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119th Malaysian Amateur Open – Malaysia's Hariz Hezri and Korea's Seung Hyun Pi catapults to the top of the leaderboard in the Men's Division while China's Liu Yujie remains at the top after Day 2.

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As the 119th Malaysian Amateur Open progresses at the Tiara Melaka Golf & Country Club, the second day of the tournament brought even more excitement and high-quality golf. The event, a showcase of international and local amateur talent, continues to impress with its competitive spirit and exceptional play.

Men's Category:

Malaysia's Hariz Hezri and Korea's Seung Hyun Pi now lead the men's category with a compelling score of 2-under-par 142 2-day total. Hariz Hezri scored 3-under-par 69 today to share the lead with Seung Hyun Pi who carded 2-under-par 70. Seung Hyun Pi remarked, *"Today was about keeping focus and adapting to the course's challenges. It feels great to be in the lead."*

Staying in the race, Korea's Jun Hee Choi is holding onto the third spot with scores of 1-under-par 143 2-day total. He carded 75, 68 to take the third spot.

Malaysia's top scorer in the men's category for Day 2 Hariz Hezri, achieved an impressive score of 3-under-par 69 for 2-under-par 142 2-day total. He stated, *"Representing Malaysia on this platform is an honor. My performance today gives me confidence for the upcoming rounds."*

Women's Category:

China's Liu Yujie continues to lead the women's category, scoring 3-under-par 69 for 6-under par 138. She shared, *"Maintaining consistency is key. I'm pleased with my performance and looking forward to the next round."*

Following her are Thailand's Thitikarn Thapasit and Malaysia's Ng Jing Xuen, securing the second and third positions with scores of even-par 144 and 1-under-par 145 2-day total respectively.

The top Malaysian scorer in the women's category, Ng Jing Xuen finished the day with a strong score of 73, 71 for even-par 144. *"It's exhilarating to compete at this level. I'm proud to represent Malaysia and aim to continue this momentum,"* she expressed.

Tan Sri Mohd Anwar Mohd Nor, President of the Malaysian Golf Association, noted, *"The talent on display at this Open is remarkable. The players, both international and local, are showcasing exceptional skills and dedication."*

Tan Sri Aseh Che Mat, President of Tiara Melaka Golf & Country Club, remarked, *"We are thrilled to see such high-caliber performances. The athletes have truly risen to the occasion, making this a tournament to remember."*

The excitement is mounting as we approach the third day of the 119th Malaysian Amateur Open. The tournament continues to be a testament to the skill and spirit of amateur golf.

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Notes to Editors:

1. The 119th Malaysian Amateur Open is a national amateur open organized by the Malaysian Golf Association.
2. The event will feature top amateur golfers from across the Asia Pacific region competing for the championship title.
3. The Tiara Melaka Golf Club is renowned for its world-class facilities and challenging courses, making it an ideal venue for this prestigious event.
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