

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **NATIONAL BANK OF PAKISTAN WON 2<sup>ND</sup> CHIEF OF THE NAVAL STAFF ALL PAKISTAN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT 2018**

**Islamabad, 07 October 18:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Chief of the Naval Staff All Pakistan Hockey Tournament was held at National Hockey Stadium (NHS) Lahore from 1-7 Oct 18. 08 top national teams competed for the title including WAPDA, NBP, SNGPL, SSGC, PN, PAF, Punjab Police and PQA.

The final of the championship was played between National Bank of Pakistan and WAPDA. After a sensational match National Bank of Pakistan won the laurels , whereas, WAPDA and SNGPL secured 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions respectively.

Vice Admiral Kaleem Shaukat, Vice Chief of Naval Staff graced the occasion as Chief guest of the closing ceremony held at National Hockey Stadium (NHS) Lahore and distributed trophies and medals among the winner teams. National Bank of Pakistan received a cash prize of Rs 0.5 M for winning the championship. WAPDA and SNGPL won Rs 0.3 M and 0.2 M for securing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> position respectively. Rashid Mahmood (Pakistan Navy) was declared as the best player of the tournament and awarded Rs 50,000/-. Aleem Bilal (WAPDA) and Ali Umair (SNGPL) were declared the best scorer and the best goal keeper respectively and were awarded the cash prize of Rs 25,000/- each.

The Chief Guest congratulated the winning teams and applauded the efforts put in by the Patron PN Hockey (Central), Punjab Sports Board (PSB), Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) and sponsors. He hoped that this tournament will certainly contribute in raising the public interest in the national game. While interacting with media, Vice Chief of Naval Staff appreciated the role played by the media in promotions of sports especially the wide coverage given to 2<sup>nd</sup> Chief of the Naval Staff All Pakistan Hockey Tournament 2018. Vice Admiral Kaleem Shaukat also urged the public and private

departments/ organizations to come forward and help in revival of the national games.

Pakistan Navy has always strived for the promotion of sports in the country. Keeping in view the glorious past of Pakistan Hockey, Pakistan Navy stands committed to contribute towards bringing back our lost glory in the field of hockey. Therefore, Pakistan Navy has taken an initiative for the revival of the national game in collaboration with Pakistan Hockey Federation. This event is 2<sup>nd</sup> of its kind which would continue in the coming years and is expected to play its part in providing fuel for a kick-start revival process.

A large number of dignitaries including legend hockey players and students from school/ colleges/ universities witnessed the matches.

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