

To: **Member Organisations of the European Go Federation**

Ref: **Invitation for the Toyota Denso European Go Oza Championship**
The first titematch of this kind for Europeans ever.

Note: Registration closes at the **15th of December 2001**

Amstelveen, 16th of November 2001

Dear Go friends,

On behalf of the European Go Federation and the sponsors Toyota and Denso it is a great pleasure to inform you about the Toyota Denso Cup and to invite a representative from your organisation for the European qualification of the 1st Toyota Denso Cup which will be held from the **7th to the 10th of February 2002** in the **European Go Centre in Amstelveen, the Netherlands**.

The Toyota Denso Cup is a new two-yearly Professional World Championship. The 1st round will be held on the the 19th of March, 2002, the 2nd round in September 2002.

With a total budget of more than 50.000 Euro the sponsorship amount for the Toyota Denso Cup, European Go Oza, will be the largest ever in Europe. For the European qualification the objective of the sponsors are twofold, first they want to select the strongest player to represent Europe in the Toyota Denso Cup. Secondly and equally important they want to promote Go around the world by staging a large and lively event open to all players. Therefore two separate, yet similar events are organised:

1. The Toyota Denso European Go **Oza Championship** and
2. The Toyota Denso European Go **Oza Family Event**.

In ANNEX 1 the general outline of both events is presented.

Apart from selecting an official representative for the **Oza Championship** we expect you will also pay special attention to promote the **Oza Family Event**. A high number of participants is requested by the sponsors and will increase possibilities for the future.

Special promotion material will be distributed later this month. More information will be available on the website: www.go-centre.nl (under construction).

All players of four dan and stronger or a rating higher than 2350 plus one player (rating .1900) from other countries (with a maximum of sixty-four) are allowed to participate in the European Go **Oza Championship**.

On Thursday and Friday a four round qualification tournament with Swiss system will take place. All players with three or four wins will qualify for the Knock-out stages.

In ANNEX 2 the conditions for participation and the tournament system are explained.

The winner will receive the title **European Go Oza** and is the first titleholder in Europe. The winner gets a **cash prize of 1500 Euro** and will represent Europe in the Toyota Denso Cup with all expenses paid and a **game fee of 3000 Euro** in the first and **5000 Euro** in the second. There are over **40 other prizes** for top players in both the championship and the family event with a total budget of more than 14.000 Euro.

See ANNEX 3 for a summary of the prizes.

As you can read in Annex 3 there are three categories of participants:

1. **Players with a rating of 2575 or higher** at the rating list (Updated on the 1st of November 2001) receive a personal invitation.
They receive **All** Travel and **All** hotel expenses see ANNEX 4a
2. **Official representatives of Member Organisations of the EGF**.
They receive **All** Travel and **Half** of hotel expenses see ANNEX 4b

3. **All** other players of four dan or a rating higher than 2350.
They receive **Half** Travel and **Half** of hotel expenses see ANNEX 4c

The official representatives will receive their **travel expenses** up to a certain maximum as specified in ANNEX 4b. **Hotel accommodation** can be arranged by the organisers against half of the actual costs contribution (70 Euro per person for three nights).

Note 1: The Netherlands, Russia, Romania, Germany and Czech Republic **can't** send a representative as they have two or more top players. They can only send a representative if one of them declines his personal invitation.

Note 2: **Only** MO's in good standing are allowed to send an official representative

On behalf of the sponsors we request you to send the National Champion of your country or if he/she is unable to go the next on the list. If a National Championship has not been held or is not appropriate please select the highest European on the EGF the rating list, published on the 6th of November 2001. Considering the early deadline and the fact that all strong players are allowed to join anyway there is neither time nor the need for special qualification tournaments.

Because of the maximum of sixty-four participants your representative is **only** sure of participation if you confirm participation **before the 15th of December 2001**.

The chosen participant must send in the registration form **before the 7th of January 2002**. See ANNEX 5 for the registration procedure and the registration form

Note: Countries must check themselves if their citizens need an entry visa for the Netherlands and if so send all information necessary for a proper application.

It goes without saying that we expect to see all of you at the start of this new world wide event on the 7th of February.

With best regards,

Erik Puyt
main organiser

ANNEX 1 General outline of European Go Oza Championship and Family Event
<http://www.european-go.org/oza/annex1.doc>

ANNEX 2 Tournament system of European Go Oza Championship
<http://www.european-go.org/oza/annex2.doc>

ANNEX 3 Prizes Oza Championship and Family Event
<http://www.european-go.org/oza/annex3.htm>

ANNEX 4a-c List with maximum travel allowance per country and per category
<http://www.european-go.org/oza/annex4a.htm>
<http://www.european-go.org/oza/annex4b.htm>
<http://www.european-go.org/oza/annex4c.htm>

ANNEX 5
<http://www.european-go.org/oza/annex5.doc>