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PRESS RELEASE

To News Editors

RECORD NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AT SAFRA SPRINT KIDS 2012 WITH ALMOST TWICE AS MANY FATHER-AND-CHILD PAIRS

A record total of 1,927 NSmen and their families participated in the third edition of SAFRA Sprint Kids this year with almost twice as many father-and-child pairs joining the non-competitive Dads For Life Hand-In-Hand Sprint category to bond over the weekend.

Organised by SAFRA Jurong, this is the second time that the event has featured a special category for fathers and their children to participate together as part of SAFRA's partnership with the Dads for Life Movement to promote active fathering among NSmen.

A total of 560 father-and-child pairs turned up at Parkway Parade on Sunday, 24 June, to sprint along a specially created 40-meter lane together with finalists of the event's four other competitive categories from six to nine years old. The event is part of SAFRA's eight-month long 40th Anniversary celebrations aimed at strengthening bonds among NSmen as well as their families.

For NSman Sivahunar Svbramaniem and his daughter, Shirvani Jivakumar, joining SAFRA Sprint Kids is an annual event. They participated together last year and his daughter had a lot of fun. He shared: "I love running, and sometimes bring Shirvani to train with me during my runs. I want to expose her to the sporting scene, and share my joy of running with her. Participating in SAFRA Sprint Kids helps us bond while doing something we enjoy!"

The event was graced by Guest-of-Honour Dr Maliki Osman, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Defence and Deputy President of SAFRA, who presented the prizes to the winners of the competitive categories. Each winner received \$1,000 worth of cash and prizes.

Mr Lim Chong Lee, Club Manager of SAFRA Jurong, commented, “We are very encouraged to see more NSman fathers making the effort to spend quality time with their kids at SAFRA Sprint Kids. This year, we also introduced a new fun category called the Tots Ride where kids as young as one or two raced in their baby walkers. Many of the dads were also there to cheer them on and patiently coaxed them forward to the finish line. It is special moments like these that make the effort of organising such events worthwhile.”

For results and other information, please refer to:

- Annex A – Fact Sheet
- Annex B – Winners List

About SAFRA National Service Association

SAFRA was formed in 1972 to provide for the social and recreational needs of NSmen and their families through quality sports, social, educational and cultural programmes to recognise NSmen for their contributions to National Defence.

SAFRA currently has a network of four clubs conveniently located in Jurong, Mount Faber, Tampines and Yishun; the oldest SAFRA club in Toa Payoh is being redeveloped and is due to open soon. Complementing the modern facilities at SAFRA clubs is a host of quality membership benefits and activities specially packaged for over 200,000 members and families.

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SAFRA SPRINT KIDS 2012

FACT SHEET

Currently into its third year, SAFRA Sprint Kids is an annual event to search for Singapore's fastest kid. Organised by SAFRA Jurong, the event encourages kids to engage in a fun and healthy sport. It is also an opportunity for families to get together for a day of bonding and fun!

SAFRA Sprint Kids made its debut in 2010, where more than 1,320 kids competed at Jurong Point on a specially designed 30-metre running track. The top four sprinters aged between 3 – 9 years old were crowned champions.

In 2011, a new Dads For Life Hand-In-Hand Sprint was introduced for the first time to promote father and child bonding. The category was introduced in support of the Dads For Life movement which aims to inspire and involve fathers to become good influencers in their father's lives for life. There were a total of 1,234 participants and 279 father and child pairs that year.

COMPETITIVE SPRINT CATEGORIES

- Junior Sprint (Boys, 6 to 7 years old)
- Junior Sprint (Girls, 6 to 7 years old)
- Senior Sprint (Boys, 8 to 9 years old)
- Senior Sprint (Girls, 8 to 9 years old)

NON-COMPETITIVE SPRINT CATEGORIES

- Tots Ride (Boys & Girls, 1 to 2 years old)
- Dads For Life Hand-In-Hand Sprint (Parent with child, 3 to 5 years old)

PARTICIPANTS

Total number of participants: 1,927

- Tots Ride: 120 participants
- Junior Sprint (Boys): 222 participants
- Junior Sprint (Girls): 156 participants
- Senior Sprint (Boys): 188 participants
- Senior Sprint (Girls): 121 participants
- Dad's For Life Hand-In-Hand Sprint: 560 pairs

SPRINT SCHEDULES

HEATS (16, 17, 23 & 24 June 2012)

RACE CATEGORY	DISTANCE	AGE GROUP	HEATS DATE
Junior Sprint (Boys)	30m	6 – 7 years old	16 June 2012
Junior Sprint (Girls)	30m	6 – 7 years old	16 June 2012
Senior Sprint (Boys)	30m	8 – 9 years old	17 June 2012
Senior Sprint (Girls)	30m	8 – 9 years old	17 June 2012
Tots Ride (Non-competitive)	30m	1 – 2 years old	23 June 2012
Dads For Life Hand-In-Hand Sprint (Non-competitive)	40m	3 – 5 years old	24 June 2012

Eight fastest sprinters from each category (except Tots Ride & Dads For Life Hand-In-Hand Sprint) will qualify for the finals.

FINALS (24 June 2012)

A draw will be conducted in the presence of all the finalists during the briefing to determine their slots at the finals, and participants will compete in a knockout system till the final two participants are left to compete for the coveted prize.

PRIZES

Category	Cash & Prizes
All Competitive Categories	Champion - S\$800 Cash + S\$200 worth of Prizes +Trophy 2 nd Prize - S\$450 Cash + S\$200 worth of Prizes +Trophy 3 rd Prize - S\$250 Cash + S\$200 worth of Prizes +Trophy 4 th – 8 th Prize - S\$150 worth of vouchers + Trophy (for each winner)
SAFRA Sprint Award	SAFRA Members' kids with the fastest timing recorded from the heats from each competitive category will each win S\$100 Cash vouchers and prizes.

WINNERS LIST**Junior Sprint (Boys)**

	Name of Participant	Finals Timing (seconds)
1	Jong Yik Kiat	6.03
2	Rahmat Ahmad Dary	6.19
3	Lee Yu Yee Dominic	6.44
Consolation Winners (In no particular order)		
4	Lim Jin Hon Keith	
5	Jayden Cheng Jieren	
6	Naidu G. Shyam	
7	Ethan Oh Yue Yang	
8	Low Jun Yong	

Junior Sprint (Girls)

	Name of Participant	Finals Timing (seconds)
1	Danelle Tan	6.41
2	Kimberly Lek	6.69
3	Alyson Lim	6.87
Consolation Winners (In no particular order)		
4	Tung JingXuan	
5	Chong Fu Rong	
6	Alexis Ng	
7	Cheng Hana Grace Gar-Yan	
8	Tham Yi Xuan	

Senior Sprint (Girls)

	Name of Participant	Finals Timing (seconds)
1	Sazali Putri Nur Syaliza	6.03
2	Chua Ting Jing	6.22
3	Morgan Emma Isabel	6.25
Consolation Winners (In no particular order)		
4	Sun Zihan	
5	Ong Shirlyn	
6	Isis Ang	
7	Chai Yu En Gladys	
8	Alyssa Ho	

Senior Sprint (Boys)

	Name of Participant	Finals Timing (seconds)
1	Trevor Tan Xu Xuan	5.56
2	Leck Cheng Ze	5.72
3	Neel Majmudar	6.00
Consolation Winners (In no particular order)		
4	Lim Jun Xiang Samuel	
5	Lyale Poh	
6	Lim Jing Han Wayne	
7	Tham Yi Xiang	
8	Nikita	