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TOYOTA WORLD JUNIOR QUALIFIER

Trinidad & Tobago, Port of Spain: Teams from Canada, Guatemala, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Trinidad & Tobago played their first round today at the St Andrews Golf Club in Moka for the trip to Japan in July.

The TTGA is grateful to the Tourist Development Company and the Sport Company who have stepped forward to assist us.

Teams of 4 boys 18 & under from Canada, Guatemala, Mexico and Trinidad & Tobago (Caribbean boys champions) teed off today. Mexico leads the way with a team total of 4 under par 212 counting scores of the low round of the day 67 from Luis Carrera and 71 from Luis Gerardo Garcia and 74 from Eduardo Carrete. Trinidad & Tobago are in second position with a 1 under total 215. Their rounds were 70 from Sachin Kumar 71 from Liam Bryden and 74 from Ryan Peters and Sol Joanni. Canada are in third position with a total of one over par 217. Their total was made up of 69 from AJ Ewart and 72 from Tony Gil and a 76 from Jack Simpson. Guatemala follow in 4th place with a total of 230. Made of 71 from Pablo Castellanos, a 75 from Rodrigo Rodas and 84 from Andres Urrutia.

Teams of 3 girls 18 & under from Guatemala (Central American champions), Mexico, and Puerto Rico (Caribbean girls champions) also played their first round today. The format is 2 best out of the 3 scores each day. Mexico led by a fantastic round of 68 by Isabella Fierro and 78's from Maria Balcazar and Evelyn Arguelles for a team total of 146 took a nine stroke lead from second placed Puerto Rico who counted a 76 by Diana Velez and a 79 by Valeria Pacheco to total 155. In third place were Guatemala who counted a 78 by Valeria Mendizabal and an 80 by Pilar Echeverria for a total of 158

The format of the tournament for the boys is the 3 best scores each day counting for the team total. The top two countries will play in the Toyota Cup. The girls will have the best 2 scores each day counting, with the winning girls' team going to Japan.

Some of the best players 18 and under in the western hemisphere are competing this week and it certainly showed with 7 under par scores

There will be some great golf on view over the next 2 days starting at 8.00 a.m. each day so all are invited to come and cheer on the Trinidad & Tobago boys.