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### **DELTA LEAGUE WELCOMES FIRST BATCH OF FEMALE YOUTHS**

The Singapore Police Force (SPF) and the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) held the Delta League Grand Finals on 26 June 2016 (Sunday) at the OCBC Arena Hall 2, Singapore Sports Hub. Dr. Janil Puthuchery, Minister of State, Ministry of Communication and Information & Ministry of Education was the Guest-of-Honour for the event.

#### **Largest Football Tournament For Youths In Singapore**

2. Now into its 11<sup>th</sup> edition, the League is a national competition involving about 2,000 players from 107 teams competing in two different age groups; the Under 16 and Under 18 categories. 324 matches were played during this June school holidays, making it the largest football competition for youths in Singapore.

3. The football tournament is held twice a year - during the June school holidays and December to keep the students meaningfully occupied during the long school holidays. This tournament is not all about play only. Besides playing football, the youths were put through other activities designed to enhance their crime prevention awareness and inculcate in them a sense of social responsibility, teamwork and discipline. One such activity was the Delta League Community Day held earlier this month. The youths became crime prevention ambassadors and helped to spread crime prevention advisory to members of public along Orchard Road and 10 heartland malls.

4. To date, Delta League has benefited over 14,000 youths from all backgrounds. This programme is supported by the Ministry of Education, Tote Board, Sport Singapore and the Football Association of Singapore.

### **What Is New - Participation of Female Youths**

5. For the first time in history, the Delta League saw the inaugural participation of female youths. This is to reach out to female football enthusiasts. Female police officers were assigned as mentors to guide and counsel the female teams. 16 female teams took part in this tournament.



*Female teams at the Delta League Grand Finals (June edition)*

6. The next edition of Delta League will run during the December 2016 school holidays.