



Glorious history of Ladies Asian Golf Tour

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The history of ladies pro-golf tours in Asia began when the inaugural Asia Ladies Golf Circuit (ALGC) was launched informally in 1983 in some countries as Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Philippines joined the Circuit afterward. The mission of ALGC was to contribute the ladies golf in Asia and eventually to develop the Asian ladies pro golfers. In those days, there were not so many women's pro golfers in Asian countries, but LPGA were in Japan and Korea only.

The particularity of LAGT players will be not only to play for the prize money, but also to enjoy the local culture where they play, exchange the friendship with local people and fellow players who come from almost 15-20 countries. That's why LAGT is said "contribution of tourism".

<1983-1986> The ALGC was initiated by Mr Koichi Kato who was well-known in Japan as a colleague of Australian legend golfer, five times British Open's winner, Mr. Peter Thomson and British sports journalist Mr. Michael Gedye. Those early years, the prize moneys were around US\$30,000, however the ALGC was regarded as an extremely fresh ladies pro-golfers' tour in Asia and then a lot of women's players were tempted to visit Asian countries during the winter season January – March.

<1987-2004> The ALGC was restricted and officially launched as the Kosaido Ladies Asia Golf Circuit (Kosaido LAGC) in 5 countries, the first chapter lasted 17 years before the Main Sponsor, Kosaido Company of Japan, terminated the contract due to the passing away of its Chairman, Mr. Yoshiaki Sakurai in 2003. Those early years the prize moneys were in the range of US\$50,000 – US\$70,000. However, many well-known players such as Lisolette Nuemann, Sofia Gronberg from Sweden, Mardi and Karen Lunn, Corinne Dibnah of Australia and Il Mi Chung from Korea played on the Kosaido Ladies Asia Golf Circuit as the launching pad to further their career. The participating lady professionals then consisted of mostly American, European and Japanese golfers with very few Asian players and the fields numbered between 65 – 80 golfers. With the guidance from the late Edmund Yong of Malaysia, the Kosaido LAGC was sanctioned by the Asia Pacific Golf Confederation (APGC) since its inception as an official Asian ladies' tour.

1987 Taiwan Open --- Tu Ai Yu (TPE)

Indonesia Open --- Fusako Nagata (JPN)

Singapore Open --- Liselotte Neumann (SWD)

Thailand Open --- Beverly New (ENG)

Malaysia Open --- Ikuyo Shiotani (JPN)

1988 Indonesia Open --- Elizabeth Wilson (AUS)
Singapore Open --- Elizabeth Wilson (AUS)
Thailand Open --- Karen Lunn (AUS)
Malaysia Open --- Bevery New (ENG)

1989 Thailand Open --- Debbie Dowling (ENG)
Indonesia Open --- Sofia Gronberg (SWD)
Malaysia Open --- Norimi Terasawa (JPN)

1990 Singapore Open --- Evelyn Orley (SWI)
Taiwan Open --- Tu Ai Yu (TPE)
Indonesia Open --- Leigh Ann Mills (USA)
Malaysia open --- Chieko Nishida (JPN)
Thailand Open --- Corinne Dibnah (AUS)

1991 Indonesia Open --- Li Wen Lin (TPE)
Singapore Open --- Li Wen Lin (TPE)
Malaysia Open --- Chieko Nishida (JPN)
Thailand Open --- Mardi Lunn (AUS)
Taiwan Open --- Li Wen Lin (TPE)

1992 Taiwan Open --- Tu Ai Yu (TPE)
Thailand Open --- Hitomi Notsu (JPN)
Indonesia Open --- Yuka Irie (JPN)
Singapore Open --- Tania Abitbol (ESP)
Malaysia Open --- Alison Nicholas (ENG)

1993 Thailand Open --- Laura Davies (ENG)
Indonesia Open --- Kim Lasken (USA)
Singapore Open --- Janet Soulsby (ENG)
Malaysia Open --- Sally Prosser (ENG)
Taiwan Open --- Fusako Nagata (JPN)

