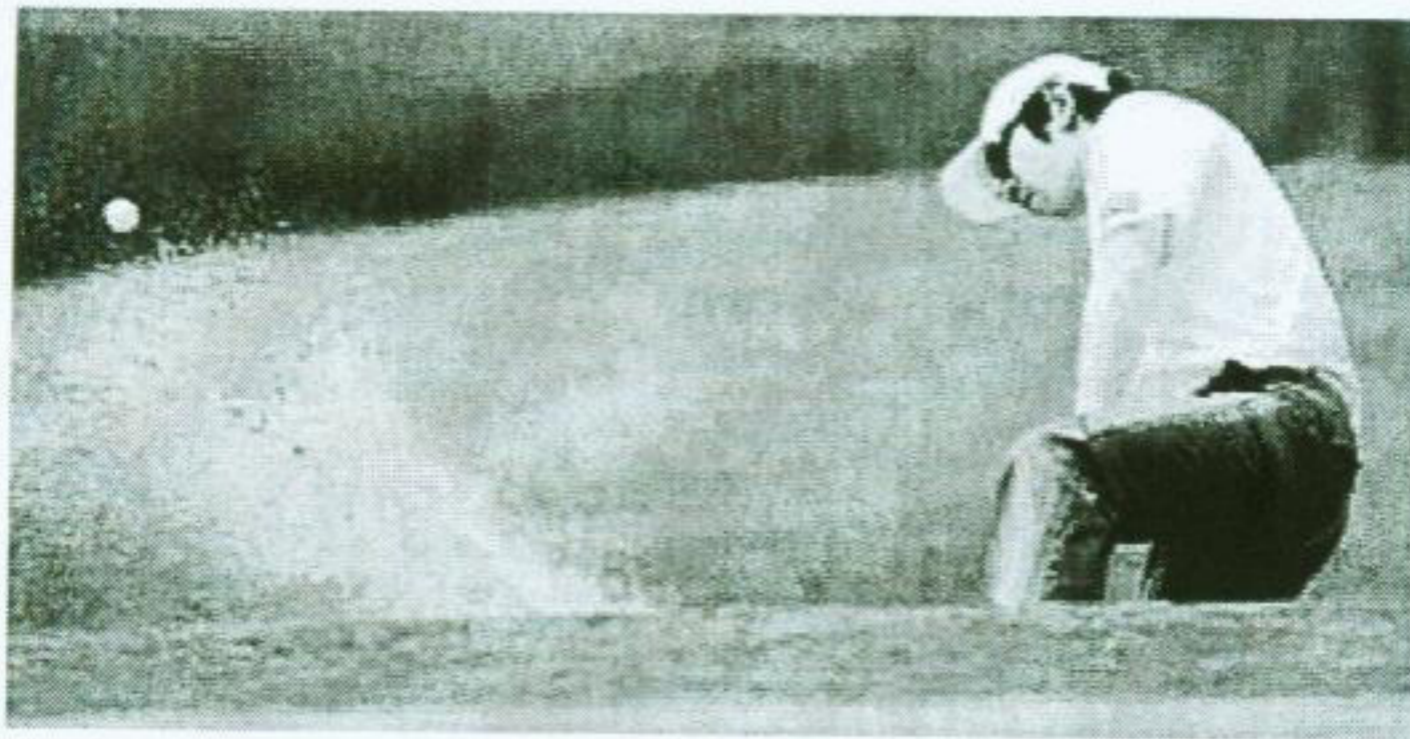


Golf: Selangor state government support for Masters



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THE Selangor State Government is committed to staging the Worldwide Holdings Selangor Masters for the next two years, officials announced yesterday.

Selangor government state secretary Datuk Ramli Mahmud said in a press conference that the government will extend its support of the Selangor Masters following its successful Asian Tour debut last year.

Ramli said that Worldwide Holdings will once again sponsor the Selangor Masters at the Seri Selangor Golf Club on Aug 5-8, 2009 with prize money of RM1 million (US\$300,000).

"The Worldwide Holdings Selangor Masters was a huge success in 2008 where it was televised worldwide through the Asian Tour's extensive media and television platform via ESPN STAR Sports," said Ramli.

Apart from the cream of players on the Asian Tour who will converge at Seri Selangor, Ramli said four young Malaysian amateur golfers will also gain sponsor's invitations through the Selangor International Junior Masters.

He added that last year's dream victory by Malaysia's Ben Leong provided the impetus for young golfers to excel in the game.