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MALAYSIAN BOY'S TEAM A AND KOREAN GIRL TEAM LEAD AFTER THE FIRST ROUND OF THE SELANGOR INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE TEAM EVENT

Malaysian Hariz Hezri and Korean Yeji Park lead the Boy's and Girl's Division respectively in the Individual Event

Malaysian Boy's Team A comprised of Hariz Hezri, Nor Haqiem Hadi, Syed Nor Ismail and Muhammad Ajmal Amin finished top of the leaderboard after the first day of the Selangor International Junior Golf Championship currently underway at Kelab Golf Seri Selangor, Kota Damansara. The Korean Girls' Team carded a total combined score of 219 to place top of the leaderboard. The Korean Team is represented by Yeji Park (67), Min Young Yu (80) and Hyo Jin (72).

Hariz Hezri (72), Nor Haqiem Hadi (75) and Syed Nor Ismail (78) combined score of 225 propelled them to the top of the leaderboard, 4 stroke ahead of Korean Team who carded a combined score of 229.

Foong Zi Yu (77), Xin Yao Weng (76), Ng Jing Xuen (73) and Alya Afza (84) who made up the Malaysian Girl's Team A was second in the Team Event after carding a combined score of 226.

Conducted by the Malaysian Golf Association and UUM International School of Malacca (UUMISM), the Inaugural Selangor International Junior Golf Championship at Kelab Golf Seri Selangor is a 72-hole stroke play event being played on the par-72, 6246-metre for the Boy's Division and par-72, 5463 metre for the Girl's Division. The 105-player field is divided into two categories, team and individual. Korea, Singapore, Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia fielded their best players in the team event. 45 individual players consisted of 34 boys and girls from Malaysia, Korea, India, Canada, Hong Kong, China and Japan are also in the line-up vying for the Individual Challenge Trophy.

The championship is open to juniors, boys and girls who are 12-18 years old as of 1st January 2023 with handicap index 8 and below from the Asia Pacific region. The team event will comprise of a team of 4 boys and a team of 4 girls respectively.

In the Individual event, Hariz Hezri and Korea's Beomgyu Kim are tied for first after carding even-par 72. 3-stroke behind are Korea's Bang Min U and Malaysian Nor Haqiem Hadi who scored 3-over-par 75 to tie for second.

“I was off to a great start, and I knew that if I stayed consistent the course would give me a couple shots,” said Hariz Hezri, who is currently ranked No. 1 junior in Selangor. “It’s a tough course with narrow fairways and fast greens.”

In the Girl’s Individual Event, Korea’s players dominated the leaderboard with Yeji Park took the lead with a brilliant 5-under-par 67 and Hyojin in second place with even par 72. Lucy Lin and Ng Jing Xuen shared third place after carding 1-over-par 73.

“This is a difficult course and I was happy that I managed to avoid making mistake,” Yeji Park said. “I hope to keep the momentum going for the next 2 days.”

As a bonus to the winners, the overall boy champion will win a slot at the Selangor Masters while the overall girl champion will win a slot at the 119th Malaysia Amateur Open. The Organiser, UUMISM has also generously offered a scholarship to the local champion and runner-up worth RM70,000.00 and RM50,000.00 respectively if they choose to upon enrollment at the UUMISM.

“It’s a very good day indeed to see a lot of WAGR ranked players to play in the inaugural Selangor International Junior Golf Championship,” said Tan Sri Mohd Anwar Mohd Nor, President of MGA. “It augurs well for the development of junior golf in the country and the region.”

Second-round tee times for the Selangor International Junior Golf Championship will run from 7.30-9.40 a.m., off the Nos. 1 and 10 tees at Kelab Golf Seri Selangor. For the Ladies Division, the Championship will run from 7.30-9.00am, off the No.1 tee at the same course. For more information, please contact Bambang at 6017-2583826.

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