

Dubai Duty Free announces two winners of US\$1 million

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A Pakistani and an Indian national each won US\$1 million in the latest Dubai Duty Free Millennium Millionaire draw held today at Concourse A, Terminal 3 of Dubai International Airport.

Imran Ishaq, a 48-year-old Pakistani national from Lahore was announced the winner in Series 282 with ticket number 2021. Ishaq, a real estate broker, was thrilled to know that he just became a U.S. dollar millionaire after participating in the promotion for the past one year. "I will buy more properties and probably invest in a car business in Muscat," said Ishaq.

The second winner was Ramesh Krishnankutty, a 48-year-old Indian expatriate in Dubai who won in Series 283 with ticket number 3295. Krishnankutty, a technician at Al Futtaim Body Center in Ramool, had chipped in some money with his nine other colleagues to purchase the ticket under his name and agreed to split the prize if they get lucky. A regular participant to Dubai Duty Free promotion for four years now, he couldn't believe that he finally struck gold.

"It's been a very intense ride but winning one million dollars is one of the most emotional experience we have all had. Thank you Dubai Duty Free for such amazing news," said Krishnankutty.

The draw was conducted by Ramesh Cidambi, Chief Operating Officer, Salah Tahlak, Executive Vice President, Corporate Services and Sinead El Sibai, Senior Vice President, Marketing.

Following the Millennium Millionaire draw, four other winners were also announced in the Finest Surprise promotion, each one winning a luxury vehicle.

Kuznietsov Alexander, a 41-year-old Ukrainian national from Kiev has become a proud owner of an Audi A8L (Florett Silver) in Series 1697 with ticket number 0415. Alexander, an Italian restaurant owner and a frequent visitor to Dubai bought his first ticket to the Finest Surprise promotion when flying back to Kiev.

"I couldn't believe my luck that I will be driving my dream car soon with my first-ever ticket, thank you so much Dubai Duty Free."

Meanwhile, Turki Alawwad, a Saudi Arabian national and a 17-year-old high school student from Riyadh has won a BMW 760Li xDrive (San Marino Blue) in Series 1698 with ticket number 0249.

"I couldn't be any luckier to win a BMW car with my first ever ticket which I bought online. My family has been buying tickets to DDF promotions in the past two years, and they are all delighted that we finally won," said. Alawwad.

Anil Kumar, a 42-year-old Indian national living in Dubai won a Chieftain (Steel Grey) motorbike in Series 347 with ticket number 0192. A resident of Dubai for eight years and a chef at Jumeirah Beach Hotel is also a first-time ticket buyer and couldn't contain his excitement upon hearing the news that he won with his first ticket to Dubai Duty Free promotion. "It's a truly memorable day for me, thank you Dubai Duty Free!"

Lastly, Ian McLaren, a British national from Scotland will be driving away a new BMW R 1200 RS (Black Storm Metallic) motorbike after he won in Series 348 with ticket number 0018. McLaren owns McLaren Tyres, a one-stop shop of motoring services in Laurencekirk.

Also present at today's draw was Sean Staunton, Senior Vice President, Retail Sales, Michael Schmidt, Senior Vice President, Retail Support and Zayed Al Shebli, Vice President, Loss Prevention and Corporate Security.