



Mr. Azzizi Maarof applied to FIT for Membership and Malaysia became the 20th member of the Federation in April 1999 but quickly became un-financial without a proper administration being established.

Although the base of players was only small, Touch was played socially on weekends and primarily via regular competition in the international school system with teachers and enthusiasts including David Roderick, Ian Draper, Simon Whitelaw, Ian Wigmore and Ian McFarlane supporting development.

Bryan O'Connor acting as the FIT representative in Asia met with the Commissioner of Sport Tan Sri Elias Omar and a national body was registered in 2007 and the FIT membership was reactivated.

The Asian Club Championships were staged in Kuala Lumpur in 2007 and 2008 and allowed for technical courses for referees and coaches to be instigated and further build and position Touch as a unique 'sport for all' – with many juniors and especially Malaysian females recognising Touch as a fun team sport alternative.

Over the ensuing years greater awareness of Touch grew and the number of Malaysian players started to build across the 13 states and territories nationally.

The Asian Club Championships returned to Malaysia in 2012 and 2013 and was recognised and supported by the local council 'Perbadanan Putrajaya' with the tournament staged at the Equestrian Park, in Putrajaya.

Senior government officials including the Director of the National Sports Council Dato' Seri Zolkples Embong and Mayor of Kuala Lumpur Tan Sri Haji Ahmad Phesal Bin HJ Talib were invited to attend and officiate at the Championship's and joined in discussions with the then FIT Secretary General Dennis Coffey with the Equestrian Park recognised as a potential location for larger tournaments.

The proposal for Touch Malaysia to bid for the 2019 Touch World Cup was received with overwhelming support from the senior executives of Perbadanan Putrajaya and numerous government agencies.

The Minister of Sport YB. Encik Khairy Jamaluddin confirmed his support for 2019 and FIT confirmed Malaysia as host nation in June 2014.

Tan Sri Dato Seri (Dr) Aseh Bin Hj. Che Mat President of Perbadanan Putrajaya announced the successful bid and that the world championships would be staged in Putrajaya at a media launch in August 2014.

Malaysia competed for the first time at the World Cup in Coffs Harbour in 2015 with the Open Men's team registering a draw with Scotland and a win over Ireland.

Pictured below is a very proud 2015 World Cup Malaysia Open Men's team with FIT President Erick Acker.



If there are any errors or omissions then notify the Historian for the Federation of International Touch, Mr Peter Shefford at [peter.shefford@internationaltouch.org](mailto:peter.shefford@internationaltouch.org)



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## MALAYSIA WORLD CUP RESULTS

### Men Open

Teams Played	P	W	L	D	F	A	
Australia	1		1		0	23	
Cook Islands	1		1		1	13	
France	1		1		5	8	
Ireland	2	1	1		10	11	
Malaysia	1		1		0	6	
Scotland	1			1	2	2	
Singapore	1		1		5	11	
United States	1		1		1	5	
Wales	2		2		6	11	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Best Position :</b> 16th - 2015							
<b>Worst Position :</b> 16th - 2015							
<b>Worst Loss:</b> ;0-23; Australia 2015							
<b>Undefeated For</b> 1 game 2015							

### BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

Ireland	6-5	Coffs Harbour	2015
<b>Most Touchdown:</b> 12; Muhammad Nor Amirul Mazlan 2015			
<b>In one game :</b> 4; Muhammad Nor Amirul Mazlan 2015			
<b>Best Average:</b> 1.09; Muhammad Mazlan 2015 (12/11)			
<b>Highest team score:</b> 30 Touchdowns in 2015			
<b>Highest team average:</b> 2.73 in 2015 (30/11)			

### For & Against History

<b>Excluding finals</b>				<b>Best Attack</b>		<b>Including finals</b>				
Most	Year	Best Ave.	Year	Divisions		Most	Year	Best Ave.	Year	
24	2015	24	2.40	2015	<b>Men</b>	30	2015	30	2.73	2015

<b>Excluding finals</b>				<b>Best Defence</b>		<b>Including finals</b>				
Less	Year	Best Ave.	Year	Divisions		Less	Year	Best Ave.	Year	
85	2015	85	8.50	2015	<b>Men</b>	90	2015	90	8.18	2015

<b>Excluding finals</b>			<b>Best For &amp; Against</b>		<b>Including finals</b>		
Best Average	Year	Year	Divisions		Best Average	Year	Year
24-85	0.28	2015	<b>Men</b>		30-90	0.33	2015

