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PLI SIGNS DEAL WITH BATAM GOLF CLUBS

After only two months of discussion, the world's largest golf membership, Pacific Links International (PLI), has signed a deal to include five out of six golf clubs in Batam into their fold.

There are now more than 450 participating clubs that have partnered with this mega golf membership programme.

Earlier this April, PLI announced two course builds of their own by none other than Tiger Woods and Gil Hanse, designer of Rio's Olympic Golf Course. Both these courses will be at Hawaii's Makaha Valley Resort.

At a dinner ceremony held at the Radisson Golf & Convention Center, Jack Lin, general manager

of Pacific Links (Taiwan), signed an agreement together with the general managers of Tering Bay, Indah Puri, Southlinks, and Palm Springs Golf & Country Club, whose marketing manager, Jason Tay, has been key to making this cooperation a success.

Radisson Batam's Padang Golf Sukajadi was already an existing member of PLI before this tie-up.

"The cooperation between PLI Taiwan will be built on a win-win situation and beneficial for both sides. PLI will have a new golf paradise for our members to come



The alliance of Batam golf clubs and Pacific Links International celebrated on stage.

and enjoy while Batam will have more visitors from our side," said Lin.

"Palm Springs will offer our services as a booking agent for the other golf clubs as we have dedicated Chinese-speaking staffing to take on the incoming PLI members from Taiwan and China," said Steven Japari, CEO of Palm Springs Golf & Country Club Batam and Karawang.

The delegation presiding over the ceremony consisted of media from Singapore, Taiwan and Indonesia, as well as selected PLI members from Taiwan, who has also enjoyed both golf at these new partner courses over a five-day period.

SICC DOMINATES AT SGA INTER-CLUB LEAGUE

Representatives from the Singapore Island Country Club narrowly missed making a clean sweep at this year's edition of the SGA Inter-Club League.

The SGA Inter-Club League has been the staple of friendly competition among the golf clubs since its inception in 1991.

Spanning across five months, the SGA Inter-Club League is a round-robin match play event that pits teams from the nation's golf clubs across five divisions.

Teams from the Singapore Island Country Club captured the top spot for four of the six divisions, with the exception of the Ladies Division and Men's 'A' Division which was won by the team from Orchid Country Club and National Service Resort and Country Club respectively. — **Jeremy Theseira**

SGA INTER-CLUB LEAGUE 2019 WINNERS

Overall Champion:

Singapore Island Country Club

Ladies Division Champion:

Orchid Country Club

Senior Division Champion:

Singapore Island Country Club

'B' Division Champion:

Singapore Island Country Club

'A' Division Champion:

National Service Resort and Country Club

Premier Division Champion:

Singapore Island Country Club

SENTOSA GOLF CLUB WINS TWO SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

In recognition of their efforts towards sustainability, Sentosa Golf Club bagged two awards at the inaugural RHT RMF GAIL Sustainability Day.

Held early July, the RHT RMF GAIL Sustainability Day was conceived by GAIL (Greening ASEAN: Initiatives & Leadership), an initiative commissioned by the RHT Rajan Menon Foundation in 2018 as a platform to address issues such as sustainability, climate change, adverse social and community impact, as well as corporate governance issues.

Sentosa Golf Club was awarded The Sustainability Gamechanger (pictured) title and The Sustainability Innovator award for the development and initiatives of its #KeepItGreen campaign which launched last year at the 2018 SMBC Singapore Open.

Since the start of the campaign, Sentosa Golf Club has undertaken wide-ranging actions towards reducing its environmental footprint such as being the first club in Asia to introduce carbon products into its agronomy programme, utilising GPS spraying equipment to improve efficiency and reducing the use of chemicals.

Such measures have enabled the club to reduce its water usage by 70 per cent, along with halving its fertiliser usage with the introduction of waste digesters that convert food and horticulture wastes into fertilisers.



The club has also banned the use of plastic water bottles and straws which effectively saves the equivalent of 300,000 plastic bottles and 120,000 straws per year.

Sentosa's General Manager and Director of Agronomy, Andy Johnston, said, "Sentosa Golf Club is extremely proud to receive both of the highly-coveted awards at the GAIL Sustainability Awards, which are further recognition of the commitment shown by each and every one of our staff members."

He added "#KeepItGreen is not a campaign but a way of life at the Club. Environmental sustainability is at the heart of our club operations and a constant consideration in every decision we make. It is our mission to be recognised as the leading green venue in the world, and for our example to be followed by clubs everywhere. Awards like this are a ringing endorsement for our strategy and prove we are well on our way to achieving this goal."

— **Jeremy Theseira**

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