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WAITGC 2013 CONTINUES ITS 4TH ROUND IN SELANGOR

SHAH ALAM, 17 June 2013: The fourth round of the annual World Amateur Inter-Team Golf Championship (WAITGC) 2013 organised by Tourism Malaysia kicked off today at two of the best golf courses in Selangor – the Glenmarie Golf & Country Club in Shah Alam and Impian Golf & Country Club in Kajang.

The four-day qualifying round of the 20th edition of WAITGC is participated by eight teams from Australia, three teams each from Brunei and Indonesia, one team from India, and five teams from Malaysia. The participants are vying for five spots in the Grand Final – two in the gross category, one in the nett category and two in the senior category.

Established in 1993, the Glenmarie Golf & Country Club has made gigantic strides to become one of the top golf clubs in Malaysia by winning several awards since 1999. It is regarded as a haven to all golfers for either leisure golfing or hosting international golf tournaments.

Its lavish 36-hole golf course designed by Max Wexler, are both distinctly different in style and landscapes. The first 18 holes, known as the Garden Course, take golfers to various level and test their skills at every turn while the second 18 holes, the Valley Course, leave many night golfers more than happy, thanks to its floodlights.

From Glenmarie Golf & Country Club, the participants will proceed to the 6,120-metre, par 72 Impian Golf & Country Club for the last two rounds. The 18-hole course was crafted by the world renowned Ross C. Watson, in collaboration with Malaysian treescape designer, Tze To Kok Yin. More than 5000 trees of various species including mahogany, pulai and allamanda, as well as shrubs are thoughtfully planted and groomed around the course, lending more character to the layout.

The golf course is rated among the best putting surfaces in the country not only due to its tricky speed but also for its receptive nature. This is most noticeable at the 359-metre, par 4, hole number 9, where the best shot to the green is from the left side of the fairway, which happens to be guarded by a lake. It definitely poses an exciting challenge to both amateur and professional golfers.

After Selangor, WAITGC 2013 will continue at the Gunung Raya Golf & Country Club and the Golf Club Datai Bay in Langkawi from 9 to 12 September for the fifth qualifying round, followed by the last round in Kuala Lumpur/Putrajaya.



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WAITGC is Tourism Malaysia's initiative to promote the country as a top-of-mind golf destination in the region. It 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. It has also successfully attracted 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 visit 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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