**PRESS RELEASE**

**HCL Asian Junior Tennis Championship 2018 Concludes with Hard Fought Finals**

* *Mananchaya Sawangkaw from Thailand wins the U-18 Singles trophy for Girls*
* *Siddhant Banchia from India wins the U-18 Singles trophy for Boys*
* *Himari Sato from Japan and Mananchaya Sawangkaew from Thailand emerge winners in the U-18 Doubles category for Girls*
* *Christian Didier Chin from Malaysia and Sergey Fomin from Uzbekisthan emerge winners in the U-18 Doubles category for Boys*

**October 27, 2018, Pune, India: HCL,** a leading global conglomerate, today announced the successful conclusion of the 2nd HCL Asian Junior Tennis Championship 2018. The Championship started on October 20th, 2018 and was held at Deccan Gymkhana, in the heart of the city in Pune. The six-day tournament saw participation from over 100 Indian and international players in the Singles and Doubles categories for both boys and girls. The closing ceremony was attended by 2018 Asian Games Gold medallist, Mr. Dattu Baban Bhokanal, an Indian rower.

In the singles category for girls, *Mananchaya Sawangkaw from Thailand* emerged the winner after defeating Criskamadelyn Nugroko from Indonesia by 7-6 (5), 6-3 points. *Siddhant Banchia from India* emerged Champion by defeating Sergey Fomin from Uzbekisthan 6-1, 6-4 points.

In the doubles category for girls Himari Sato from Japan and Mananchaya Sawangkaew from Thailand defeated Saki Imamura from Japan and Punnin kovapituked from Thailand to win the doubles trophy by 7-5, 6-3 points. Whereas, In the doubles category of boys Christian Didier Chin from Malaysia and Sergey Fomin from Uzbekisthan defeated Dev Javia and Mann Shah from India by 7-6(5), 6-3 points.

Speaking at the closing ceremony, **Sundar Mahalingam, Chief Strategy Officer, HCL Corporation and Shiv Nadar Foundation** said, *“Today, the stars of Indian Tennis are making the country proud at the international level. It is important that we nurture the next generation of players to sustain this momentum of success. Over the last several years, HCL has undertaken a number of initiatives that are aimed at creating platforms for gifted young players to compete with the best and improve their overall game, right on their home turf. I hope that some of these players will go on to make a mark in international tennis in the future.”*

***Hon’ Secretary of the MSLTA, Sunder Iyer said****, “We are delighted with the outcome of this year’s Asian Junior Tennis Championship and I congratulate the winners and participants for a spectacular performance. I would like to thank HCL for their support in bringing this prestigious tournament to Pune for the second consecutive year and look forward to hosting many more such tournaments with HCL in the coming years.”*

The HCL Asian Junior Tennis Championship 2018 was 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). This was the only B1 category tournament in India and also one of the most reputed tennis championships in the world after the junior grand slams for the U/18 category. Players from 11 countries in the region -- China, Thailand, Japan, South Korea, Hong-Kong, Malaysia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Indonesia and India participated in the Championship.

For details on the matches log on to [www.hcltennis.com](http://www.hcltennis.com)

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