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Malaysian Golf Association Hosts Referee Get Together at Kota Permai Golf & Country Club on 6th May 2023

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – May 6, 2023 – The Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) is proud to announce the successful organization of the Referee Get Together held at Kota Permai Golf & Country Club today. This highly anticipated event, curated by the organizing committee led by Deborah Wong, Rules & Amateur Status Subcommittee Chairman, attracted more than 50 rules officials from across the country, including delegates from Sarawak, since the last gathering in 2018 at Kelab Golf Perkhimatan Awam in PJ.

The comprehensive program featured a range of essential topics, including a Brief on 2023 Rules Changes and Update on Referee SOP, Rules Case Studies, Handling Ruling, MGA Rules Development Plan, and A Sharing Session on Refereeing & Administering Pace of Play by Ir. Jayson Cheok, an accomplished Asian Tour, MGA, and PGM Senior Referee. The event concluded with an On-Course Demo on Hole Locations & Green Speed and AOM.

The Referee Get Together aimed to provide a social platform for referees to finally meet, exchange ideas, and share knowledge, with a particular focus on the latest rules of golf updates effective January 2023. This timely event aimed to foster cooperation and collaboration among referees and provide a common platform for them to voice their ideas for the betterment of the game.

Rules & Amateur Status Subcommittee Chairman, Deborah Wong, shared her aspirations for the event, saying, "We are delighted to bring together referees from across the nation to engage in fruitful discussions, share experiences, and learn from one another. Our hope is that this get together will strengthen the bonds between our officials and create a collective commitment to working together for the good of the game."

The MGA and the organizing committee expressed their hope that the get together would lead to a more unified approach among referees and encourage open dialogue on innovative solutions to improve golf in Malaysia.

For more information about the Malaysian Golf Association and upcoming events, please visit [www.mgaonline.com.my](http://www.mgaonline.com.my).

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## About MGA

Malaysian Golf Association, founded in 1929, the sole governing body, is entrusted to promote golf while preserving its integrity, traditions and rules of the game, as prescribed by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews (R&A). A team of dedicated volunteers run the non-government organisation, with assistance and guidance by a management team headed by Tan Sri Mohd Anwar as President. MGA actively promotes grassroots programmes, trains players for international events and process handicaps through its national handicap system. Its portfolio includes the Malaysian Open, national and state amateur opens.