1994 Taiwan Open --- Karen Weiss (USA)
Indonesia Open --- Tracy Hanson (USA)
Malaysian Open --- Won Jae Sook (KOR)
Thailand Open --- Laura Davies (ENG)

1995 Taiwan Open --- Cheng Mei Chu (TPE)
Indonesia Open --- Lisa Hackney (ENG)
Malaysian Open --- Corinne Dibnah (AUS)
Thailand Open --- Liz Earley (CAN)
Singapore Open --- Estefania Knuth (ESP)

1996 Taiwan Open --- Shoko Asano (JPN)
Indonesia Open --- Corinne Dibnah (AUS)
Malaysian Open --- Corinne Dibnah (AUS)
Thailand Open --- Shelly Rule (USA)
Singapore Open --- Debbie Dowling (ENG)

1997 Taiwan Open --- Hung Ching Huei (TPE)
Indonesia Open --- Pemilla Sterner (SWD)
Malaysian Open --- Petra Rigby Jingrov (NOR)

Thailand Open --- Sophie Gustafson (SWD)
 Philippines Open --- Pernilla Sterner (SWD)
 1998 Indonesia Open --- Tina Fischer (ENG)
 Malaysian Open --- Sandrine Mendiburu (FRA)
 Thailand Open --- Wei Yun Jye (TPE)
 Philippines Open --- Kristel D'Algue (FRA)
 Taiwan Open --- Helen Wadsworth (WAL)
 1999 Taiwan Open --- Tu Ai Yu (TPE)
 Indonesia Open --- Park Hee Jung (KOR)
 Malaysian Open --- Joanna Head (ENG)
 Thailand Open --- Tai Yu Chuan (TPE)
 Philippines Open --- Chung Il Mi (KOR)
 2000 Taiwan Open --- Wei Yun Jye (TPE)
 Indonesia Open --- Kan Soo Yun (KOR)
 Malaysian Open --- Kan Soo Yun (KOR)
 Thailand Open --- Kan Soo Yun (KOR)
 2001 Taiwan Open --- Tseng Hsiu Feng (TPE)
 Indonesia Open --- Wei Yun Jye (TPE)
 Malaysian Open --- Shiho Oyama (JPN)
 Thailand Open --- Nari Wongluekiet (THA)
 2002 Taiwan Open --- Huang Yu Chen (TPE)
 Indonesia Open --- Momoyo Yamazaki (JPN)
 Malaysian Open --- Yuka Arita (JPN)
 Thailand Open --- Nicole Jeray (USA)
 2003 Taiwan Open --- Russamee Gulyanamitta (THA)
 Indonesia Open --- Akane Takagi (JPN)
 Malaysian Open --- Smriti Mehra (IND)
 Thailand Open --- Atsuko Ueno (JPN)
 2004 TLPGA Open --- Shin Hyun Ju (KOR)
 GAROC Open --- Tu Ai Yu (TPE)

<2005> After one-year gap the Tour was re-launched by Mr. Koichi Kato of Japan as the Chief Commissioner, Mrs. Rae Vadee T.Suwan of Thailand as the President and Mr. Aylwin Tai of Hong Kong as the Chief Executive for the Ladies Asian Golf Tour (LAGT) with 4 events in Taiwan, China, Singapore and Thailand. The Thailand Ladies Open in 2005 was co-sanctioned with the Ladies European Tour (LET) with the prize money of US\$330,000. The LAGT's headquarter was based in Hong Kong.

Phuket Thailand Ladies Masters ---- Nontaya Srisawang (THA)
 TLPGA Taiwan Open --- Moon Hyun Hee (KOR)
 GAROC Taiwan Open --- Park Hee Young (KOR)
 Singapore Open --- Song Bo Bae (KOR)
 Thailand Open --- Shani Waugh (AUS)
 Wuyi Open --- Zhang Na (CHN)

<2006>The number of tournaments went up to 5 to include Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, China and Macau with prize moneys from US\$50,000 – US\$100,000. It had better be noted that China's Feng Shan Shan joined LAGT as an amateur at the Kau Shai Chau Golf Club in Hong Kong and brushed her golf for her future glory.

