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Thailand dominates Opening Day of the 11th AmBank SportExcel International Junior Golf Championships 2016

Defending champion and one of Malaysia's top junior golfers, Ashley Lau teed-off her defence of the 11th AmBank SportExcel International Junior Golf Championship 2016 with a round of 76 to finish the opening day joint first with a trio of Malaysians.

Ashley is playing under the Hills Australia banner this year as she is currently on a one-year golf sponsorship with Hills by virtue of emerging champion in the Girl's 15-18 category title last year. The other Malaysians who also carded a 76 were Winnie Ng, Liyana Durisic and Kelie Kan in today's rain interrupted first round.

"My performance was just ok but I am not too pleased with it. My putting today was bad and I couldn't also get a feel of the greens. The weather did not affect me though as I started before the rain but the course was already a little bit soggy by then," said Ashley.

Overall, Thailand dominated the proceedings in today's opening round by taking the lead in four out of six categories – namely the Boys and Girls 13-14 and U-12 categories, respectively.

The Best Players from the Blue Tee (Boys 13-14 and 15-18 age group category) and White Tee (Girls 13-14 and 15-18 age group category) will also be vying for the Tan Sri Azman Hashim trophy, named after the AmBank Group Chairman.

This tournament will feature a total of 122 juniors will play in six age group categories namely, 12 years and below, 13-14 years and 15-18 years, both in Boys and Girls category.

The main prize categories in the Championship are:

- 1st-4th placing for each category.
- Overall Best Blue-Tee and Overall Best White-Tee
- Overall Best Gross Score

In addition, the Overall Best Gross Score will receive a one-year scholarship from Hills Golf Academy, Gold Coast, Australia worth approximately RM150,000 or \$45,000 Australian Dollar (AUD). Another four best local players will receive a one-month scholarship worth approximately RM26,000 or \$8,000 Australian Dollar (AUD).

Results (Malaysians unless stated):

First Round Scores

Boys

15-18:

70: Lim Beng Keat; 72: Lee Chong Li; 72: Pattanan Bruminthent (Thai)

13-14:

74: Wanipun Meesom-us (Thai); 75: Supakit Seelngae (Thai); 76: Zubair Firdaus

U-12:

72: Weerawish Narprachar (Thai); 72: Hsuan An Yu (Chinese Taipei); 73: Tunyapat Sukkoed (Thai)

Girls

15-18:

76: Winnie Ng; 76: Liyana Durisic; 76: Kelie Kan; 76: Ashley Lau (Aus)

13-14:

76: Panchalika Arphamongkol (Thai); 83: G. Vinisha; 83: Pemika Arphamongkol (Thai)

U-12:

71: Suththinee Ngam-khum (Thai); 75: Phannarai Meesom-us (Thai); 78: Jumpita Chul-ak-sorn (Thai)

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