



## **BWF World Senior Championship – 2017** **awarded to India**

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**Dongguan, China: The southern Indian port city of Cochin will host the BWF World Senior Championships in 2017, another nod to the continued globalisation of Badminton with this year’s World Seniors being held in Helsingborg, Sweden, in late September.**

**“We want to continue spreading Badminton globally and today has given us another opportunity to do so by choosing three different locations for two of our increasingly popular events,” said BWF President Poul-Erik Høyer in Dongguan, China.**

Vice-President of the Badminton Association of India, S. Muralidharan, said his National Association was “delighted” to be awarded the World Seniors and assured that “all who come in 2017 will have sweet memories from Cochin”.

Høyer expressed confidence in all three hosts given what he termed “exciting and proficient bids” which showed “significant experience in staging world-class events...the BWF Council is confident about entrusting these Major Events to you”.

The BWF World Junior Championships will be held in three different continental confederations over the next three years with the awarding of the 2016 and 2017 tournaments to Bilbao, Spain, and Yogyakarta, Indonesia, yesterday.

As this year’s tournament is set for Lima, Peru, in November the decision by BWF Council underlines its commitment to the global spread of its Major Events, with the sport’s upcoming stars touching down in Pan America, Europe and Asia in successive years.

Delegations were pleased with the outcome, noting “Badminton belongs to the World and must be shared with the World” and that as “members of the family of Badminton...we are happy to share the responsibility of hosting the World Juniors for the next two years”.

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