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SARANPORN LANGKULGASETTRIN STORMS TO EFG HONG KONG LADIES OPEN VICTORY

Tiffany Chan Tsz-ching completes trying day with two over to finish in tie for seventh

HONG KONG (13 MAY, 2018) – Thailand’s Saranporn Langkulgasettrin carded a remarkable bogey free final round with eight birdies to storm past a high-quality field to win her first EFG Hong Kong Ladies Open.

Starting the day tied for 12th, the 18-year-old held steady until the eighth when she romped through seven straight birdies to propel herself straight to the top of the leaderboard. A tight struggle at the top with Chen Szu-han and Lee Hsin of Chinese Taipei ensued and it was the former who saved par at the 18th to earn a playoff with Saranporn.

A rock-solid birdie at the first play-off hole gave the Bangkok-native her first win in Hong Kong, becoming the second Thai to win the US\$150,000 championship after Supamas Sangchan last year.

The well-deserved winner said:

“I felt a little tired this morning, so I thought maybe my shots wouldn’t be so strong. I was trying to make fairways and greens and hopefully make some putts but I never expected to get those consecutive birdies like I did. The fact that it was so hot was one of the reasons I played so well today I think, as it feels a lot like playing at home. I do love playing on this course because everything about it is just so nice. I love the people and I love the food, and I feel great at this incredible place. My goal this year was to improve on my final score last year, and I really went for it today, as I didn’t want to regret it later (if I didn’t).”

Hong Kong number one Tiffany Chan Tsz-ching was always on catch up after two early bogeys on the hottest day of the week. The LPGA rookie got one back at the ninth but was pulled back by yet another bogey at the next. Another bogey-birdie combination on the 13th and 14th followed by four straight pars ended her campaign with a two over for the day, and a four-under-par total 212 for the week.

Tiffany Chan said:

“I gave myself a lot of pressure today, and I couldn’t seem to find fluency in my game. Maybe I was a little aggressive while playing catch up, and every time I lost one, I wanted to make it up right away. I didn’t have the consistency I had over the first two rounds. You learn more from



losing than winning and with LPGA tournaments coming up, I will take this experience with me and hopefully be able to use it to help me keep my emotions in check during tough moments.”

Local amateurs Isabella Leung and Michelle Cheung showed their promise with final finishes of tied-23rd and tied-29th respectively, meaning three Hong Kong players enjoyed top 30 finishes this week.

With a total prize fund of US\$150,000, the fourth edition of the EFG Hong Kong Ladies Open hosted 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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