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FIRST MOVE AT TRADEWISE 2016



CAPTION: Tradewise Chairman James Humphreys makes the first move for last year's Gibraltar Champion Hikaru Nakamura. Pic: Sophie Triay.

THE FIRST MOVE of the 2016 Tradewise Gibraltar Chess Festival at The Gibraltar Masters tournament took place this afternoon at the Caleta Hotel. Deputy Chief Minister of Gibraltar Dr Joseph Garcia welcomed all the players and wished them well over the next 10 days.

At precisely 3pm (Gibraltar time) James Humphreys, Chairman of Tradewise Gibraltar Insurance Ltd, the main sponsor of this event made the first move on the top board against top seeded player, and World No. 6, and US No.1 Hikaru Nakamura. In his

First Round game Hikaru Nakamura is playing Robert Bellin, 1979 former British Champion with a rating of 2350. Nakamura's rating stands at 2787.

James Humphreys, whose company has been sponsoring the festival for a number of years, was pleased to be back at the start of the tournament and that his company was again giving its full support.

Moments later 253 chess players in The Gibraltar Masters from 58 countries made their opening moves in the tournament which runs for the next 10 days over 10 rounds.



CAPTION: Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia welcomes all the players at the start of the first day of competition. Next to him is organiser Brian Callaghan, Tradewise Chairman James Humphreys, Tournament Director Stuart Conquest and Chief Arbiter Stephen Boyd.

ITS SUCCESS SPEAKS VOLUMES

Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia has been visiting the festival since it first began 14 years ago.

Chess he says has put Gibraltar on the map in the chess world and the next week would see Gibraltar's name appear media press coverage all over the world, as well as social media.

"To have this tournament here is certainly good for chess but it is also good for Gibraltar in terms of public relations and publicity," he said.

The fact that the tournament was already oversubscribed last September, almost four months before the start of the tournament, he says spoke volumes of its success.

LIVE STREAMING

Every afternoon as from 3pm our cameras will be switched on for the live streaming of the games and analysis with Grandmaster Simon Williams and International Master Elisabeth Pähtz.

MUCH TO DO

Once again there will be a great number of social activities around the competition with Master Classes and the Battle of the Sexes on Saturday night.

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