

PRESS RELEASE

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Malaysian Golf Association Celebrates Historic Achievement at Sea Games Award Ceremony

The Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) is hosting an award ceremony today at the Mines Resort Golf Club to honour our talented athletes for their exceptional performance at the recent Sea Games held from 8-13 May 2023 at the Garden City Golf Club in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

This historic event recognizes the groundbreaking achievement of Ng Jing Xuen, the first female golf athlete to win a gold medal at the Games. At the young age of 15, she not only outplayed seasoned golfers but set a new milestone for the sport in Malaysia.

The award ceremony also honours other key contributors to our success at the Games. Malcolm Ting, who won the men's individual silver medal, and Foong Zi You, who claimed the women's individual bronze medal, will be recognized for their outstanding performance in their first Games appearance. The valiant effort of Geraldine Wong will also be celebrated, acknowledging her contribution in securing the women's team bronze medal in the matchplay event.

The Deputy Minister of Youth & Sports, YB Adam Adli, extends his congratulations, saying, "*This outstanding performance is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our athletes and the MGA. I hope that our golf team continues to create waves at major events. Rest assured that the Ministry of Youth & Sports will remain a strong pillar of support.*"

The MGA would like to acknowledge the steadfast dedication and determination shown by the other athletes in the team- Anson Yeo, Harris Hezri, and Nateeshvar Ganesh - at the Games in Phnom Penh. Each of these talented athletes competed fiercely in both the individual stroke play and team matchplay events. Although their efforts did not culminate in a podium finish, their performance reflected a level of tenacity and resolve that is truly commendable.

The world of sports often focuses on victories and medals, but at the MGA, we believe that the true spirit of sportsmanship shines through in every challenge, every stroke, and every effort. Each of our athletes demonstrated their commitment to the sport and their capacity to compete against strong players from around the region.

We sincerely appreciate their hard work and dedication. Their performances have shown promising signs of their potential to make significant strides in future competitions. It's through experiences like these that athletes grow, develop resilience, and sharpen their skills.

We extend our full support and encouragement to everyone in the team, and we are confident they will continue to train hard, push their limits, and strive for success in the upcoming events.

Their journey continues, and their passion, hard work, and determination will indeed pave the way to their future accomplishments in the sport of golf. We look forward to seeing their development and continued contributions to Malaysian golf.

We are incredibly grateful to those working tirelessly behind the scenes to support our players: their parents, our team managers Mr. Teoh Piek Kee and Mr. Shairul Erwin, and the officers from MSN and ISN. We also extend our gratitude to our sponsors, Dunlop Srixon Asia Berhad, Crestlink, and Acushnet, for their invaluable support to our athletes.

In response to the momentous achievement, the President of MGA, Admiral Tan Sri Mohd Anwar Mohd Nor said, *"I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of our team. From parents, club managers, KBS, OCM, sponsors, to team managers, everyone played a crucial role in this historic achievement. I congratulate our players for their exceptional performance. MGA pledges to continue overcoming challenges and striving for excellence as we work towards promoting and developing golf in Malaysia."*

Today, we celebrate not only the achievement but the journey that has led us here. This recognition goes beyond medals; it's about the spirit of the game, the determination of our athletes, and the collective effort of those supporting them.

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Note to editors: High-resolution photos from the event are available upon request.

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About MGA

Malaysian Golf Association, founded in 1929, the sole governing body, is entrusted to promote golf while preserving its integrity, traditions and rules of the game, as prescribed by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews (R&A). A team of dedicated volunteers run the non-government organisation, with assistance and guidance by a management team headed by Tan Sri Mohd Anwar as President. MGA actively promotes grassroot programmes, trains players for international events and process handicaps through its national handicap system. Its portfolio includes the Malaysian Open, national and state amateur opens.