



Press Release

Maybank Championship Announces ASEAN player line-up for 2018

Invites Extended to 5 ASEAN Players

Maybank Championship today announced the participation of ASEAN professionals Justin Quiban of Philippines, Michael Tran of Vietnam, Naing Naing Lin of Myanmar, Quincy Quek of Singapore and Rory Hie of Indonesia at this year's tournament, which will be held from the 1 - 4 February 2018 at the Saujana Golf and Country Club.

The inclusion of these players are part of Maybank's commitment to grow and nurture players within the ASEAN region through the special ASEAN category in the tournament; the first initiative of its kind on the International Tours' circuit.

"It has always been Maybank's aim to provide opportunities for qualified ASEAN players to stand a chance at competing in a world class event. We are proud to provide the platform to ensure professional golfers, especially in countries that we operate across the ASEAN region will have the opportunity to develop their skills as professionals and gain the experience needed to excel on the global stage" said Datuk Abdul Farid Alias, Group President and Chief Executive Officer of Maybank.

These players have been selected based on their Asian Tour Order of Merit, Asian Development Tour Order of Merit, World Ranking and local tour Order of Merit in their respective countries (where available) and will be competing against top Asian and European Tour players who include Henrik Stenson, Fabrizio Zanotti, Marcus Fraser, Bernd Wiesberger, Yuta Ikeda and many more.

The Maybank Championship 2018 is a co-sanctioned event that will see 156 of the world's leading golfers from the European Tour, and a contingent of the best professional golf players from the Asian Tour, competing for a piece of the event's USD3 million prize purse.

Justin Quiban

Justin is a professional golfer from the Philippines. Turning 22 this year, he made headlines last year at the Resorts World Manila when he sprung into early contention by sitting atop the leaderboard with his two-day total of 12 under-par 132 at the US\$1 million event.



Michael Tran

Michael picked up golf when he was in New Zealand in 2002 as part of a student exchange programme. He also spent several years in California which helped develop his golf game.

Michael claimed his breakthrough victory at the Asian Development Tour during the Ciputra Golfpreneur Tournament in 2015 where he defeated Singapore's Lam Chih-bing on the first play-off hole. In 2012, Michael showed his talent when he contended at the Worldwide Holdings Selangor Masters where he finished third. He is currently ranked at 105 on the Asian Tour Order of Merit.

Naing Naing Lin

Naing Naing Lin turned professional in 2007 and was the second runner-up in his first tournament as a professional, the Monywa Open. He is currently No. 1 on the Myanmar PGA Order of Merit.

He has a total of 6 wins under his belt, The President Cup in 2007, IBTC Open Golf Championship in 2009, Myanmar Golf Tour (Mandalay) in 2016, Myanmar Golf Tour (Nay Pyi Taw) in 2017, Myanmar Golf Tour (Mawlamyine) in 2017 and Myanmar Golf Tour (Myeik) in 2017.

Quincy Quek

Quincy Quek started playing golf at the age of 10, when he was introduced to the sport by his father. Quincy enjoyed his maiden professional victory at the second Asian Development Tour when he won the 2012 Orchard Golf Championship, which included a dramatic hole-in-one on the 16th hole during the final round.

Currently ranked at 94 on the Asian Tour Order of Merit, Quincy has a vast amount of experiences under his belt.

Rory Hie

Rory started playing golf at the age of five before heading to the United States where he joined the local junior circuit. He is also the first Indonesian to earn playing rights at the Asian Tour when he finished in the top-40 in the 2009 Qualifying School in Thailand. Currently ranked at No. 74 on the Asian Tour Order of Merit, Rory will be bringing his years of expertise into the field.



For further details on the announced players, upcoming events and other information related to the Maybank Championship, please log on to www.maybankchampionship.com.my