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## **Ashley Retains 11<sup>th</sup> AmBank SportExcel International Junior Golf Championships 2016**

Defending champion Ashley Lau of Hills Australia retained her 11th AmBank SportExcel International Junior Golf Championship 2016 title in the Girls 15-18 category with a three stroke win over Winnie Ng while the Boys 15-18 title went to Lim Beng Keat.

In the Boys 13-14 category, Dubai-based Malaysian Zubair Firdaus clinched his maiden title in the 11th AmBank SportExcel International Junior Golf Championship 2016 with a comfortable nine stroke win over Thailand's Ariyawat Ju-Prang and in the process, earned a one-year scholarship from Hills Golf Academy, Gold Coast, Australia worth approximately RM150,000 or \$45,000 Australian Dollar (AUD).

Today's final round was called off due to inclement weather, hence the two rounds scores was used to decide the winners.

"I am extremely delighted to retain my title today and training at Hills Australia has helped my game improved tremendously. I would like to thank AmBank Group and SportExcel for organising this tournament," said Ashley.

Zubair who trains at the European Tour Performance Institute in Jumeirah Golf Estate, added on his win: "I am quite happy to win this tournament and was looking forward for a top 10 finish but was surprised to win the title. I am going to practise harder now and as I am based in Dubai, my next tournament will also be there. My target next year is to come back to Kuala Lumpur and win this tournament."

For the Girls 13-14, U-12 and Boys U-12 categories, Thailand claimed all three titles. The Best Player from the Blue Tee (Boys 13-14 and 15-18 age group category) went to Zubair while the White Tee (Girls 13-14 and 15-18 age group category) winner was Ashley. For their efforts, they also won the Tan Sri Azman Hashim challenge trophy, named after the AmBank Group Chairman.

All the prizes were given away by Tunku Tan Sri Imran Tuanku Ja'afar, Chairman, SportExcel, Syed Anuar Syed Ali, Head, Group Corporate Communications and Marketing, AmBank Group and Eqhwan Mokhzanee, Chief Executive Officer, AmBank Islamic.

### **Results (Malaysians unless stated):**

#### **Final Round Scores**

##### Boys

15-18:

147: Lim Beng Keat 70-77; 148: Adam Arif Madzri 77-71; 148: Pattanan Bruminthent (Thai) 72-76

13-14:

146: Zubair Firdaus 76-70; 155: Ariyawat Ju-Prang (Thai) 82-73; 155: Supakit Seelngage (Thai) 75-80

U-12:

143: Weerawish Narprachar (Thai) 72-71; 145: Hsuan An Yu (Chinese Taipei) 72-73; 145: Tunyapat Sukkoed (Thai) 73-72

##### Girls

15-18:

147: Ashley Lau (Aus) 76-71; 150: Winnie Ng 76-74; 153: Natasha Andrea Oon 78-75;

152: Panchalika Arphamongkol (Thai) 76-76; 163: G. Vinisha 83-80; 165: Angel Hii 85-80

U-12:

142: Suththinee Ngam-khum (Thai) 71-71; 146: Phannarai Meesom-us (Thai) 75-71; 152: Jumpita Chul-ak-sorn (Thai) 78-74

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