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Indonesian poker player (born 1971)

Johnson "John" Juanda (born 8 July 1971) is an Indonesian

professional poker player of Chinese descent, based in Tokyo, Japan.

He has won five World Series of Poker bracelets.

Personal life [edit]

Juanda was born into a Hoklo family in Medan, North Sumatera, Indonesia

on 8 July 1971. He was a high school track star for the 200 meter sprints

to 5000 meters races. Juanda arrived in the United States in 1990 to enroll

at Oklahoma State University. He earned an MBA from Seattle University.

Juanda is fluent in both Mandarin Chinese and English. He currently resides

in Tokyo, Japan.

Poker career [edit]

In both 2001 and 2002, Juanda was Card Player Magazine's tournament

Player of the Year, winning four World Series of Poker titles, and a World

Poker Open Championship title. In November 2004, he won the inaugural Professional

Poker Tour event at the Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut.

In November 2005, Juanda earned nearly \$500,000 in Monte Carlo, Monaco

after winning the Monte Carlo Millions Consolation tournament, finishing sixth

in the Monte Carlo Millions Main Event, and finishing second at "The

FullTiltPoker.Net Invitational Live from Monte Carlo."

In January 2006, Juanda defeated a field including Jeff Lisandro, Mike Sexton, Barry

Greenstein, Tony Bloom, Tony G, and Phil Ivey to win the \$1,000,000 (\$732,901) Tj T*

ker event. Juanda won the 2008 World Series of Poker Europe \$10,000 No

Limit Holdem Main Event, earning \$868,800 (\$1,580,096).

A little over a week later, he finished runner-up to Jason Mercier at the European

Poker Tour's London \$1 Million Showdown, a non-title no limit holdem event

also known as the \$20,000 High Roller event, earning \$327,000 () Tj T*

Juanda has made seven WPT final tables, including a runner-up finish in

the 2002–03 Five Diamond World Poker Classic.

In 2012, Juanda earned his largest cash at the time with a fifth place

finish in the Macau High Stakes \$ Challenge Super High Roller for HK\$ 12,765,