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## WAITGC 2013 CONTINUES ITS 5<sup>TH</sup> ROUND IN LANGKAWI

**LANGKAWI, 9 September:** The fifth round of the annual World Amateur Inter-Team Golf Championship (WAITGC) 2013 organised by Tourism Malaysia kicked off today at Gunung Raya Golf Resort Langkawi.

The four-day qualifying round of the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of WAITGC is participated by 14 teams from Australia, three teams each from Indonesia and Nepal, and two teams each from Japan, Singapore and Malaysia. The participants are vying for 5 spots in the Grand Final – two in the gross category, one in the nett category and two in the senior category.

Gunung Raya Golf Resort, nestled at the foothills of the majestic Gunung Raya, is one of the most refreshing and scenic golf resorts in Langkawi. Sprawled over 300 acres of a former rubber plantation, Gunung Raya Golf Resort is an international standard golf course designed by American Golf architect Max Wexler. Within its lush landscape, there are beautiful rolling greens, panoramic tees and impeccable fairways magnificently contoured with sand traps and water hazards, making it an exciting golfing venue.

After Langkawi, the last qualifying round will be held in Templer Park Golf and Country Club, and Kota Permai Golf and Country Club in Selangor, from 7 to 10 October, followed by the Grand Final at the Mines Resort and Golf Club on 26 to 28 November 2013.

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.



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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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