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IT IS OFFICIAL...A NEW WORLD RECORD FOR SINGAPORE, NUS AND NUS SOCIETY
Guinness World Record Office Endorses Nationwide Attempt to Set New Guinness World Record for Largest Number of Golfers Teeing Off Simultaneously for a One-Day Golf Event

The National University of Singapore (NUS) and the National University of Singapore Society (NUS Society) are pleased to announce that the 19 February nationwide attempt to set a new world record for the largest number of golfers teeing off simultaneously at a one-day golf event has been accepted by the Guinness World Record office in London.

Out of a total of 1,738 golfers who attempted the record, more than 80% or 1,453 golfers met the criteria set by the Guinness World Record office. For their attempts to be counted, each participating golfer had to concurrently tee off from a teeing box measuring 5 metres square into a target area of 60 degrees from the front of the tee box. The ball also had to travel a minimum distance of 91 metres.

The idea to carry out this world record attempt was mooted by NUS alumni members to commemorate the University's Centenary. The idea received strong support from President Nathan who hosted a meeting at the Istana for presidents of all the golf clubs in Singapore to launch this project. **The 19 February NUS-NUSS Centennial Golf Challenge was graced by His Excellency Mr S R Nathan, President of the Republic of Singapore.**

Amongst the golfers that participated in the attempt were cabinet ministers and senior management from the public and private sector organisations. They included Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports & Second Minister for Trade and Industry; Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister for Environment and Water Resources & Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs; Mr Lim Boon Heng, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; Mr Lee Boon Yang, Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts; and Mr Yatiman Yusof, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts.

Participants in this national and historic event included golf club members; the NUS community of alumni, students and staff; NUS Society members; and the wider golfing public. They were able to tee off at any of the 13 participating golf clubs island wide. The participating golf clubs are listed in Annex 1.

Corporate sponsors had also contributed generously to help in making this world record attempt a reality. While the presenting sponsor was DBS Bank, a long time supporter and partner of NUS, other sponsors included Mercedes-Benz Singapore, Johnnie Walker, Breitling, Nokia, Singapore Technologies Engineering, Prudential Assurance, Tiger Beer, Cerebos, Raffles International Hotels and Resorts, QBE Insurance, Singapore Pools, KPMG, PING, Heritage Golf, Old Chang Kee, Oreo, Asian Golf Monthly and SAMBA Brazil Steakhouse Churrascaria.

Each of the participants will receive a certificate confirming their contribution towards the world record attempt.

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ANNEX 1

PARTICIPATING GOLF CLUBS

Changi Golf Club *(No of holes – 9)*

20 Netheravon Road
Singapore 508505

National Service Resort and Country Club - Kranji Sanctuary *(No of holes – 18)*

50 Neo Tiew Lane 3
Singapore 718828

Jurong Country Club *(No of holes – 18)*

9 Science Centre Road
Singapore 609078

Seletar Country Club *(No of holes – 18)*

101 Seletar Base Road
Singapore 798273

Keppel Club *(No of holes – 18)*

Bukit Chermin Road
Singapore 109918

Sentosa Golf Club *(No of holes – 36)*

27 Bukit Manis Road
Singapore 099892

Laguna National Golf and Country Club *(No of holes – 36)*

11 Laguna Golf Green
Singapore 488047

Sembawang Country Club *(No of holes – 18)*

249 Sembawang Road
Singapore 758 352

Orchid Country Club *(No of holes – 27)*

1 Orchid Club Road
Singapore 769162

Singapore Island Country Club *(No of holes – 72)*

240 Sime Road
Singapore 288303

Raffles Country Club *(No of holes – 36)*

450 Jalan Ahmad Ibrahim
Singapore 639932

Tanah Merah Country Club, Garden Location *(No of holes – 36)*

25 Changi Coast Road
Singapore 499803

Warren Golf and Country Club *(No of holes – 18)*

81 Choa Chu Kang Way
Singapore 688263