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The Asians Turn On The Heat Asian Golfers Bring Their Game On During Round Two Of Maybank Malaysian Open 2013

Kuala Lumpur, 22 March 2013 – Thailand’s Kiradech Aphibarnrat birdied the ninth hole to hold a one-shot edge over second round clubhouse leaders Wu Ashun of China and former Masters winner Charl Schwartzel of South Africa at the prestigious Maybank Malaysian Open 2013 today.

First round leader Kiradech completed only nine holes of his second round when play was suspended at 7.25pm due to fading light at the Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club following another day of inclement weather.

The burly Thai, fourth at the Avantha Masters in India last week, stood at 10-under for the US\$2.75 million tournament sanctioned by the Asian Tour and European Tour after making birdies on the third, fourth and ninth holes.

Wu Ashun of China’s return to the Maybank Malaysian Open seems to be a good one as he produced a solid four-under-par 68 to tie Schwartzel, who also carded a 68, on nine-under-par 135.

Fresh off the course, Wu said “I’m very happy today and my putting is good. I read the lines very well and that made me relax out there. That worked for me which explained my good score”.

Wu whose last visit to Malaysia was in 2010 is happy to be back, in the tournament and visiting his old Asian Tour friends. “I think it’s important to play with a strategy in mind this week and



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choosing the right clubs to use will matter as well. I've been in a good form lately and I hope to maintain that".

Malaysian amateur star Gavin Green was definitely one of the local favourites today. Gavin became the first Malaysian amateur in 10 years to qualify for the weekend rounds at the Maybank Malaysian Open after posting an impressive four-under-par 68 in the second round.

The 19-year-old Malaysian Amateur champion, who is studying at the University of New Mexico, carded five birdies against a lone bogey at the Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club for a two-day total of three-under-par 141.

Appreciating the experience to play side-by-side professionals who are around the same age as he is, namely Maybank Malaysian Open 2011 Champion Matteo Manassero and current Asian Tour Order of Merit leader Gaganjeet Bhullar, Gavin said "It was nice playing with Matteo and Gaganjeet. Their irons are really good, always straight at the pin. I really want to break the top-20, that's my goal right now".

The second round was especially challenging to many of the professionals due to the unpredictable weather. The tournament was suspended a couple of times today, which was seen as both a blessing and a hindrance by the golfers. The rain however did not effect the condition of the Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club. Earlier in the day, Charl Schwartzel, "These golf courses are the best in the world when it comes to draining. It was some storm last night. When we drove out last night, I saw all the bunkers had just been washed away but you come out this morning it doesn't even look like there's been rain."

It is still anyone's game at the moment at the Maybank Malaysian Open 2013 however the Asians are putting up a strong front. More action awaits this weekend thus golf enthusiasts would not want to miss it. For information on the Maybank Malaysian Open 2013, visit





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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), Canon (Official Imaging 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

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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.

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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.

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