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**KEY DECISIONS MADE AT THE ASIAN GOLF FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING\***

Kuala Lumpur, 23 August 2023 – Today, at the Asian Golf Federation (AGF) Annual General Meeting held at 10.30 am, significant resolutions were set in motion that are poised to shape the future of golf in the region. Delegates from Brunei, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam came together in a convergence of ideas and collaboration. The meeting was chaired by the President of AGF, Admiral Tan Sri Mohd Anwar Mohd Nor and conducted by the Secretary General, Dato’ Zulkifli Ismail.

One of the most anticipated decisions of the meeting was the confirmation of the host countries for the South East Asian Amateur Golf Team Championships for the upcoming three years. The baton has been handed over to Singapore for 2024, with Hong Kong taking the reins in 2025, followed by Cambodia in 2026.

In a move to align with other major golfing events in the region, a new championship format was proposed. The revised format will mirror that of the SEA Games: three days of individual stroke play, followed by two days dedicated to team matchplay. While the proposal has garnered a favorable response from the attendees, it has been decided that the delegates will seek final approval from their respective board members.

Furthermore, in a bid to promote unity, cooperation, and skill enhancement, the AGF has agreed to an exchange referee program. This initiative will allow for sharing knowledge, experience, and best practices among the member countries.

In another notable decision to ensure equality and rotation in leadership roles, it was agreed that the position of the Secretary-General of the AGF would rotate among the member countries.

These pivotal decisions highlight the AGF's commitment to fostering unity, enhancing the quality of the game, and ensuring the equitable distribution of opportunities across its member countries.

As the final day of the South East Asian Amateur Golf Team Championships approaches, the spirit of cooperation and camaraderie exhibited at the AGF meeting is expected to reverberate through the golfing greens.

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