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Golfers take a swing for Team PNG

The golfer who hits a hole-in-one on the 18th hole during the Prime Minister's Corporate Golf Challenge in Port Moresby this Friday will drive away with a brand new Toyota Single Cab Hilux.

The vehicle is one of the many prizes as well as the winners' title for this year that teams will be vying for.

40 teams representing various corporate organizations have already confirmed their participation and tournament organizer's, the PNG Olympic Committee is looking forward to another successful and competitive but enjoyable golf day.

Secretary General of the Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee, Auvita Rapilla said the golf challenge draws the best out of the participants and it was exciting to see teams compete against each other in fun and enjoyable environment.

"Everyone knows each other in their regular business operations and that makes the game more enjoyable when they meet out on the green in a competitive but friendly atmosphere," Rapilla said.

The event is held every year as a fundraising event for Team PNG to the various international events that take place that year.

This year's event is to help send Team PNG to the Pacific Games in Samoa in July.

Rapilla said they are hoping to raise as much as they can and she is appealing to more corporate houses to be part of the excitement by participating in the event.

"You're not only supporting a good cause but you're also contributing to the success of Team PNG at the Pacific Games," she said.

Last year's winners was Cocoa Board of PNG and it would be interesting to see who will take the title away from them this year.

Team PNG Chef de Mission, Emma Waiwai said Team PNG athletes rely heavily on funds raised through activities such as the PM's Corporate Golf Challenge and the response of the corporate sector to be part of the competition has been very inspiring.

“We strive to do our best for our country and everyone that stands behind us through support like this. It is great when we return with the spoils of victory but it is also great to know that we have a great community standing in support of our aims and dreams,” Waiwai said.

Registration opens at 9:30 in the morning with the tee-off following at 11 o'clock.

An official tee-off by the Prime Minister who is the patron of the event, is anticipated.

A second leg of the PM's Corporate Golf Challenge will be held in Lae on May 31 and registration for that is still open for interested organisations.

Teams wishing to participate can contact the PNG Olympic Committee for more information.

There are also opportunities for branding as sponsors for the holes on the green or for prizes.

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