

WELCOME MESSAGE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE MALAYSIA

It gives me great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all golfers, officials, and supporters, to the CIMB Classic 2017 at the resplendent TPC Kuala Lumpur. As we say it in Malay, *Selamat Datang ke Malaysia*.

We are proud that our country is hosting the high-profile CIMB Classic for the eighth successive year and the prominence is underscored by the tournament's stature as being the only PGA TOUR FedExCup tournament held in Southeast Asia. The tournament adds impetus to our nation's efforts to promote Malaysia as a premier golfing destination. With many of the best players in the world teeing up here this week, the spotlight will be on Malaysia.

Since independence, Malaysia has grown and developed rapidly and this is reflected through the establishment of numerous golf courses across the country. With over 200 courses that offer spectacular scenery and unique experiences, Malaysia is no doubt a choice destination for leisure golfers. The extensive media and television coverage generated from the CIMB Classic will help boost our promotional efforts further.

Our team's sterling efforts in promoting golf tourism have not gone unnoticed as proven by various international accolades that we've received previously, including Asia's Best Golf Destination at the World Golf Awards for two consecutive years.

Besides having great golf courses, Malaysia also offers a multitude of exciting attractions, ranging from nature and adventure, to multicultural heritage and shopping. Therefore, I encourage the players and their families to make full use of their time here to experience some of our leading attractions.

On that note, I wish all players an enjoyable week at the CIMB Classic 2017 and have a pleasant stay in Malaysia.

Thank you.

MALAYSIA, TRULY ASIA

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