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Maybank Malaysian Open 2013 – National Qualifier:

#### **Four Winners Ready For Action!**

**Sasidaran Muthiah, Kemarol Baharin, Mohd Hanafiah Mohd Jamil and P.Gunasegaran Secures The Coveted Slot For Maybank Malaysian Open 2013**

**Kuala Lumpur, 27 February 2013** – Four proud professional golfers namely **Sasidaran Muthiah, Kemarol Baharin, Mohd Hanafiah Mohd Jamil and P.Gunasegaran** claimed the coveted slots at today's **Maybank Malaysian Open 2013** – National Qualifier with a gross total score of 142, 144, 146 and 146 respectively and are on their way to share the course with some of the world's and region's top golfers at the prestigious Maybank Malaysian Open 2013 this March.

After an intense 2-day qualifying round, these four professional golfers managed to overtake 51 participants and came up top to complete the Malaysian Team which consists of Danny Chia, a Maybank Golf Ambassador, who automatically qualified based on his Asian Tour Order of Merit, Maybank Golf Ambassador Shaaban Hussin, 2012 Professional Golf of Malaysia (PGM) - Maybank Tour Players Champion Akhmal Tarmizee, Professional Golf Association of Malaysia (PGAM) Order of Merit top four professional golfers Nicholas Fung, Sukree Othman, R. Nachimuthu and Airil Rizman and GlobalOne's nominated golfers Md Rashid Ismail, S. Murthy, S. Sivachandhran, Azman Basharuddin and Kenneth De Silva.

Sasidaran Muthiah's patience and focus during the qualifier clearly paid off and he is now looking forward to give his best during Maybank Malaysian Open 2013. "Maybank Malaysian Open is a great avenue to gain experience. I have had good memories at the event, Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club is a favourite course of mine. It's important for me to maintain my confidence so that I can give my best performance" he said.



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President of the Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) Admiral (R) Tan Sri Dato' Setia Mohd Anwar Mohd Nor congratulated the winners and said, "The Maybank Malaysian Open is the avenue for our local professionals to gather the experience and skills to go further in their career. I am positive that these winners will make full use of this invaluable opportunity".

Chief Marketing Officer of Maybank Mohamed Adam praised all the participants for their outstanding game and said "during this 2-day event, we have seen many talents waiting to emerge and represent Malaysia in the international arena. The enthusiasm and commitment shown by these golfers is a positive sign that the effort Maybank has put in towards golf development in Malaysia since 2006 is bearing fruit".

Maybank Malaysian Open 2013 will be held from March 21 to 24 at the Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club. For information on the event, visit [www.maybankmalaysianopen.com](http://www.maybankmalaysianopen.com) or follow on Twitter @maybankmsiaopen or #maybankmalaysianopen. Tickets for the event are available now. For information on ticketing, please go to [www.ticketpro.com.my](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> 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





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### **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.



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