Hong Kong Ladies Masters --- Pornanong Phatlum (THA)

Thailand Ladies Open --- Park Hee Young (KOR)

Malaysian Ladies Open --- Ji Eun Hee (KOR)

Orient Zhuhai Open --- Kim Hae Jung (KOR)

Macau Championship --- Ji Eun Hee (KOR)

TLPGA Taiwan Open --- Park Hee Young (KOR)

GAROC Taiwan Open --- Shin Ji Yai (KOR)

<2007> India led by Mrs. Champika Sayal joined the Tour for the first time and her winner was the freshly – turned professional from Taiwan, Tseng Ya-Ni, while Thailand Ladies Open also produced another world-class winner, Shin Ji-Yai from Korea. The Asia Miles Binhai Open in China was tri-sanctioned with the KLPGA and LET and offered the highest prize money of US\$230,000. At this stage, the Ladies Asian Golf Tour welcomed the recognition and financial support from the R&A for its role in the development of ladies golf in Asia by providing rule-officials' subsidy to the Tour.

Macau Ladies Open --- Natalie Tucker (USA)

Hong Kong Ladies Masters --- Libby Smith (USA)

Thailand Ladies Open --- Shin Ji Yai (KOR)

DLF Women's Indian Open --- Tseng Ya Ni (TPE)

Asia Miles Binhai Open --- Na Da Ye (KOR)

GAROC taiwan Open --- Porani Chutichai (THA)

<2008> Four events were held in Thailand, India, Binhai and Taihu Suzhou, China. Both events in China were tri-sanctioned and offered the big purse of US\$300,000. The Taihu Suzhou tournament was won by Annika Sorenstam who afterward retired from active tournament. Prize moneys put up in Thailand and India were raised to US\$120,000. Then both venues also produced the same winner back to back in Pornanong Phatlum from Thailand.

Thailand Ladies Open --- Pornanong Phatlum (THA)

DLF Women's Indian Open --- Pornanong Phatlum (THA)

Binhai Open --- Seo Hee Kyung (KOR)

Suzhou Taihu Ladies Open --- Annika Sorenstam (SWD)

TLPGA Royal Open --- Tseng Ya Ni (TPE)

TLPGA Taifong pen --- Teresa Lu (TPE)

<2009>The LAGT experienced a setback when only 3 tournaments were left to be hosted in Thailand. India and Suzhou Taihu in China. The well-seasoned Onnarin Sattayabanphot of Thai won the title in Thailand, while another Thai, Pornanong Phatlum maintained her great form to

retain her title in India. Suh Bo-Mi from Korea hit her jackpot by winning the tri-sanctioned Suzhou Taihu Ladies Open with the Euro 200,000 prize offered and entitled to play the LET tour for two years seasons. As of this year end, LAGT moved the head quarter to Japan and registered under Mr Koichi Kato, President / Commissioner of LAGT.

Thailand Ladies Open --- Onnarin Sattayabanphot (THA)

DLF Women's Indian Open --- Pornanong Phatlum (THA)

Suzhou Taihu Ladies Open ---- Suh Bo Mi (KOR)

TLPGA taifong Open --- Teresa Lu (TPE)

TLPGA Hitachi Classic --- Kuniko Maeda (JPN)

TLPGA Royal Open --- Huang Yu Chen (TPE)

<2010> The LAGT welcomed a new event in Indonesia, increasing the number of tournaments to 5. The prize money in Thailand was raised to US\$150,000 then and Lee Jung Min from Korea emerged the winner. The first event in Indonesia was held in Bali with the prize money of US\$120,000 and another Korean, Lee Solar captured the championship title there. Two tri-sanctioned tournaments in Sanya Hainan and Suzhou Taihu offered the same prize money of Euro 200,000, which the same player Lee Ann Pace from South Africa won both Opens. The Indian Womens Open was, however, won by the famous British golfer, Laura Davis in 2010 when the event became a tri-sanctioned tournament with the Ladies European Tour (LET) , Womens Golf Association of India (WGAI) and the LAGT, offering the prize fund of US\$300,000.

