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119th Malaysian Amateur Open - Final Day Recap

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The 119th Malaysian Amateur Open, a key event in the World Amateur Golf Ranking, concluded with a flourish at the Tiara Melaka Golf & Country Club. The tournament brought together a diverse field of top amateur golfers from countries including Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei, the Philippines, Myanmar, China, Australia, Mongolia, Iraq, South Korea, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, and Hong Kong, China, highlighting its international prestige.

Malaysia's Hariz Hezri emerged as the champion in the men's category, with a remarkable total score of 1-under-par 287. He carded 73, 69, 75 and 70. It's a historical feat as the last Malaysian champion of the blue-ribboned national amateur open was back in 2012 won by Gavin Kyle Green. Hariz Hezri said, *"Claiming this title is a testament to my dedication and hard work. The level of competition was intense, and I'm proud to have prevailed."*

Close behind were young Malaysian player, Andrew Yap who won the 48th Selangor Amateur Open last week in second place, 1 stroke behind the Champion at 74, 72, 70, 72 for an even-par 288 total and Korea's Jun Hee Choi who finished third with 75, 68, 74, 72 for 1-over-par 289 (won on countback), demonstrating the high calibre of play.

China's Liu Yujie claimed victory in the women's category with a total score of 12-under-par 276 (69, 69, 66, 72), displaying exceptional skill. *Liu remarked, "Winning here is incredibly fulfilling. The competition pushed me to my limits, and I'm delighted with the outcome."*

Malaysia's Ng Jing Xuen and Thailand's Thitikarn Thapasit secured the second and third positions with scores of 4-under-par 284 and 2-under-par 286 respectively, showcasing the depth of the field.

The best Malaysian finisher in the women's category, Ng Jing Xuen said, *"Representing my country and achieving this result is an honor. The level of support and competition here was phenomenal," she said.*

Mr Teoh Piek Kee, the Tournament Director, stated, "This year's Malaysian Amateur Open has been a showcase of exceptional golfing skills. The players displayed tremendous spirit and sportsmanship, making it a memorable event".

Tan Sri Mohd Anwar Mohd Nor President of the Malaysian Golf Association, added, *"This tournament is a significant part of the World Amateur Golf Ranking, and the performances we witnessed this year have been outstanding. Well done to all participants, especially our champions and top Malaysian finishers."*

The 119th Malaysian Amateur Open has indeed been a successful and memorable event, showcasing the best of amateur golf on an international stage.

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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