Amman, Jordan: The Jordan Olympic Committee (JOC) has celebrated Olympic Day by recognising this year’s sporting achievements that have inspired the next generation of Jordanian athletes.

With the worldwide celebration of sport falling during the Holy Month on June 23, the JOC decided to bring the sporting community together for a celebratory Iftar to break the fast together in Al Hussein Youth City.

More than 600 guests from across the sporting community attended for a celebration of sport that received considerable television coverage – sharing the Olympic values of friendship, respect and excellence with the wider population.

Nasser Majali, JOC Secretary General said:
“We wanted to ensure that Olympic Day was celebrated here in Jordan during the Holy Month and in this way we were able to ensure that the message of Olympism reached as wide an audience as possible.”

Among those being recognised were the medal winners from the 4th Islamic Solidarity Games, where Jordan won three gold, one silver and 11 bronze medals,
and youngster Sharif Al Atawneh, who won 3000m gold in the Asian Junior Athletics Championships last month.

There was also a special award for Nuqul Group who worked closely with the JOC as volunteers to develop the new sporting strategy - a first of its kind for Jordan. They received the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Trophy which is given to National Olympic Committees to honour a prominent figure or organisation within the sporting community.

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Jordan is six months into its new strategy, which was launched earlier this year with support from Olympic Solidarity. It is aiming to raise the standards of both sports administration and on-field performance.

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