

**Welcome Message by the Union Minister to the South East Asian Amateur Golf
Team Championship 2018 (58th Putra Cup)**

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It is my genuine pleasure to welcome all of you to the South East Asian Amateur Golf Team Championship 2018 (58th Putra Cup). First of all, I would like to convey my warmest wishes for your physical and mental wellbeing.

It has been our great honor to host this South East Asian Amateur Golf Team Championship 2018 (58th Putra Cup) for the fifth time in Myanmar. The first event was held in 1969 and then in 1977, 1984, 1996 and 2005 respectively, and now again in 2018.

As a matter of fact, the purpose of this youth tournament is to nurture and enhance the motivation of junior golfers, and also to learn the values of honesty, integrity and amicable personal dealings while playing golf. The friendly interactions among the players are really invaluable assets which can help build a strong foundation for success in life in addition to having a wide spectrum of social benefits.

It is also an effective tool to build up the image of the country in terms of showing sportsmanship, fine decision making skills and team spirited nature of golfers. It would definitely promote a wide range of physical and mental benefits. It keeps the mind sharp and alert all the time, and provide vital human to human contact in a nicest way.

In order to host the South East Asian Amateur Golf Team Championship 2018 (58th Putra Cup) successfully, the organizing committee and responsible officials did their level best for all necessary preparatory works. Voluntary youths from Myanmar would also be rendering necessary assistance of all sorts to all the guests, visitors and youth players in the most hospitable and friendly manner, as per the Myanmar

customs and culture or attitude of unsurpassed helpfulness.

While expressing my sincere appreciation to all the guests from countries all over the world for coming to the 58th South East Asian Amateur Golf Team Championship, I would also like to offer my sincere thanks to the tournament director, team captains, coaches, players, sponsors, donors, volunteers and everyone who had in one way or the other given support for the successful conduct of this event.

I am confident that this tournament would be a wonderful arena for socializing, meeting people with a variety of life styles and making new friends. Let us enjoy, make friends for lasting friendships and share ideas not only on future development of golf in our region but also promote friendly relations among the countries. I wish to see that many of the players competing in this tournament would one day become world class professional golfers.

With best wishes,

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(The speech is prepared by the Union Minister himself)