



PRESS RELEASE

AMATEUR GOLFERS HEAD TO PENANG FOR THE 3RD ROUND OF WAITGC 2013

PENANG, 13 May 2013 – International amateur golfers are all geared up to compete in the third round of the World Amateur Inter Team Golf Championship (WAITGC) 2013 in Penang today.

The four-day event sees 20 teams, comprising 68 foreign golfers and 12 Malaysians, pitting their skills against one another for a place in the grand final. A total of 12 teams are from Australia, two teams each from Thailand and Brunei, one team from India and three teams from Malaysia.

The participants will first play at the Penang Golf Resort. Dubbed the Jewel of the North, the 36-hole championship layout is strategically located in the pulse of the Kepala Batas Township in Seberang Perai Utara. The 500-acre resort is developed by Penang Golf Resort Berhad, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bertam Properties Sdn Bhd as part of the township's property development integrating real estate with golf course development and nature.

A brainchild of former two-time Malaysia Open Championship and well-known golf course designer Graham Marsh, the lushness of the layout blends in perfectly with the verdant surroundings of the township. The Penang Golf Resort epitomises a successful attempt at striking a balance between development and nature.

The resort offers two entertaining championship golf courses. The three lines fairways, roughs and tees of the courses are turfed with Zoysia while the well-manicured verdant greens are carpeted with Bermuda Tifdwarf.

For the last two rounds of play in Penang, the participants will proceed to the Penang Golf Club. Since its opening in 1984, the Penang Golf Club has gone through numerous extensions and renovations to enable it to become the preferred golfing venue. In 1992, it hosted the 31st Malaysian Open, which was won by Vijay Singh.

Situated on a hilltop, the Penang Golf Club provides a stunning panoramic view of the island, overseeing the impressive 13km Penang Bridge. Its stunning 18-hole 5,763 metre, par 72 golf course was designed by Robert Trent Jones Junior. It is famous for its 10th hole where its tee box is perched 100 feet above the fairway on the valley floor.



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Acclaimed as the no. 6 top golf course in the recent Golf Malaysia Golf Course Poll (2011/2012), the Penang Golf Club has been the crossroads for many world renowned golfers, documenting great moments in golfing history.

WAITGC is played in Strokeplay gross for the gross category and Stableford for the nett and senior category. Since its debut in 1994, WAITGC has emerged as a well-regarded tournament and one of the highly anticipated golfing events in the region.

Organised by Tourism Malaysia, it attracts more than 500 participants every year. The home-grown event not only tests the golfing skills of the participants but also encourages them to discover the many colourful cultures and traditions in Malaysia, as well as the country's delectable cuisines and fascinating tourist attractions. The participation of international media has also boosted the stature of the event and placed Malaysia on world map.

The World Amateur Inter Team Golf Championship is managed by the Golf Club Managers Association of Malaysia (GCMAM) and sanctioned by the Malaysian Golf Association.

For more information, please contact the WAITGC secretariat at 03-5633 2079/5634 2078 or click on www.ewaitgc.com.

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In 2014, Malaysia will celebrate its fourth **VISIT MALAYSIA YEAR (VMY)** with the theme "Celebrating 1Malaysia Truly Asia". The VMY 2014 promotional campaign has started this year with a series of year-long special events and activities leading to VMY 2014. It will contribute to the Government's target to receive 36 million tourist arrivals and RM168 billion in receipts by 2020, as outlined in the Malaysia Tourism Transformation Plan (MTTP) 2020.

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