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MALAYSIAN GOLF ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES PLAYERS TO REPRESENT MALAYSIA IN THE UPCOMING SEA GAMES 2023

Kuala Lumpur: March 23, 2023 – The Malaysian Golf Association National Team Subcommittee headed by Mr Teoh Piek Kee today announces the players selected to represent Malaysia in the upcoming SEA Games to be held at Garden City Club, Phnom Penh, Cambodia from May 8-13, 2023.

The criteria for the selection of players as determined by MGA National Team Subcommittee are as follows:-

1. Champion at International Golf events
2. Champion at Regional Golf events
3. World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR)
4. Power of WAGR counting events
5. Stroke average over 12 months, 6 months and 3 months
6. Discipline and attitude of players

The results that were taken into consideration were in respect of events held in 2022 and 2023.

MGA is pleased to announce that the following players have been identified represent Malaysia in the 2023 SEA Games Cambodia.

Men

1. Malcolm Ting
2. Anson Yeo
3. Nateeshvar Ganesh
4. Hariz Hezri

Ladies

1. Ng Jing Xuen
2. Geraldine Wong
3. Foong Zi Yu

"I am thrilled with the team that has been selected to represent our country. Each player brings a unique set of skills and experience to the game, and I am confident that they will work together to bring home the victory. Our team is focused, determined, and ready to give their best performance on the course," said Teoh Piek Kee, the Team Manager of the SEA Games 2023 Golf Competition.

Malaysia will field mostly rookies in the 2023 SEA Games as apart from Nateeshvar and Jing Xuen, this would be the others first appearance competing in the SEA Games Golf Competition. Malaysia's top amateurs like Mirabel Ting, Jeneath Wong, Marcus Lim and others are unable to take part due to their commitment with the NCAA collegiate events.

Malcolm Ting, currently Malaysian's best male amateur started his SEA Games campaign on the right foot by finishing as the Champion back to back in Indonesia. He first claimed victory in the South Sulawesi Amateur Open held from 2-4 February at Padivalley Golf Course, Indonesia with 9-under-par 207 followed by another win at North Sumatra Amateur Open held at Royal Sumatra Golf Course in Medan, Indonesia from 7-9 March 2023 with 8-under-par 208. 17-year old Anson Yeo, competed in the Junior President Cup held from 18-20 September 2022 at Myers Park Country Club, Charlotte, North Carolina, USA representing the International Team. He played brilliantly to contribute points at every match he played. Nateeshvar competed in the Junior 'PLAYERS' Championship presented by Rolex held from 1-4 September 2022 at TPC Sawgrass, Stadium Course, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida USA while Hariz Hezri was selected to play in the Asia Pacific Amateur Championship from 27-30 October 2022 held at Amata Springs Country Club, Chonburi Thailand.

The ladies players are all geared up and confident of a strong finish at the Phnom Penh SEA Games 2023. This would be Ng Jing Xuen's second appearance in the SEA Games. Foong Zi Yu, who has recently demonstrated game improvement, and Geraldine Wong, who has just won her first 2023 International title at the South Sulawesi Amateur Open, will represent Malaysia in this prestigious event and will push themselves to achieve their best in the game. We are confident that our players will rise to the challenge and showcase their best talent to bring glory to the country.

The MGA selected these players based on their outstanding performance and achievements in golf. We are confident that they will represent our country with pride and bring home the medal.

MGA President, Tan Sri Mohd Anwar Mohd Nor said, "It is our responsibility to select the best players who will represent our country. We take this responsibility very seriously and make sure that the selected players are not only skilled but also have the right attitude and sportsmanship to represent our country with pride."

The SEA Games is a prestigious event that brings together the region's top golfers to compete in a friendly yet challenging competition. This year's event promises to be an exciting one, and we are thrilled that Malaysia will be well represented.

The Championship will be played on a stroke play format over 3 rounds for the Individual Event while the Team Event will be played on a matchplay format. Malaysia will be represented by their top elite men and women amateurs with the aim of securing medals for the Country.

No doubt, it won't be easy as they will be up against top amateurs from the South East Asian countries who are also aiming to secure medals to their overall tally.

Inaugurated in 1959 in Bangkok, Thailand, the SEA Games is a biennial multi-sports event participated by 11 member countries of the SEA Games Federation; Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste and Vietnam.

As Golf is not a compulsory sport in the SEA Games Federation Charter, it has not been staged in all SEA Games event. Golf was first introduced in 1985 SEA Games where Thailand hosted and continued to be hosted until 2001 where Malaysia was the host and eventually became the Overall Champion where Golf contributed 1 Gold and 1 Silver Medal. It was dropped again in 2003 when Vietnam hosted but since 2005, Golf continued to be present in the multi-sports event. The 2021 SEA Games Hanoi was the most successful outing for the Malaysian Golf Association as the teams won 4 medals in contention; 2 gold medals, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal.

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