Thailand Ladies Open --- Lee Jung Min (KOR)

Ladies Indonesia Open --- Lee So Ra (KOR)

Sanya Ladies Open --- Lee Anne Pace (RSA)

Suzhou Taihu Ladies Open ---- Jun Hannah (USA)

Hero Women's Indian Open --- Laura Davies (ENG)

TLPGA Taifong Open --- Tseng Ya Ni (TPE)

TLPGA Royal Open --- Samantha Richdale (CAN)

TLPGA Hitachi Classic --- Miki Saiki (JPN)

<2011> More tournaments have been added to the Ladies Asian Golf Tour. A few of them were unofficially linked to the LAGT for the benefits of the LAGT members. They included 4 events in Taiwan. Also a new tournament was introduced in Japan as the Yumeya Dream Cup, offering the prize money of US\$130,000. This addition turned out to be a very successful attention as several thousands of Japanese golf enthusiasts went to watch the ladies in action. The organizers were so pleased with the tournament success that they decided to double the prize money to US\$260,000 for 2012. A new tournament in Japan was scheduled after the Thailand Ladies Open in February which offered the US\$130,000 prize money.

TLPGA Royal Open --- Lee Mi Rim (KOR)

TLPGA Taifong Open --- Tseng Ya Ni (TPE)

TLPGA Hitachi Classic --- Pornanong Phatlum (THA)
Thailand Ladies Open --- Tanaporn Kongkiatkrai (THA)
Yumeya Dream Cup --- Sakura Yokomine (JPN)
TLPGA Swinging Skirts Open --- Hsieh Yu Ling (TPE)
Sanya Ladies Open ---- Frances Bondad (AUS)
Suzhou Taihu Ladies Open ---- Tseng Ya Ni (TPE)
Hero Women's Indian Open --- Caroline Hedwall (SWD)

<2012> The tournaments schedules on the Ladies Asian Golf Tour therefore had 9 – 10 events including another new tournament in Miyazaki, Japan for the ladies to challenge their skills and provide more incentive to the players with more prize moneys being put up. In Thailand Ladies Open the prize money has been increased to US\$150,000 and a maximum fields of 130 entries have been accepted from 16 countries.

TLPGA Royal Open --- Shih Huei Ju (TPE)
TLPGA Hitachi Classic --- Teresa Lu (TPE)
Thailand Ladies Open ---- Nontaya Srisawang (THA)
Miyazaki Ladies Open --- Mami Fukuda (JPN)
Yumeya Dream Cup --- Yu Pei Lin (TPE)
TLPGA Technology Cup --- Tiranana Yooan (THA)
TLPGA Fubon Open --- Yao Hsuan Yu (TPE)
TLPGA South Taiwan Open --- Lu Ya Huei (TPE)
Enjoy Jakarta Indonesia Open --- Kongkrapan Patcharuchuta (THA)
Suzhou Taihu Ladies Open --- Carlota Ciganda (ESP)
Sanya Ladies Open --- Cassandra Kirkland (FRA)
TLPGA China Trust Open --- Numa Gulyanamitta (THA)
Hero Women's Indian Open --- Pornanong Phatlum (THA)
TLPGA Taifong Open --- Teresa Lu (TPE)

