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SWINGS, SURPRISES, AND STELLAR PERFORMANCES: DAY 2 OF THE SOUTH EAST ASIAN AMATEUR GOLF TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS SIZZLES AT THE MINES RESORT GOLF CLUB

Kuala Lumpur, 22 August 2023 – As the second day of the iconic South East Asian Amateur Golf Team Championship draws to a close, the Mines Resort Golf Club witnesses some intense competition across the 60th Putra Cup, 14th Lion City Cup, 12th City Cup, and 8th Kartini Cup.

In the Putra Cup, Team Indonesia jumped to the top of the leaderboard, with standout performances from Rayhan Abdul Latief who scored 3-under-par 139, Gabriel Hansel Hari with 2-under-par 140 2-day total and Randy Arbenata Bintang who carded 1-under-par 141. Indonesia scored an accumulative score of 418 after Day 2 of the South East Asian Amateur Golf Team Championship. Team Malaysia still maintained second place with a total combined score of 419 after a brilliant play by Malcolm Ting who carded 5-under-par 137 that catapulted him to the top of the individual leaderboard. Nateeshvar Ganesh contributed to the tally with 1-under-par 141 and Anson Yeo with 2-under-par 144.

The leading player, Malcolm Ting commented, "The competition is fierce, but I'm pleased with my performance today. The team's spirit and determination are high, and we'll be giving our best in the coming days."

Malaysia's Putra Cup Team Captain, Shairul Erwin added, "Every stroke counts in this championship. Our players are showcasing resilience and determination, and we are hopeful to keep the momentum going."

Hong Kong and Vietnam shared third place after carding 419 accumulative scores.

Team Malaysia still leads in the Lion City Cup after scoring 288 accumulative total, 1 stroke ahead of Team Thailand. Muhammad Adif Haikal and Muhammad Ajmal Amin contributed to the tally with 1-under-par 141 and 7-over-par 149 respectively. Team Thailand 289 accumulative score was contributed by Siradech Chanha who carded 1-over-par 143 and Krittipong Kamlagkee who scored 5-over-par 147. Team Vietnam stood third with a combined score of 293.

In the individual race, Vietnam's Nguyen Doc Son tied first with Malaysia's Muhammad Adif Haikal. Thailand's Siradech Chanha is in third place with 1-over-par 143. Reflecting on the day, Muhammad Adif Haikal stated, "It's an honor to compete against such talented peers. The course has been challenging, but I'm thrilled with where I stand. Tomorrow is another day, and I'm gearing up for it."

In the Santi Cup, Team Thailand emerged as a strong contender who carded a total 282 2-day accumulative score. The scores were contributed by Suvichaya Vinijchaitham who carded 2-under-par 140 and Thitikarn Thapasit who scored 1-over-par 143. In second place is Team Hong Kong (283) contributed by Santi Cup leading player, Han Sophie who carded 3-under-par 139 and Tang Phyllis with 2-over-par 144. Han Sophie said, "Today's round was a mix of challenges and triumphs. I'm looking forward to the next round, keeping in mind the lessons from today." Team Malaysia is in third place with a combined score of 289 by Ng Jing Xuen who scored 1-over-par 143 and Wang Xin Yao who carded 4-over-par 146.

Team Thailand increased their lead in the Kartini Cup with 291 total, 10 strokes ahead their nearest challenger, Team Singapore who scored 301 total. The leading player, Xingtong Chen from Singapore who carded even-par 142 said, "Every hole is a learning experience. It's gratifying to see my efforts pay off, but the competition is far from over."

Dato' Zulkifli Ismail, Secretary General of the ASEAN Golf Federation (AGF), expressed his gratitude and satisfaction, "The unwavering support extended by member countries of AGF and the impeccable arrangements by the host venue, The Mines Resort Golf Club, have been instrumental in elevating the stature of this championship. We're witnessing golf of the highest standard, a testament to the talent and dedication in our region."

As the championship heads into its pivotal stages, fans and participants eagerly await what promises to be an enthralling continuation.

The Annual General Meeting of the AGF will be held tomorrow, 23rd August 2023 at 10.30am at the Mines Resort & Golf Club which will be attended by delegates from each participating country, Brunei, Cambodia, Hong Kong China, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia. The meeting will be chaired by the current President of AGF, the President of the host country national golf association, which is MGA, YBhg. Admiral Tan Sri Mohd Anwar Mohd Nor.

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