



World City Championship Presented by Hong Kong Golf Club welcomes The Open Qualifying Series Status

[Hong Kong, 22 February 2023]: Hong Kong is returning to the world golf stage with the World City Championship Presented by Hong Kong Golf Club from 23-26 March on the renowned composite course at the Hong Kong Golf Club in Fanling.

With a full field of Asian Tour and international stars set to take part, excitement is already mounting for the return of professional golf to Hong Kong for the first time since 2020.

The anticipation at the newest world-class sporting event in the city is building even further after the confirmation by The R&A that the World City Championship has been granted official qualification status for one of golf's most historic events, the 151st Open Championship in July.

Hong Kong's active golf community is excited about welcoming the top players in the region and the world to the Hong Kong Golf Club for the World City Championship. Today's confirmation of qualification status for The Open only adds to the groundswell of excitement locally, and the tournament's global appeal.

Cho Minn Thant, Commissioner & CEO, Asian Tour, commented on the inclusion saying:

“Hong Kong has always been an integral part of the Asian Tour calendar, with the Hong Kong Golf Club undoubtedly one of Asia's most recognised venues. The inclusion of Hong Kong as an Open Qualifying Series venue with a direct pathway into the world's oldest Major Championship underscores the importance of Hong Kong on the global golfing calendar. Major Championships are the pinnacle of our sport and competing in them is always high on the list of goals that professional golfers set for themselves. Being able to realize this goal at the World City Championship is amazing for golfers from the region.”

The players will have added incentive in March, while fans will have a rare opportunity to view The Open's famed Claret Jug which will be on display at the Hong Kong Golf Club throughout tournament week.

Today's confirmation of qualification status for The Open was welcomed by the presenting sponsor, Hong Kong Golf Club.

“The Hong Kong Golf Club is renowned by players and fans alike for its historic atmosphere, natural beauty, and challenging Fanling golf course, we welcome The

R&A's awarding of the World City Championship with The Open Qualifying Series Status," said Mr Andy Kwok, Captain at the Hong Kong Golf Club.

"With four places at golf's original major on offer, Hong Kong galleries can look forward to another top-flight field assembling in Fanling.

"For our part, we look forward to once again hosting the top players in the game, visitors from around the world, and thousands of members of the Hong Kong public, as we open what promises to be a milestone season of international events at the Hong Kong Golf Club in 2023," Mr Kwok added.

The cavalcade of stars is already underway with two legends of the game set to be announced on 28 February in Hong Kong, along with the latest details on entertainment and ticketing as the World City Championship Presented by Hong Kong Golf Club returns world class golf entertainment to the city.

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