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LUCKY NUMBER HEAVEN

GET YOUR HANDS ON SOME OF THE DH5 MILLION IN PRIZES AVAILABLE AT DUBAI SUMMER SURPRISES

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Malek Ahmad awoke at 3am to a call from an unknown number. Puzzled and sleepy, he ignored the call and went back to sleep. He was woken up again to an SMS notification which informed him he was the winner of Dh50,000. Ahmad, eager to go back to sleep, dismissed the message as a prank.

It was not until the next morning, when he saw his name printed in the newspaper, that he found out that he really was the winner of the weekly Surprising Millions campaign for the Dubai Summer Surprises.

Ahmad said that this was the first lottery he has won; the ticket was actually filled in by his wife, who had bought something to wear for a graduation ceremony at the Dubai National School in Al Barsha — where both husband and wife work.

Ahmad, who has not received the

prize yet, said, "20 per cent of myself still does not believe that I did win the raffle."

He plans to use the money to cover a loan he took out two years ago to pay for a house in his native Jordan. "Of course," he added, "I am going to buy my two sons and wife something fancy too."

Ahmad is one of 10 lucky shoppers who celebrated their unexpected windfall this week as winners of the **Dubai Shopping Mall Group's** first weekly raffle draw. Every winner will receive Dh50,000 in cash and gifts.

SPENDING TO WIN

The other winners of the Dh50,000 weekly prize are Claire Carpenter-Frank, Mohammad Masoud, Ebrahim Hassan, Khalid Ali from Qatar, Fatima M. Mubarak, Ebrahim Barbour and Laila Abdullah.

Shoppers need to spend a minimum of Dh200 at participating Dubai malls to receive raffle coupons and enter any of the nine weekly draws.

They can also double their chances of winning by using MasterCard credit cards; which will give them an additional raffle coupon.

A total of Dh5 million will be given away during DSS through both daily and weekly raffle draws and competitions.

Laila Abdullah, one of the winners, couldn't believe it when she first received the call informing her she had won. The bride-to-be received the raffle coupons for the draw when shopping for her wedding.

"This is truly overwhelming and a complete surprise. When I received the call I thought someone was playing a prank, it is all just beginning to sink in now," said Laila.

"I was waiting for DSS to start shopping for my wedding which is just in two months time. I am so happy I won, it couldn't have happened at a better time.

"I have a lot more shopping to do and I look forward to doing it before the end of DSS."