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119th Malaysian Amateur Open - Day 3 Highlights

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The third day of the 119th Malaysian Amateur Open at the Tiara Melaka Golf & Country Club saw continued impressive performances from a field of international and local amateur golfers. As the tournament nears its climax, the competition remains fierce and captivating.

Men's Category:

Malaysia's Andrew Yap catapults to the top of the leaderboard alongside Malaysia's Zia Iqmal and Vietnam's Nguyen Anh Minh in the men's category after carding 70, 72, 72 respectively for even-par 216 total. Andrew Yap stated, *"Each round brings new challenges, but I'm staying focused on my game plan. I'm honored to share the lead in such a prestigious event."*

In close pursuit are Korea's Park Jae Min, Korea's Jun Hee Choi and yesterday's leaders, Malaysia's Hariz Hezri and Korea's Seung Hyun who scored 72, 74, 75, 75 respectively for 1-over-par 217 total.

Malaysia's top performers in the men's category are Andrew Yap who just won the recent Selangor Amateur Open holds a commendable score of 2-under-70 today and Zia Iqmal who shot even-par 72 for even-par 216 total. *"The competition is intense, but I'm proud of how I've played so far. Representing my country in this tournament is a great privilege,"* Zia Iqmal remarked.

Women's Category:

In the women's category, China's Liu Yujie continues her excellent run with a score of 6-under-par 66 for a sizzling 12-under-par 204 total. She commented, *"I'm focused on each shot and excited about my performance. It's thrilling to lead in such a competitive field."*

Malaysia's Ng Jing Xuen and Thailand's Thitikarn Thapakit shot 4-under-par 68 and 3-under-par 69 respectively for 3-under-par 213 total to share second after day 3 of the tournament.

The leading Malaysian in the women's category, Ng Jing Xuen, achieved a score of 4-under-par 68 today. *"It's an amazing experience competing at this level. I'm looking forward to bringing my best in the final round,"* she expressed.

The Tournament Director, Mr Teoh Piek Kee, said, *"As we move into the final day, the excitement is palpable. The players have shown tremendous skill and sportsmanship, making this year's Open truly remarkable."*

As the 119th Malaysian Amateur Open heads into its final day, the anticipation for the finale is at an all-time high. The event continues to showcase the best 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.
4. For media passes, interview requests, and further information, please contact Nadia Qistina