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TIFFANY CHAN STAYS IN CONTENTION WITH ANOTHER ROUND OF THREE-UNDER

Consistency was key as the Hong Kong number one put together a bogey free round to lie three shots adrift of Lee Hsin

HONG KONG (12 MAY, 2018) – Hong Kong number one Tiffany Chan Tsz-ching will tee off at the EFG Hong Kong Ladies Open tomorrow three shots behind overnight leader, Lee Hsin of Chinese Taipei.

The Hong Kong number one carded a calm and controlled bogey free round that included a back-to-back eagle and birdie on the 9th and 10th to give herself every chance to regain the title she won in 2016. Chen Szu-han makes it a Chinese Taipei one-two at one shot behind Chen.

China's Li Jia-yun is tied for third with Tiffany, while EFG sponsor invite Winnie Ng Yu-xuan did not let her flawless 67 from yesterday get to her head to put together a steady 72 to share fifth after two rounds with Hsieh Yu-ling of Chinese Taipei and one of the day one leaders, South Africa's Connie Chen.

Tiffany Chan said:

“It was a little breezy on the front night, which actually felt very nice, so I was able to settle into my rhythm fairly early on. With the experience of yesterday, I knew what I had to do this morning. I had a strategy. However, it got so hot by the time I started the back nine I felt I struggled a little bit to stay concentrated, and as a result let birdie opportunities slip through. My long game is fine, and I think my short game is improving every day, but I still want to practice so get it even better.”

Like Tiffany, 21-year-old Lee enjoyed a clean round that included six birdies to follow up on her three-under par 69 yesterday to lead the field going into round three. She commented:

“I felt very relaxed today as my coach was caddying for me. His support and guidance made the course easier. I felt I played better than I expected, especially I am not usually the most confident person, so this is a breakthrough for me. If I win tomorrow, it will definitely be a huge turning point of my career.”

16-year-old Ng, one of the top Malaysian juniors, continues to impress with a mature display to keep herself in contention to become the second amateur to win the EFG Hong Kong Ladies Open after Tiffany Chan. The Kuala Lumpur native added:



“I feel good, I didn’t expect a lot. I wanted to just enjoy my game, but I was a bit nervous and was over thinking a little bit. The conditions right now are so good for me, and I am glad it isn’t like the practice rounds anymore. I am a little sad I failed to make some birdie opportunities today, but I will carry on learning, and improve.”

Local amateurs Isabella Leung and Michelle Cheung have also made the cut to give fans three Hong Kong players to cheer for tomorrow.

With a total prize fund of US\$150,000, the fourth edition of the EFG Hong Kong Ladies Open will host a top qualify field of 120 players from 16 nations and territories across the globe.

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About EFG Hong Kong Ladies Open

Organised and hosted by The Hong Kong Golf Club, the fourth edition of the EFG Hong Kong Ladies Open takes place between 11- 13 May and features a field of over 100 players from Asia and around the world, it is the first ladies’ tournament in Hong Kong in which players can earn Rolex World Ranking points.

The event is tri-sanctioned by the China LPGA (CLPGA), LPGA of Taiwan (TLPGA), and Ladies Asian Golf Tour (LAGT), supported by the Hong Kong Golf Association (HKGA) and the Hong Kong Professional Golfers’ Association (HKPGA), features a total prize purse of US\$150,000. Entry for spectators to the tournament is free.

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The Hong Kong Golf Club was founded in 1889 and is considered one of Asia's pre-eminent golfing establishments. Home to three 18-hole courses at its site at Fanling in the northern New Territories, and a further nine holes in Deep Water Bay on Hong Kong Island, the Club lies at the very centre of the development of golf in Hong Kong.

The host of numerous charitable events throughout the year, the Club is a key supporter of the Hong Kong Golf Association's junior programme and provides golf tuition to students from schools in the local Sheung Shui and Fanling districts. Since 1959 the Club has been the venue for the Hong Kong Open, a European and Asian Tour co-sanctioned tournament, making it one of only two international venues - the other being Augusta National, home of the Masters Tournament - to have hosted a world-class championship every year for more than half a century.

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