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A SCINTILLATING PERFORMANCE BY MALAYSIA'S ERVIN CHANG AT KELAB GOLF PERKHIDMATAN AWAM

Lois Kaye Go continues dominance with her win at the Kuala Lumpur Amateur Open

Kuala Lumpur, August 9, 2018: After three days of grueling and competitive play, Ervin Chang emerging top on the leader board at the 13th Kuala Lumpur Amateur Open held at Kelab Golf Perkhidmatan Awam (KGPA).

Ervin Chang shot a 66 and 67 on Day One and Day Two respectively and finished in top spot on Final Day with a score of 2-over-par 74 for 9-under-par 207 tournament total. Of his stellar performance, he said, "It's been a challenging game, and everyone on the field has provided an enjoyable play over the three days. There were some very good players in the field and I was hard pressed to maintain my game plan. However, I managed to keep my cool and focused on my game one shot at a time."

With the win, Ervin Chang reaffirmed his position as the top amateur player in the region and it will boost his confidence going into his next major event, the Asian Games 2018 to be held from 26-29 August at Pondok Indah Golf & Country Club, Jakarta, Indonesia.

"It feels good to win here right after winning the Singapore Amateur Open recently," Ervin Chang said. "I had fun at this event and hope to continue his fine form at the 2018 Asian Games."

Singapore's James Leow was close on the tails of Ervin Chang on the leader board today, and played better with 1-under-par 71 for 7-under-par 209 tournament total and managed to reduce the deficit to 2 strokes from 5 strokes previously. However, despite the deficit, he only managed to finish second at the conclusion of the Kuala Lumpur Amateur Open 2018.

MGA national player's Muhammad Afif Fathi who is also part of Malaysian Team in the Asian Games 2018 finished third with a creditable performance of 6-under-par 210 tournament total. He carded 69, 69 and 72 to secure the third spot.

Conducted by the Kelab Golf Perkhidmatan Awam and the Malaysian Golf Association, the Kuala Lumpur Amateur Open is a premier tournament that gathers the best amateurs around Malaysia and its neighboring countries.

The event was included in the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) since 2008; where it attracts a large number of participants every year, all vying for the event's top honors. This year, a total of 140 players have confirmed taking part comprised 113 top male and 27 top female amateurs.

Malaysian Golf Association's (MGA) Honorary Secretary who is also the Competitions Subcommittee Chairman, Dato' Zulkifli Dato' Ismail expressed his enthusiasm for the progress of the local players, saying, "The Kuala Lumpur Amateur Open is a vital platform for the local players as it grants them a chance to hone their skills through a regional playing field, and improve their game. Congratulations to winners, and well done to the rest for a game well played."

Philippines' Lois Kaye Go continued to show her mettle by holding on to her lead from Day one to win the tournament by 3 strokes from her nearest competitor. "I am quite happy with my performance today," Go said. "I managed to minimize my mistakes and finished with a 1-over-par 73 today." Go finished with 7-under-par 209 to clinch the ladies title of the Kuala Lumpur Amateur Open.

Isabella Leung of Hong Kong finished second after carding 1-over-par 73 today for 4-under-par 212 tournament total. "It was a tough day," Leung said. "I was trying to catch up and go after Lois but I was running out of holes. Congratulations to Lois for winning the championship."

Warda Amira of Malaysia finished solo third after carding 4-over-par 76 today for 8-over-par 224 tournament total.

YB Syed Saddiq Abdul Rahman, Minister of Youth & Sports who attended the prize giving ceremony said, "The Malaysian Government is committed to encourage its people to lead a healthy and active lifestyle and promoting high performance sports amongst its athletes. I would like to congratulate the Malaysian Golf Association and KGPA for taking the initiative to organize one of the most prestigious amateur events in the South East Asia and creating a platform for the local golfers to compete against the best in the region."

Top 5 winners

Men

Ervin Chang (Malaysia)	-	66, 67, 74 – 207
James Leow (Singapore)	-	69, 69, 71 – 209
Muhammad Afif Fathi (Malaysia)	-	69, 69, 72 – 210
Matthew Cheung (Hong Kong)	-	73, 67, 71 – 211
Wei Wei Gao (Philippines)	-	71, 72, 69 - 212

Ladies

Lois Kaye Go (Philippines)	-	68, 68, 73 – 209
Isabella Leung (Hong Kong)	-	70, 69, 73 – 212

Warda Amira Abd Rawof (Malaysia)	-	75, 73, 76 – 224
Michelle Cheung (Hong Kong)	-	76, 78, 73 – 227
Qistina Balkish (Malaysia)	-	77, 73, 77 - 227

About the Malaysian Golf Association

Founded in 1929, the Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) as the sole governing body of golf in Malaysia has been entrusted to promote the game while preserving its traditions and integrity.

It's a non-government organization that runs by volunteers who are passionate about the game with the help of a team of management staff.

The Association's portfolios have increased over the years ranging from conducting 14 state amateur opens, national amateur open, national amateur close, Malaysian Open to processing handicaps through its National Handicap System to promoting grassroots programs and training of the athletes to represent Malaysia in the international events. MGA takes their responsibilities seriously in promoting the game in Malaysia while simultaneously upholding the Rules of Golf as prescribed by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews (R&A).

About Kelab Golf Perkhidmatan Awam

Kelab Golf Perkhidmatan Awam (KGPA) is situated within Bukit Kiara, Off Jalan Damansara, about 18km from Kuala Lumpur City Centre. Established in 1989, this 27-hole golf course offers a great golfing experience to golfers. The championship course (Hills and Lakes) is a classic par-72 golf course measuring 6,887 metres. The additional 9-hole measuring 2,711 metres (Forest) was completed in 1994 caters for junior, intermediate and senior golfers. The Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad officiated the grand opening of the Club on September 19, 1999.