malaysian players Goh Jin Wei, Tan Kian Meng and Lai Pei Jing.
