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**INTERNATIONAL GOLFERS' METTLE PUT TO TEST AT THE  
3<sup>RD</sup> LEG OF WAITGC IN PENANG**

**PENANG, 19 MAY 2014** – The third round of the 21<sup>st</sup> edition of the World Amateur Inter Team Golf Championship (WAITGC) organised by Tourism Malaysia teed off today in Penang at two of the state's renowned golf courses – Penang Golf Resort and Penang Golf Club.

The four-day event sees 20 teams pitting their skills against one another for a place at the grand finale. A total of 12 teams are from Australia, one team each from Brunei, India and Singapore, and five teams from Malaysia.

The participants will first play at the Penang Golf Resort. Designed by the well-known golf course designer Graham Marsh, the lushness of the 36-hole championship layout blends in perfectly with the verdant surroundings of the township. Fairways, roughs and tees of the courses are turfed with Zoysia while the well-manicured verdant greens are carpeted with Bermuda Tifdwarf.

For the continuing rounds in Penang, the participants will proceed to the Penang Golf Club. 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 10<sup>th</sup> hole where its tee box is perched 100 feet above the fairway on the valley floor.

After Penang, the subsequent three qualifying rounds will take place at seven golf courses in Langkawi, Sarawak, and Kuala Lumpur before the grand finale in Melaka.

WAITGC is Tourism Malaysia's initiative to promote the country as a top-of-mind golf destination in the region. The homegrown event has emerged as a well-regarded tournament and one of the highly anticipated golfing events on golfer's calendar. As WAITGC is also open to members of the media (by invitation only), it consequently boosts the stature of the event and promotes Malaysia internationally as a desirable golf destination.

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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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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