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THE MAHARAJA RANJIT SINGH POLO CUP to be held in Saint Tropez in August 2015

Gassin, France, August 20 -30, 2015 - The Maharaja Ranjit Singh Polo Cup, a two-week long polo tournament, has been scheduled for August 20 - 30, 2015. The event will be held at the world-renowned *Polo Club Saint Tropez* in the town of Gassin, located between Saint-Tropez and the beaches of Pampelonne on the French Riviera, in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region of south-eastern France.

The tournament highlights include the Koh-i-Noor Gala Dinner and an Award Ceremony, which are designed to celebrate the historical Franco-Punjabi Alliance. The event will touch upon the life and times of *Maharaja Ranjit Singh*, the 19th century Emperor of the Sikh Kingdom of Punjab, and his French General, *Jean Francois Allard*, the head of Sikh's Cavalry forces.

To commemorate this annual-to-be event, the trophies and a sculpture to be installed in the town, have been commissioned to be designed by the famous Japanese architect, *Kengo Kuma*.

The design's themes encompass Ranjit Singh's values of equality and secularism, which are shared by the French Republic. Its purpose is to celebrate and further enrich the historic ties, shared by the Sikhs and the French in Punjab's history and heritage. The inscriptions will be in French, Punjabi (in both Gurmukhi and Shahmukhi scripts), and English.

The event is organized by the *Dhillon Marty Foundation*, which is based in Tokyo, Paris, and Portola Valley, and is headed by *Sonia Dhillon Marty*. The Foundation is active in the area of social activism through art, architecture, design, sporting events, sustainable farming and technology, to cultivate civil engagement for global impact.

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