



PRESS RELEASE

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BWF PROVIDES BOOST TO MEMBERS THROUGH GRANTS PROGRAMME

Over 100 BWF Member Associations have received their first sums of money under the BWF Membership Grants Programme activated in 2020.

The process to release the funds to Member Associations was completed this week. Around US\$500,000 has been distributed so far, out of a long-term project investment pool planned for the next four years.

The [BWF Membership Grant Programme](#) provides opportunities for Member Associations to access tailored support, to assist them in developing badminton in their country.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and current restrictions on international travel and activities, the BWF took the decision to adjust the Membership Grants Programme for the year 2020, in order to meet the current needs of Member Associations, particularly those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Therefore, the funds released are tied to a 'Back to Badminton' theme, aimed at stimulating a return of badminton activities in the current environment.

BWF President Poul-Erik Høyer said: "Given the uncertain nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is vital that we reach out and support our Member Associations.

"The BWF Membership Grants Programme provides us with a necessary platform to achieve this in 2020.

"Long-term, we see the Grants Programme facilitating continued and consistent assistance for Members in helping them deliver key badminton activities in their countries."

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ABOUT BWF

The Badminton World Federation (BWF) is the international governing body of the sport of badminton, recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). It was originally the International Badminton Federation (IBF) which was founded on 5 July 1934, before being rechristened the Badminton World Federation in 2006.

The purpose and objectives of BWF include regulating, promoting, developing and popularising the sport of badminton throughout the world and organising, conducting and presenting international events at the highest level.

The BWF's vision is to make badminton a leading global sport accessible to all – giving every child a chance to play for life. Its mission is to lead and inspire all stakeholders; to deliver entertainment through exciting events to drive fan experience; and to create innovative, impactful and sustainable development initiatives.

BWF has its headquarters in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, with 196 Member Associations worldwide.

Poul-Erik Høyer is the BWF President and Thomas Lund is the BWF Secretary General.

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