



PGA TOUR China Series Tournament

平安銀行中國巡迴賽 — 美巡中國系列賽

A formidable field of 120 professional golfers will be putting on a show at the Club when The Ping An Bank China Tour, PGA TOUR China Series - Clearwater Bay Open unfolds from 31 October to 6 November.

The Club is honoured to be selected as the host and title sponsor of the tournament, setting the stage for the professional golfers to take on our challenging golf course that overlooks the picturesque Clearwater Bay Peninsula. In marking another milestone, the 72-hole tournament will be the first-ever PGA TOUR China Series event to be held outside of Mainland China.

The Ping An Bank China Tour – PGA TOUR China Series is sanctioned by the General Administration of Sport of China and co-organised with the China Golf Association, the PGA TOUR and the China Olympic Sports Industry. It enables elite players from China and other countries to take the next step towards playing on the world stage. In particular, the Series provides top players a pathway to the PGA TOUR via the Web.com Tour and awards Official World Golf Ranking points, which were used to determine the golfers who qualified for this year's Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Charitable initiatives

Beyond the golfing action, the Series transcends the golf course by lending a helping hand to the less privileged by supporting various meaningful causes. As one of the core pillars of its mission, The PGA TOUR creates opportunities for volunteers to give back and contribute to the charitable and economic impact in the communities in which it plays.

In 2015, The PGA TOUR raised a record US\$160 million through its tournaments across the world which went towards local and national charitable organisations. The figure brings the total funds raised to US\$2.3 billion since its inception.

In this light, The PGA TOUR is a fitting partner for the Club which is also committed to caring and making a positive difference in its neighbouring communities. Since 2003, the Club has

rolled out numerous initiatives through its Community Outreach Programme (COP) geared towards strengthening neighbourhood ties, preserving the environment and upholding family values, and works alongside its charity partners to raise funds for the different sectors in society.

Junior sports development

One particular focus of the COP is nurturing budding sporting talents in the local scene. The Club helps young athletes hone their games by granting them access to training facilities at the Club and hosting junior tournaments throughout the year.

“We are delighted to serve as host and title sponsor of The Clearwater Bay Open this year,” Club Chairman Wyman Li said. “We have always been actively promoting sports development in the community, particularly junior golf.”

The PGA TOUR China Series comes hot on the heels of the Club's hosting of the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship in October 2015, which saw teenager Jin Cheng crowned champion following a tightly contested tournament.

Wyman adds, “It is an honour for the Club to host such a highly acclaimed professional golf tournament in Asia. We look forward to a challenging sporting event where renowned world-class players gather and exhibit their marvellous skills at Clearwater Bay.”

An international contingent

The Series draws in top-flight players from across Asia and other Pacific Rim countries, with 186 golfers hailing from 14 countries in 2015. It is expected that more than 120 elite players will participate in this year's competition.

Haotong Li rode a strong wave to close out the 2014 season as he triumphed in the final two tournaments, the Hainan Open and the Tour Championship, which took his tally to three victories for the year. The finish enabled him to top the Order of Merit and scoop up Player of the Year honours. Most recently, he rewrote the