

# NEXUS KARAMBUNAI

# TOPS

**KOTA KINABALU: Golfers voted Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai (NGRK) as the best resort course in the country last year.**

It was also the top course in East Malaysia, according to the Golf Malaysia Magazine Biennial Golf Course Poll.

For the Best Resort Course Award Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai polled 43 percent or 996 out of 2,316 votes cast by readers of the magazine between May and October last year.

It was one of 10 special awards given to courses around the country. The other awards were Best Private Members Club, Most Memorable Golf Course, Best Nine-Hole Course, Most Scenic Course, Most Scenic Hole, Most Difficult Hole, Best Maintained Course, Best Clubhouse and Best Customer Service. For the Most Memorable Golf course award Nexus was also in the list of top three winners behind Sungai Long Golf and Country Club and The Mines Resort and Golf Club.

In the Top Golf Course in East Malaysia Ranking, Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai polled 20 percent or 463 votes edging nine other courses.

The East Malaysian award was started five years ago as a separate category as the courses in Sabah and Sarawak are generally not played by a majority of the voters who are from Peninsular Malaysia.

Karambunai Corp Berhad Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Robin Loh said the awards are testament to the Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai commitment towards providing only the best for golfers.

"It's an honour for us to be named the number one course in Malaysia especially with the majority of voters coming from Peninsular Malaysia," Loh said.

"The first major sign we got about the standard we have reached was when we hosted the Malaysian Amateur Open Championship last year. It was a significant benchmark for us being given the responsibility to host the region's best amateur golfers and it was a success.

"These awards will inspire us to go to greater heights in the future but I dare say it will come with a lot of hard work just as how we have poured our dedication to our course and our service in the last 10 years," Loh added.

"To us in Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai, winning the awards have put us on a new benchmark and our task now is to remain or inch ourselves further up the ladder."

The top golf course award last year was given to Kota Permai Golf and Country Club.

Another Sabah club that won an award for the Most Scenic Hole was the Tawau Hot Spring Golf Club. The club was also third for the Most Scenic Golf Course.

Among other Sabah based golf courses in the top 10 for the Best Golf Course in East Malaysia Award were Shan Shui Golf and Country Club (second), Sutera Harbour (third), Tawau Hot Springs (fourth), Borneo Golf and Country Club (sixth), Dalit Bay Golf and Country Club (eighth) and Sabah Golf and Country Club (tenth).

Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai was also named Malaysia's Leading Golf Resort for two consecutive years in 2004 and 2005 by the World Travel Association and the 2003 Tourism Minister's Special Award by the Malaysian Travel Awards.

In 2001 and 2002 the Malaysian Travel Awards had also awarded the resort with the Excellence in Hotel Service for Five Star title.

The resort also had international recognition in 2000 and 2001 FIABCI Awards - for Award of Distinction in Leisure and Resort Category and Prix de Excellence Finalist in Leisure Category respectively.

In 1999 it was also named for Award of Distinguished Status - The Finest Golf Resorts Collection.



**BEST RESORT COURSE IN MALAYSIA ... Datuk Robin Loh (right) receiving the awards from Ms. Juliana Cheah, Publisher/CEO of Golf Malaysia Magazine.**