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PRESS RELEASE - 2014 OCEANIA GRAND PRIX

Following discussions with the current sponsors, Dato' Tan Chin Nam and Baillieu Myer AO, it has been decided to discontinue offering cash prizes for the Grand Prix in Australia, New Zealand and Oceania from 2014 onwards.

The sponsors consider that each country should find its own local Grand Prix sponsorship, seeking financial assistance from within the Australian and New Zealand business community rather than relying on generous overseas benefactors (as has been the case in recent years!).

For 2014, the sponsors will continue to provide travel grants to the value of \$10,000 through the Oceania Grand Prix, with ten individual travel grants of \$1,000 each as follows:

TOP AUSTRALIAN PLAYER
TOP NEW ZEALAND PLAYER
TOP MELANESIAN PLAYER
TOP POLYNESIAN PLAYER
TOP MICRONESIAN PLAYER
TOP WOMEN PLAYER
TOP JUNIOR PLAYERS x 4

For 2014, the travel grants should be used for players to compete in the Dato' Arthur Tan Malaysian Open (DATMO) in Kuala Lumpur the following year. However, this might be widened to include additional events in South-east Asia in subsequent years.

It should be noted that the current sponsors (both now into their eighties) intend to reduce their support in subsequent years as replacement sponsors are found from within the Australian and New Zealand business community.

Brian Jones
President Oceania Chess Confederation
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