<2013> this year was the biggest season in the history of LAGT. Since 2011, LAGT coordinated the foreign players in the tournaments in Taiwan, and the number was 9 tournaments in 2013, which was the marvelous benefits to LAGT players – Thai's Titiya Plucksataporn won the Royal Open, Thai's Pornanong Phatlum won the Hitachi Classic, Malay's Abu Bakar Ainil Johani won the Kenda Tire Open and Korean Kim Do Yeon captured CTBC Open. In addition there were 5 LAGT tournaments – in Japan, in Taihu, China, in Sanya, China, in Thailand and in India. It was a sad year for LAGT, too that LAGT's annual member Indonesian popular lady, Ms Lidya suddenly passed away. For her memories, Senayan Country Club in Jakarta, Indonesia hosted the Lidya Memorial Tournament. This year end, Senior Advisor Mr Aylwin Tai of Hong Kong and Chair Person Mrs. Rae Vadee T. Suwan of Thailand resigned from LAGT. At the same time, LAGT terminated the sanction from APGC as well as was independent financially from R&A to stand in a PGA Tour.

TLPGA Royal Open --- Titiya Plucksataporn (THA)
TLPGA Hitachi Classic ---- Pornanong Phatlum (THA)

TLPGA Yeangder Open --- Yao Pheobe (TPE)
 Yumeya Dream Cup ---- Yumika Adachi (JPN)
 TLPGA Technology Cup --- Shih Huei Ju (TPE)
 TLPGA Chung Cheng Open --- Cheng Ssu Chia (TPE)
 TLPGA Kenda Tire Open --- Abu Bakar Ainil Johani (MAS)
 TLPGA CTBC Open --- Kim Do Yeon (KOR)
 TLPGA Fubon Open --- Cheng Ssu Chia (TPE)
 Sanya Ladies Open --- Lee Anne Pace (RSA)
 Suzhou Taihu Open --- Nocera Gwladys (FRA)
 Thailand Ladies Open ---- Sherman Santiwitwanaphong (THA)
 TLPGA South Taiwan Open ---- Lu Ya Huei (TPE)
 Hero Women's Indian Open ----- Thidapa Suwannapura (THA)

<2014> same as in 2013, eight Taiwan tournaments offered the fields to the LAGT players where more than 30 LAGT players competed and the four tournaments were won by LAGT players – Pornanong Phatlum, Nontaya Srisawang, Ausie Tamie Durdin and Thai's Muangkumsakul Kanpanitan. Unfortunately, Japan's Yumeya Dream Cup and China's Taihu Open were terminated the contract, but still Euro 300,000 China's Sanya Open in Hainan Province and US\$300,000 Indian Hero Women's Open were continued with an attractive large purse.

TLPGA Hitachi Classic --- Pornanong Phatlum (THA)
 TLPGA Royal Open --- Nontaya Srisawang (THA)
 TLPGA Taifong Open ---- Tseng Ya Ni (TPE)
 TLPGA Yeangder Open --- Tamie Durdin (AUS)
 TLPGA Kenda Tires Open --- Liu Babe (TPE)
 TLPGA Jing-Du Construction Open --- Cheng Ssu Chia (TPE)
 TLPGA Party Golfers Open ---- Kanphanitnan Muangkumsakul (THA)
 Sanya Ladies Open ---- Lin Xi Yu (CHN)
 Hero Women' Indian Open ---- Nocera Gwladys (FRA)

<2015>LAGT terminated the collaboration with Taiwan LPGA after long term combination since 2004. Now Taiwan Tour would be well going alone, which means LAGT's mission was completed. However, the mutual good relationship between two tours would be no changed and co-sanction would be carried out case by case. Now LAGT was back to the origin of the mission to contribute ladies (pro) golf where no local LPGA is existing and/or where few women's pros are – Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Viet Nam or so.

Hong Kong Ladies Open ---- Lee Jeong Hwa (KOR)
 Hero Women' Indian Open ---- Pederson Emily Kristine (DEN)
 Sanya Ladies Open ---- Lin Xi Yu (CHN)

<2016>It's the Olympic year. Very limited players along the World Rankings are eligible to play, and none of the current LAGT members are in the fields. However, some of the graduates

(past members of LAGT) are selected to play the Olympic, which is very honor to us. Our Rules Official, Korean Kim Kay was committed to the Rio Olympic Golf Game as an international technical staff, which is also honor to LAGT.

