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### **MALAYSIAN BOY'S TEAM A AND KOREAN GIRL TEAM CONTINUE TO LEAD AT THE SELANGOR INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE TEAM EVENT**

**China's Wang Yixiang took over the lead in the Boy's Individual Event while Korean Yeji Park remains at the top of the Girl's Leaderboard**

Hariz Hezri, Nor Haqiem Hadi, Syed Nor Ismail and Muhammad Ajmal Amin who represented Malaysia's Team A continues to dominate the Team Event and remain at the top of the leaderboard after the second day of the Selangor International Junior Golf Championship currently underway at Kelab Golf Seri Selangor, Kota Damansara. The Korean Girls' Team comprised of Yeji Park (67, 73), Min Young Yu (80, 78) and Hyo Jin (72, 80) maintained their first place with 450 2-day total combined score.

Hariz Hezri (72, 78), Nor Haqiem Hadi (75, 78) and Muhammad Ajmal Amin (81, 73) and Syed Nor Ismail (78, 82) combined score of 454 ensured that they remained at the top of the leaderboard, 14 strokes ahead of Korean Team who carded a combined score of 468.

Malaysian Girl's Team A remained in second place after Foong Zi Yu (77, 73), Wang Xin Yao (76, 84), Ng Jing Xuen (73, 81) and Alya Afza (84, 82) after carding a combined score of 462, 10 strokes behind the leader, Korea.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Hariz Hezri who led the field yesterday stumbled to second place after carding 6-over-par 78 for 6-over-par 150 two-day total. Wang Yixiang carded 1-under-par 71 today for 3-over-par 147 2-day total to leap to the top of the leaderboard. Yixiang is the only

player returning a subpar today. Malaysia's Wan Hasnul Daniel and Nazran Shahrizan tied at third place with 8-over-par 152 2-day total.

"I just had to bring myself together and focus on my game," said Wang Yixiang. "I just tried to keep myself really calm and minimised my mistakes."

In the Girl's Individual Event, Korea's Yeji Park held on to her lead with 4-under-par 140 2-day total. Canada's Lucy Lin took second place after carding 1-over-par 73 for 2-over-par 146 2-day total. Malaysia's Foong Zi Yu claimed third place after carding 1-over-par 73 for 6-over-par 150 2-day total.

"I love the set up of the course and I have been playing great for the last two days", said Yeji Park. "Seri Selangor is a great golf course and I look forward to another great round tomorrow."

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 119<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Amateur Open. The Organizer, 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.

"The pin position will not be easy nor difficult," said Alan Kee, the Tournament Director. "However, the position will test the player's skill and mentally challenging."

17 boys and 6 girls made the cut at 28-over-par 172 for Boy's Division and 25-over-par 169 for Girls Division in the Individual Event.

Final-round tee times for the Selangor International Junior Golf Championship will run from 8.25-9.05 a.m., off the Nos. 1 and 10 tees at Kelab Golf Seri Selangor for the Boys Division. For the Girls Division, the Championship will run from 7.35-8.15 am, off the Nos.1 and 10 tees at the same course. For more information, please contact Bambang at 6017-2583826.

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