

CICT, CMHI sponsor Wheel Chair tennis

The Colombo International Container terminals Ltd (CICT) and China Merchant Holdings International (CMHI) have come forward to support community projects and are proud to be partners in the development of Wheelchair Tennis in Sri Lanka.

They are committed to helping under privileged people and differently-able people. The sponsorship package includes the cost for foreign tours. The next Para Olympics will be held in Brazil.

According to the president of the SLTA Sri Lanka, Bin Iqbal, Sri Lanka is hoping to host the next World Cup in Sri Lanka next year. Wheelchair tennis was started in 1976 and caught on rapidly. In order to participate in this sport a person must have been medically diagnosed with a permanent physical disability, which results in the substantial or total loss of functioning in one or both lower extremities.

Wheelchair tennis was introduced to Sri Lanka Army in 1997, however with the assistance of the Sri Lanka Tennis Association (SLTA) wheel chair tennis was properly integrated in 2001 to differently-abled soldiers under the International Tennis Federation Silver Fund Project. Today there are 20 Army players in the world rankings and two top players in the first 60.

Following are some of the achievements of our wheelchair tennis friends from Sri Lanka. During international open wheelchair tennis tournament (Malaysia/Singapore) in 2004 Cpl Jayashantha represented Sri Lankan Wheelchair tennis team and won a bronze medal.

At the International Open Wheelchair tennis tournament (Malaysia) in 2005, L/cpl Perera KMAP represented Sri Lankan Wheelchair Tennis team. Then at the International Open Wheelchair tennis tournament (Malaysia & Bangkok) year 2006, L/Cpl Shamwandakumara represented Sri Lankan Wheelchair Tennis team.

During International Open Wheelchair tennis tournament (Malaysia & Bangkok) in 2006, Cpl Gamini represented Sri Lankan Wheelchair Tennis team and won Silver medals in both wheelchair singles & doubles.

At the Wheelchair tennis tournament (Thailand) in 2006, Cpl Gamini represented Sri Lankan Wheelchair Tennis team and won the gold medal in wheelchair doubles and bronze medal in wheelchair singles.

During Bronze trophy Wheelchair tennis tournament (Sweden) in 2007, Cpl Gamini represented Sri Lankan Wheelchair Tennis team and became 27th place.

During Open Wheelchair tennis tournament (Taiwan) year 2007, Cpl Gamini represented Sri Lankan Wheelchair Tennis team and won the gold medal in wheelchair doubles and bronze medal in wheelchair singles. At the world Wheelchair tennis tournament (Italy) in 2008, Cpl Gamini represented Sri Lankan Wheelchair Tennis team and became 26th place.

During open Wheelchair tennis tournament (Italy) in 2008, Cpl Gamini represented Sri Lankan Wheelchair Tennis team and won a bronze medal in B division matches. At the Open Wheelchair tennis tournament (England) year 2008, Cpl Gamini represented Sri Lankan Wheelchair Tennis team and won the gold medal in wheelchair doubles and bronze medal in wheelchair singles.

During Open Wheelchair tennis tournament (Malaysia) year 2009, Cpl Gamini represented Sri Lankan Wheelchair Tennis team and won bronze medal in wheelchair singles. At the worlds Wheelchair tennis tournament (England) year 2009, Cpl Gamini represented Sri Lankan Wheelchair Tennis team and became 5th place in team matches. During International Wheelchair tennis tournament (Malaysia & Bangkok) year 2008, Cpl Gamini represented Sri Lankan Wheelchair Tennis team and won bronze medal in wheelchair singles

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