

# Inaugural Dubai Duty Free Summer SportsFest hailed a success



Dubai Duty Free officials headed by COO Ramesh Cidambi present the trophy to the Back Office & Cash Office Dragons team as the overall champion

The inaugural Dubai Duty Free Summer SportsFest held at Dubai Sportsplex ended on a high note last week as the Back Office & Cash Office Dragons Team were declared the overall winner.

The winning team scored 34 points and won two gold, two bronze and two silver medals to receive the title.

Commenting on the event, Dubai Duty Free Executive Vice Chairman & CEO, Colm McLoughlin said: "Congratulations to all the winners of our first ever Summer Sports Festival. It has been a very tough competition and it has been a wonderful experience for all of us. I would like to thank the Sports & Social Club Committee of Dubai Duty Free for organizing this event, which was a great opportunity to interact with our colleagues through sports. I am looking forward to seeing even greater competition and more participation for the second edition of our SportsFest next year."

The inter-department competition, which kicked off on August 19, saw 144 competing squads representing seven teams from Concourse A, Concourse B, Concourse C, Concourse D, Terminal 2 & AMIA, Back Office & Cash Office, Distribution Centre as well as The Irish Village, who joined the T2 & AMIA team.

All teams played in five sporting events: basketball, volleyball (men & women), football, badminton (men & women) and cricket.

The finals and prize presentation were attended by Dubai Duty Free management and staff headed by Chief Operating Officer, Ramesh Cidambi, Salah Tahlak, Executive Vice President – Corporate Services, Bernard Creed, Senior Vice President – Finance, Mona Al Ali, Senior Vice President – Human Resources, Michael Schmidt, Senior Vice President – Retail Support and Kumar Ananthan, Vice President – Finance.

All the winning teams received a group trophy, individual medals and Dubai Duty Free gift cards.