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WAITGC 2014 CONTINUES ITS 4TH ROUND IN LANGKAWI

LANGKAWI, 9 June 2014 – The race for a spot in the grand final of the 21st edition of the World Amateur Inter-Team Golf Championship (WAITGC) continues in Langkawi at two of the state's well-known golf venues – Els Club Teluk Datai and Gunung Raya Golf Resort.

The four-day fourth qualifying round of the annual WAITGC 2014 organised by Tourism Malaysia sees a total participation of 15 teams, comprising six teams from Australia, four teams from Brunei, one team from New Zealand and four teams from Malaysia.

Els Club Teluk Datai, with its Ernie Els designed golf course, is one of the world's most uniquely captivating golf projects. Designed as a tribute to nature, Els Club Teluk Datai meanders its way through million-year-old rainforest cascading down to the turquoise waters of the Andaman Sea and is overlooked by the marbled limestone peaks of the Mat Cincang Mountain range.

From the array of natural flora and fauna, Els Club Teluk Datai was designed with strict environmentally friendly guidelines and is seeking for the Audobon Certification – an award winning education and certification programme that helps golf courses to protect the environment and preserve the natural heritage of the game of golf.

The tournament will then continue at the Gunung Raya Golf Resort, one of the most refreshing and scenic golf resort in Langkawi, nestled at the foothills of the majestic Gunung Raya. Sprawled over 300 acres of a former rubber plantation, the Gunung Raya Golf Resort is an international standard golf course designed by Max Wexler.

Within its lush landscape, there are beautiful rolling greens, panoramic tees and impeccable fairways magnificently contoured with sand traps and water hazards that make the resort an exciting golfing venue.

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.

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 (MGA).

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Malaysia is celebrating its fourth **VISIT MALAYSIA YEAR (VMY)** in 2014 with the theme "Celebrating 1Malaysia Truly Asia". The VMY 2014 promotional campaign has started in 2013 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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