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## **Discovery Bay Golf Club Congratulates Home-Grown Golfer Taichi Kho in Finishing Runner-up in Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship**

**HONG KONG (6 December 2021)** – A lot of people used to dream big when they were young but not too many would diligently take action to realise it. This is not the case for home-grown golfer Taichi Kho hailing from Discovery Bay Golf Club (DBGC), who finished second in the 12<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship held in Dubai earlier.

Taichi has been practising golf at DBGC since the age of 5, following his father Victor Kho's footsteps, and set his goal to be the world number 1 when he was 6. Even at an early age, he showed keen interest, passion and talent on golfing. Under the guidance of his father and other DBGC coaches, Taichi refined his skills in the Club's challenging golf courses before joining Hong Kong Golf Association team and college team. The father and son duo have treated DBGC as their home course and could always be seen swinging their clubs on tee.

As the captain of the DBGC Men's Team, Victor is obviously proud of his son's achievement. He commented, "Taichi used to go to driving range almost every day when he finished school, regardless the weather conditions. Living in Discovery Bay and being a member of DBGC have provided the convenience for him to do what he loves to do. DBGC has a beautiful golf course and is a great community to spend time in. we received a lot of support from staff and fellow golfers which helped grow Taichi's interest in golfing."

Being the runner-up of this year's Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship, Taichi will now be the first Hong Kong athlete to play in the Qualifying Series of The Open. Mr Eddie Chan, General Manager of DBGC, said, "We congratulate Taichi's achievement. DBGC has long been dedicated to nurturing young and talented golfers. Back in 2005, DBGC made an exception in allowing Taichi, aged 5 at that time, to start playing before reaching the minimum playing age of 10. Taichi's outstanding performance on the international stage gives us great encouragement and recognises our effort in grooming youngsters."

As part of the juniors nurturing programme, DBGC introduced innovative modality and approaches for junior golf academy in 2008 and adjusted the minimum age for on-course playing right from 10 to 6 in 2010.

Other than providing support to his son and leading the DBGC Men's Team, Victor is also a champion of junior golfing. He coordinates the DBGC elite juniors practice every week, which is supported by the Club's special allocation of tee time for this purpose. DBGC also has a junior clinic in place led by our Golf Pro.

"Taichi always has a big ambition of being the best in the golfing world and he is working hard towards this goal. We are glad to have received support from the management and staff from DBGC, and allowed Taichi to become the youngest member at that time. I would very much

like to do the same to support other junior golfers and help them realise that they all have potential to reach their goals.” Victor said. In this regard, Eddie added, “We are pleased to have Victor to help promote golfing among juniors. More promising juniors have already been identified and we at the DBGC will provide all possible support to groom these young talents. We look forward to seeing more young golf stars in the years to come.”

**Photo**



**Caption**

Young Taichi, at the age of 5, obtained his DBGC membership card



Taichi's first hole-in-one at 12 in Jade 8 at DBGC



Father and son team



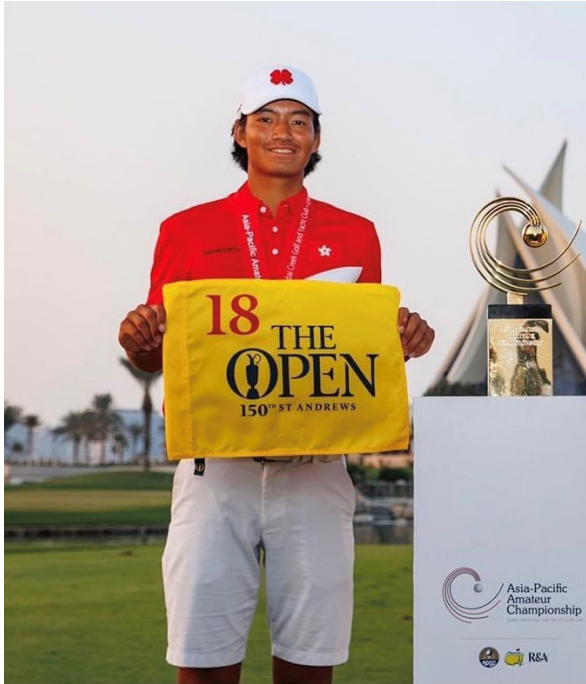
Winner of HKGA Junior Order of Merit in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018



Champion of Hong Kong Junior Open 2016 and 2018



Champion of HKPGA 2016, 1<sup>st</sup> Amateur in Hong Kong to win the PGA tournament



Second place at the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship 2021 Dubai



Taichi plays for the University of Notre Dame



The Kho family

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### About Discovery Bay Golf Club

Discovery Bay Golf Club (“DBGC / the Club”) is an exclusive private members’ club located in the upscale community of Discovery Bay on Hong Kong’s Lantau Island. Firmly established as a world-class destination for golf enthusiasts, DBGC is home to a 27-hole championship golf course in three interesting and testing layouts – Jade, Diamond and Ruby Nines. Each course has undertaken essential upgrades recently with the last one for the Jade course completed in 2021. The Club is famed for the spectacular scenery 230 meters above sea level with panoramic views of Victoria Harbour, Sunset Peak and the South China Sea.

Discovery Bay Golf Club is a brand under Auberge Hospitality.

### About Auberge Hospitality

Auberge Hospitality offers premium hospitality services and all-round leisure facilities, events and activities, creating unique resort leisure lifestyle and experiences for every taste. Established in 2019, Auberge Hospitality is a collection of hotel, club and leisure properties including Discovery Bay Golf Club, Lantau Yacht Club, Auberge Discovery Bay Hong Kong, Club Siena, Discovery Bay Recreation Club, DB Ice Rink and Peony Chinese Restaurant under Hong Kong Resort Company Limited in Discovery Bay, a renowned resort-style community located just 25 minutes away from Central CBD by ferry and 20 minutes from the Hong Kong International Airport, Tung Chung and Sunny Bay by land transport.

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