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GOLFING BUZZ

BUKIT PANDAWA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Less than a year since breaking onto Bali's golf scene, Bukit Pandawa Golf & Country Club is in the running for a significant international award - 'World's Best Par-3 Course,' which will be announced in November at the annual World Golf Awards in Portugal. "Just to be in the mix (for this award) is an accomplishment in itself," said Stephen Banks, general manager of Bukit Pandawa Golf & Country Club. "We're still so young, but our expectations here are sky high. So we like our chances." Opened in October 2016 as the only 18-hole par-3 course in Southeast Asia, Bukit Pandawa Golf & Country Club is the flagship course of AccorHotels in Asia and the recreational centrepiece of Bukit Pandawa Resort & Golf, a 150-hectare development on a spectacular limestone cliff top overlooking the world-famous surf breaks of Bukit Peninsula. The 'World's Best Par-3 Course' will be determined by the results of an online survey accessible at WorldGolfAwards.com until Oct. 1. Turtle Hill Golf Club in Bermuda, Cromwell Golf Course at Nailcote Hall in England and The Zhang Lianwei Course at Mission Hills Shenzhen in China are also up for the award.



PLAY GOLF BALI

Members of the Play Golf Bali partnership were out in force at the sixth annual International Association of Golf Tour Operators (IAGTO) Asia Golf Tourism Convention (AGTC). Branded 'AGTC on the Beach', the week's gathering was billed as Asia's largest-ever golf tourism event and took place at the Furama Resort Danang and the Centara Sandy Beach Resort, both of which are on the beachfront, only 15 minutes from Danang Airport. More than 4,000 meetings took place between some 600 delegates from 37 countries including almost 250 golf tour operators. Among the delegates included representatives from Bali National Golf Club, Bukit Pandawa Golf & Country Club, Handara Golf & Resort Bali and New Kuta Golf. All are part of the Play Golf Bali partnership that was launched this year with a view to spreading the word about the golfing delights of the Island of the Gods. As a result of hosting AGTC this year, Danang Department of Tourism expects that Danang will be recognised as the heart of golf tourism in Vietnam and that this will be a launch pad for Danang to become one of Asia's most popular golf destinations. In addition to launching the Bali Golf Festival (May 25 to June 24), the Play Golf Bali partners will join forces to host a Bali Golfing Extravaganza (November-December) and the Bali Dewata World Golf Tournament (December 19-25), an event staged in conjunction with Indonesia's Ministry of Tourism. For more information please visit, www.playgolfbali.com.