Hong Kong Ladies Open ---- Tiffany Chan (HK. AM)

Sanya Ladies Open ---- Supamas SANGCHAN (THA)

Hero Women's Indian Open ---- Aditi ASHOK (IND)

<2017>We have approached several potential new tournaments such as in Macau, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Japan. It may take more time for them to bloom and bear fruits. It is great pleasure that EFG Bank, Hong Kong has committed to continue multiple years' sponsorship in Hong Kong.

EFG Hong Kong Ladies Open ---- Supamas SANGCHAN (THA)

Sanya Ladies Open ----- Boutier Celine (FRA)

<2018>Women's golfers in Asia now have a lot of playing opportunity in various Asian LPGA tours such as Japan, Korea, Taiwan, China, Thailand, Philippines and India. Therefore, in recent years LAGT is focusing the countries where the women's golfers (professional) were not yet developed but are promising. Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka or Indonesia is one of those countries.

The saddest news was that the Sanya Ladies Open which has been held for last 8 years was cancelled this year because the event could not get the approval from the local government in time. Hopefully it may come back in 2019.

Meanwhile, since 2017, 10 LAGT players have been playing in the Hero Women's Indian Open as the invitation spots by WGAI (India) due to our long term relationship between. This shall be continued to the years to come.

EFG Hong Kong Ladies Open ---- Saranporn LANGKULGASETTRIN (THA)

<2019>The new Rules of Golf is commenced this year. It is a kind of big change of the rules in the tournament and LAGT's tournament regulations as well as the tournament local rules are updated accordingly. For the sponsorship purpose, LAGT assigned Malaysian IKATAN FASS Sendirian Berhad as Event Promoter and Organizer for the new Ladies Golf Championship to be held anywhere in Malaysia and Brunei for the 2019/2020 calendar year.

EFG Hong Kong Ladies Open ---- LIU YAN (CHN)

EFG Private Bank held a press conference to announce that they will extend their Title Sponsorship for the Hong Kong Ladies Open for a minimum of another two years.

<2020 - 2021>Due to the worldwide outbreak of the new type corona virus , every sports event like an international golf tournament gathering mass people from various countries had to be cancelled or postponed for a while. People cannot travel overseas or cannot gather together

preventing from the disease until the finish of the worldwide pandemic. It must be a patient term.

<2022> It seemed a patient year again for our events because LAGT was such international tournaments as inviting many international players from various countries to Asia. The issue was that those players had to take frequent quarantine inspection before or after the tournament week in their home countries as well as at the tournament venues. It caused the players spending isolation several weeks before/after in order to attend only one week tournament, which was very inconvenient for the players. Therefore, LAGT had to be quiet for a while. During such vacant year, LAGT built up a new organizing team – young Mr. Ricky Takakuwa was invited to the team as CEO, and Mr. Mitsu Hidaka was also invited as COO. The founder, Mr. Koichi Kato is still sitting in LAGT as the Honorary Chairman to assist the refreshed team. The Head Office was also moved to c/o the Hirao Country Club, Toyokawa City, Japan for more convenient operation.

It has been a long and bumpy road from 1983 for the development of ladies golf in Asia. Today the number of Asian lady golfers has been grown into thousand or more number and several LPGAs were born in Asian Countries such as Thailand LPGA, Taiwan LPGA, Indian LPGA, Philippines LPGA besides Japan LPGA and Korean LPGA. Thus LAGT's mission has been successfully achieved, and these facts like a decrease of the number of tournament in LAGT may not be so disappointed matters for the growth of ladies golf in Asia because there are more tournaments increased in Asia in the respective independent tours . Now the days, LAGT is focusing those countries where no ladies pros or no local LPGA are.

No word can sufficiently express our sincere appreciation to many generous sponsors, supporters, contributors, organizers, tournament hosts and those volunteers who were involved in our many championship. Hopefully the golfing sprit among this sport lovers will keep the ball rolling and the LAGT moving forward successfully for many years to come.

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