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WAITGC 2013 Kicks Off Its First Round in Johor

LOS ANGELES – The first round of the annual World Amateur Inter-Team Golf Championship (WAITGC) 2013, organized b Tourism Malaysia, kicked off today at Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club and Tanjong Puteri Golf Resort, two well-known go venues in Johor.

The four-day qualifying round of the 20th edition of WAITGC is participated by seven teams from Australia, six teams fro Brunei, four teams from Singapore, two teams from Japan, one team from Indonesia and two teams from Malaysia. Th participants are vying for five spots in the Grand Final - two in the gross category, one in the net category and two in the new introduced senior category.

The participants will first play at the 6,857-yard, par-72 Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club. The RM30 million, Ross Watso designed layout is not your average new-kid-on-the-block, as it has already won numerous awards and even hosted th prestigious Iskandar Johor Open golf championship last year.

Watson puts his mark on another superb design with his famed risk-and-reward philosophy obvious on most holes. Many the holes feature dramatic changes in elevation from tee to green. The natural landscape is enhanced by preserving th natural terrains as well as its many waterways.

The tournament will then continue at Tanjong Puteri Golf Resort, which provides three extremely well-maintained layouts in th midst of natural mangroves and forests. The Plantation Course was designed by the internationally acclaimed golf cours designer Max Wexler. The 6,454-meter, par-72 layout will be a formidable challenge to the participants.

After Johor, the tournament will continue at Dalit Bay Golf & Country Club and the Sabah Golf & Country Club in Malaysia Borneo for the second qualifying round from April 22 to 25. The subsequent four qualifying rounds will take place at eig different golf courses in Penang, Selangor, Langkawi, and Kuala Lumpur/Putrajaya.

WAITGC is Tourism Malaysia's initiative to promote the country as a top-of-mind golf destination in the region. It is played Strokeplay gross for the gross category and Stableford for the net and senior category.

The event has emerged as a well-regarded tournament and one of the highly anticipated golfing events on golfer's calenda Since it made its debut in 1994, WAITGC has attracted more than 500 participants every year.

Besides testing the skills of the participants, this homegrown golf tournament also helps promote Malaysia's tourism attraction as it encourages the participants and their families to explore the many interesting sights and sounds in the country.

As WAITGC is also open to members of the media, it consequently boosts the stature of the event and promotes Malays 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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