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SABAH MASTERS SHIFT TO SHAN SHUI

KUALA LUMPUR, March 20 (Bernama) -- One of Malaysia's newest venues, the Shan Shui Golf and Country Club will stage one of the country's most established professional golf tournament, the 17th Sabah Masters event from August 6 to 9.

Executive Director of Asian PGA, Ramlan Harun said the tournament once again formed part of the Asian PGA's Omega Tour and would boast a prize money of US200,000.

"It is very important to us on the Omega Tour that we reach new parts of the golfing community and stage tournaments at the best venues the region has to offer," he said in a statement, here today.

The traditional home for the Sabah Masters has been the Sabah Golf and Country Club, where the tournament was inaugurated in 1982.

Ramlan said the decision to change the venue this year was to allow the event to circulate and to visit new parts of Sabah's golfing scene which were continuing to open up.

"Shan Shui's an excellent new facility which will provide an outstanding setting for an Omega Tour event," he said.

The Club's 6,444 metre par 72 championship layout was opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last September.

The Sabah Masters first became part of the Omega Tour 1996 when victory went to Thailand's Thaworn Wiratchant. -- BERNAMA

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