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MALAYSIAN BOY'S TEAM A AND KOREAN GIRL TEAM PREVAILED AT THE SELANGOR INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP TO CLAIM THE OVERALL TEAM EVENT TITLES

China's Wang Yixiang won the Boy's Individual Event while Korean Yeji Park claimed the overall title of the Girl's Individual Event.

After three high-intensity days of competition, Malaysia's Boy's Team A and Korea's Girl's Team came out as the big winners in the just concluded Selangor International Junior Golf Championship by claiming the Team Title for Boy's and Girl's Category respectively.

Hariz Hezri (72, 78, 75), Nor Haqiem Hadi (75, 78, 79) and Muhammad Ajmal Amin (81, 73, 76) and Syed Nor Ismail (78, 82, 78) combined score of 683 cemented their first place, 22 strokes ahead of Korean Team who carded a combined score of 705.

Korean Girls Team represented by Min Young Yu (80, 78, 85), Yeji Park (67, 73, 71) and Hyojin (72, 80, 75) claimed the overall title of the Girl's Team Event with a combined score of 681.

Malaysian Girls' Team A represented by Foong Zi Yu (77, 73, 73), Wang Xin Yao (76, 84, 75), Ng Jing Xuen (73, 81, 75) and Alya Afza (84, 82, 79) fought hard in the final day but only able to maintain their second place finish after carding a combined score of 685, 4 strokes behind the leader, Korea. The surprise finish was Malaysian Boys Team B who managed to wrest the second place from Korea. The Malaysian Team was represented by Muhammad Adif Haikal (81, 86, 80), Nazran Shahrizan (77, 75, 82), Wan Hasnul Daniel (77, 75, 78) and Andrew Yap (85, 85, 77) carded a combined score of 705 tournament total.

Shairul Erwin Samsudin, Malaysia's Team Manager said, "I am happy that both Malaysia's Boys' Teams won first and second place at the Inaugural Selangor International Junior Golf Championship against top juniors in the region. Kudos to the Malaysia's girls' team for their perseverance to win second place in the Team Event."

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 comprised of a team of 4 boys and a team of 4 girls respectively.

Wang Yixiang carded 3-under-par 69 today for even-par 216 tournament total to claim the overall title of the Boy's Individual Event. Malaysia's Hariz Hezri and Wan Hasnul Daniel claimed second and third place respectively with 9-over-par 225 and 14-over-par 230 tournament total.

"I would like to thank my parents. They are a big part of my journey, and I wouldn't be here without them. I hope to be back here in the future for a third win," said Wang Yixiang.

In the Girl's Individual Event, Korea's Yeji Park held on to her lead to win the Girl's Individual Event after scoring 1-under-par 71 for 5-under-par 211 tournament total. Malaysia's Foong Zi Yu leapt to second place after carding 1-over-par 73 for 7-over-par 223 tournament total.

"To get up there to the top and win one, it feels great", said Yeji Park. "It's a great experience to win in my first outing to Malaysia."

China's Wang Yixian won a slot at the Selangor Masters while Yeji Park won an all-expenses paid entry (except for airfare) at the 119th Malaysia Amateur Open. UUMISM Scholarship in the meantime was won by Ng Jing Xuen worth RM70,000.00 and Wang Xin Yao for RM50,000.00 if they choose to enroll at the UUMISM. The scholarship was awarded to the best local finishers.

"To see these teams come out and to see how much it meant to everyone involved is really something special," said MGA President, Admiral Tan Sri Mohd Anwar Mohd Nor (R). "I think this event is an important part of the MGA's Fixtures. When you think about the future of golf, it is these players. Many of them will be playing in the major events in the future and we are happy to help prepare them for it with this event."

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