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31 TEAMS TEE-OFF IN GRAND FINAL OF THE WORLD AMATEUR INTER-TEAM GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2013

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 November 2013: The Grand Final of the World Amateur Inter-Team Golf Championship (WAITGC) 2013, organised by Tourism Malaysia, kicked off at the Mines Resort & Golf Club here today.

The three-day Grand Final of the 20th edition of WAITGC is participated by a total of 31 teams comprising of Australia (15 teams), Brunei (9 teams), Japan (1 team), Indonesia (1 team), Thailand (1 team) and Malaysia (4 teams).

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 further boosted the stature of the event and placed Malaysia on the world golfing map.

Next year, the 21st edition of WAITGC will kick off with Qualifying Round One being played at the Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club and the IOI Palm Villa Golf & Country Club in Johor from March 10 to 13, 2014.

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).

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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