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**Maybank Malaysian Open 2013 – National Qualifier:
Kemarol Baharin, Sasidaran Muthiah And Mohd Hanafiah
Lead Day One In The Race To Maybank Malaysian Open 2013**

Kuala Lumpur, 26 February 2013 – With only four coveted spots at the Maybank Malaysian Open up for grabs this year, the 51 Malaysian professional golfers really put their game on at the challenging golf course of Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club during day one of the Maybank Malaysian Open – National Qualifier.

Leading the pack on day one of the 2-day event were Kemarol Baharin, Sasidaran Muthiah and Mohd Hanafiah Mohd Jamil with a gross score of 70, 71 and 73 respectively.

37 year old Sasidaran Muthiah is no stranger to Maybank Malaysian Open as he has taken part in the prestigious event several times, either by automatic entry or through the National Qualifier. When asked about his game today, he felt he had a good overall game and said, “My putting was good and I managed to make a full birdie and three bogeys”. His game plan for tomorrow is to stay cool and focused.

Those who qualified will join Danny Chia, a Maybank Golf Ambassador, who automatically qualified based on his impressive Asian Tour Order of Merit. Other professionals that have been given direct entry under Maybank’s nominates are Maybank Golf Ambassador Shaaban Hussin, 2012 Professional Golf of Malaysia (PGM) - Maybank Tour Players Champion Akhmal Tarmizee and GlobalOne’s nominated golfers Md Rashid Ismail, S. Murthy, S. Sivachandhran, Azman Basharuddin and Kenneth De Silva.





Winning the coveted slot in the Maybank Malaysian Open would also grant the golfers the valuable experience of playing in a tournament with Luke Donald who is making his debut, Masters Champion Charl Schwartzel, Maybank Malaysian Open 2011 Champion Matteo Manassero and 3 time Major Champion Pádraig Harrington plus a shot at the lucrative tax-free prize purse of USD2.75 million.

For information on the Maybank Malaysian Open 2013, visit www.maybankmalaysianopen.com or follow us on Twitter @maybankmsiaopen or #maybankmalaysianopen. Tickets for the event are available now. For information on ticketing, please go to www.ticketpro.com.my

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About Maybank

The Maybank Group is Malaysia's regional financial services leader with an international network of over 2,200 offices in 20 countries namely Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines, Brunei Darussalam, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Papua New Guinea, Hong Kong SAR, People's Republic of China, Myanmar, Laos, Bahrain, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, India, Saudi Arabia, Great Britain and the United States of America.

The Group offers an extensive range of products and services, which includes commercial banking, investment banking, Islamic banking, stock broking, insurance and takaful and asset management. It has over 46,000 employees serving 22 million customers worldwide.





About the Malaysian Golf Association

Founded in 1929, the Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) as the sole governing body of golf in Malaysia has been entrusted to promote the game while preserving its traditions and integrity.

It's a non-government organization that runs by volunteers who are passionate about the game with the help of a team of management staff.

The Association's portfolios have increased over the years ranging from conducting 14 state amateur opens, national amateur open, national amateur close, Malaysian Open to processing handicaps through its National Handicap System to promoting grassroots programs and training of the athletes to represent Malaysia in the international events.

We take our responsibilities seriously in promoting the game in Malaysia while simultaneously upholding the Rules of Golf as prescribed by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews (R&A).

About the Asian Tour

In 2013, the Asian Tour will celebrate a momentous milestone with its 10th season. As the official sanctioning body for professional golf in Asia, the Asian Tour leads the development of golf across the region, enhancing the careers of its members while maintaining a commitment to the integrity of the game. The Asian Tour, through its membership of the International Federation of PGA Tours, is the only recognised pan-Asian professional golf tour in Asia. This unique feature positions the Asian Tour at the pinnacle of professional golf in Asia; providing its events with Official World Ranking status. Tour Partners include Abacus (Official Apparel Partner), BlackBerry (Official Communications Partner), Inetol Headwear (Official Headwear Supplier), Singha Beer (Official Beer), Srixon (Official Ball), Starwood Hotels and Resorts (Official Hotels and Resorts) and Rolex (Official Timekeeper). The Asian Tour has offices in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. Also, visit us at www.asiantour.com, www.facebook.com/asiantourgolf, www.twitter.com/asiantourgolf, www.youtube.com/theasiantour and www.weibo.com/asiantourgolf

About The European Tour

The European Tour is committed to celebrating the game of golf from the origins of the professional game, building a proud history of achievement, sportsmanship and integrity as well as showcasing our





diverse global talent and rich landscapes. The European Tour's innovative approach enables us to embrace the world, combining championships of tradition with new tournaments in the cities and countries of the future.

The European Tour International Schedule, which from 2009 has incorporated The Race to Dubai, is a thriving global brand which, in 2012, will feature a minimum of 46 tournaments spread across all five continents of the world; the European Challenge Tour focuses on the up and coming players of the future; while the European Senior Tour provides a new start for champions celebrating their 50th birthday.

The European Tour's corporate identity features the iconic silhouette image of six-time Open Champion Harry Vardon who gives his name to The Harry Vardon Trophy, presented to the player who is crowned European Tour Number One and winner of The Race to Dubai at the end of the season.

About Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club

Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club (KLGCC) is a member of Sime Darby Property Bhd and a propriety Club wholly-owned and operated by KLGCC Berhad. The club has won numerous accolades from both local and foreign golfing fraternity, the latest being voted the Malaysia's Golf Club of the Year in Par Golf Awards 2011, No.1 Golf Course in Malaysia and Best Clubhouse in Asia Pacific by Asian Golf Monthly Awards 2011 and HAPA Golf Course of the Year by the prestigious Hospitality Asia Platinum Awards Regional Series 2011 – 2013. Today, it has become a landmark as the most luxurious golf resort development in Malaysia and KLGCC has in recent years hosted numerous international championships such as the Maybank Malaysian Open and the Sime Darby LPGA Malaysia.

About GlobalOne

GlobalOne is an executive lifestyle sports marketing consultancy. We have in the past created partnerships in golf, motor racing, sailing, tennis, rugby, skiing, athletics, basketball, cycling and skiing. Today, as an event promoter, GlobalOne's primary focus and area of sports rights ownership is professional golf.

GlobalOne currently stages two highly successful tournaments in Asia – the Maybank Malaysian Open, which is co-sanctioned by the European tour and the Asian Tour and the Enjoy Jakarta Astro Indonesia Open.

