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**SOUTH EAST ASIAN AMATEUR GOLF TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP MAKES AN EXCITING START AT THE MINES RESORT GOLF CLUB**

Kuala Lumpur, 21 August 2023 – The Mines Resort Golf Club came alive as it played host to the prestigious South East Asian Amateur Golf Team Championships encompassing the 60th Putra Cup, 14th Lion City Cup, 12th City Cup and 8th Kartini Cup from 21-24 August 2023.

Day 1 wrapped up with Vietnam taking a lead in the Putra Cup, carding a combined score of 4-under-par 209 from the trio; Nguyen Nhat Long (67), Nguyen Anh Minh (69) and Minh Nguyen Dang (73). Team Malaysia followed closely with a score of 3-under-par 210 thanks to Malcolm Ting (68), Nateeshvar Ganesh (70) and Zia Iqmal (72). Team Indonesia stood third with 2-under-par 211 from Gabriel Hansel Hari (68), Jonathan Xavier Hartono (71), and Randy Arsenate Bintang (72).

Nguyen Nhat Long is currently leading the individual category with a score of 4-under-par 67, closely followed by Malaysia’s Malcolm Ting and Indonesia’s Gabriel Hansel Hari, both carding 68.

The Lion City Cup for boys under 16 saw Malaysia’s promising youngsters leading with a 3-under-par 139 combined score from Muhammad Adif Haikal (68) and Muhammad Ajmal Amin (71). Thailand is trailing by 5 strokes with 2-over-par 144 while Philippines and Indonesia are tied at third place.

Hong Kong shone in the Santi Cup with a dominating 8-under-par 134 through the brilliant play by Han Sophie (65) and Tang Phyllis (69). In the Kartini Cup for girls under 16, Thailand spearheads with a combined score of 6-over-par 148, followed by Indonesia and the Philippines.

Speaking about the course conditions, the tournament director remarked, “The Mines Resort Golf Club has presented an exceptional challenge, with its pristine conditions, enhancing the overall championship experience for our players. We're looking forward to seeing how the drama unfolds over the next few days.”

Team Malaysia's captain for the Lion City players, En Md Hazan, expressed his pride stating, “It's heartening to see our young players leading after Day 1. Their performance showcases the immense talent and dedication they bring to the game. We're optimistic and hope to maintain this momentum throughout the championship.”

With three more days of exhilarating golf action awaiting, the region's top amateur golfers will battle it out for supremacy and the honor of lifting the prestigious trophies.

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