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MALAYSIA AS THE 3rd ASIA COUNTRY TO LAUNCH ITF WORLD TENNIS NUMBER (WTN)

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Malaysia became the the 3rd nation in the Asia to launch the new rating system to their players along with other leading tennis nations such as Great Britain, Denmark, Ireland and the United States.

The ITF World Tennis Number, Lawn Tennis Association of Malaysia (TennisMalaysia) will provides the Malaysian tennis players the most advanced level-based play rating system that will allow them to be compared accurately against not only the local peers but also from around the world. "Our players will enjoy the real opportunities to garner acceptance to overseas universities in USA and UK based on their academics and tennis abilities", stated Mirzan b Mahathir, President of TennisMalaysia. He also added that The ITF World Tennis Number should also help to facilitate more students to gain access to a wider variety of college educational opportunities.

Developed by the International Tennis Federation (ITF), the world governing body of tennis, beginning in 2019, the ITF World Tennis Number (WTN) is one of the most advanced and accurate rating systems for a tennis player's skill level in the world. TennisMalaysia have been working closely with ITF since in the middle of 2020 on this project and now are ready to deploy the ITF World Tennis Number (WTN) global rating system for the TennisMalaysia Junior Tour and the National Circuit in 2023.

The ITF Development Officer of South Southeast and East Asia, Mr. Jonathan Stubbs also present to witness the launching by the President of TennisMalaysia at the Seri Pacific Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. TennisMalaysia will deploy the ITF World Tennis Number via the BOUNX Sport platform with player data available on LTAM.my and via the BOUNX tournament system.

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ABOUT ITF WORLD TENNIS NUMBERS (WTN)

A player's ITF World Tennis Number for both singles and doubles is calculated via an algorithm that uses match result data. Based on a 40-point scale, with 40 akin to a beginner tennis player and 1 being comparable to an elite professional, the ITF World Tennis Number is an inclusive, global rating system that incorporates player results and data from more than 135 countries; regardless of their age and gender, players of the same WTN are of similar ability.

ABOUT LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION OF MALAYSIA (TENNISMALAYSIA)

TennisMalaysia was established in 1965 with 15 affiliate members comprising 14 state tennis associations and the Malaysian Armed Forces. The main purpose of the establishment of the Association is to promote and be the body responsible for the game of tennis in Malaysia. TennisMalaysia is also responsible for helping its affiliates develop the game of tennis from the grassroots level, organizing national level tournaments, producing and updating the rankings of tennis players in all categories, selecting, preparing and sending top national players to tournaments and providing knowledge and training for coaches, and officers.

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IMAGE 1: President Mirzan, Dato' Patrick, Jonathan Stubbs, Bounx Signing WTN T-Shirt

IMAGE 2: President Mirzan surrounded by Johor Leg 6 Players wearing World Tennis Number shirts.



Image 1



Image 2