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WOMEN'S AMATEUR ASIA-PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIP RESCHEDULED IN OCTOBER 2020

PATTAYA Thailand, February 24: The Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific championship has been rescheduled to take place from 7-10 October 2020 at the Siam Country Club Waterside, Pattaya, Thailand.

The championship was postponed due to issues related to the Coronavirus and to ensure the safety and welfare of all players, officials and others attending the championship. The R&A and the Asia-Pacific Golf Confederation have worked to secure a new date for the championship.

Martin Slumbers, Chief Executive of The R&A, said, "The Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific has established itself as the leading women's amateur golf championship in the region. It develops local talent and provides a pathway for elite amateurs to emerge onto the world stage and we believe it is important this opportunity is provided in 2020.

"We will continue to monitor the situation and liaise with the authorities to ensure we can stage the championship safely in October. We are looking forward to a successful week of golf and crowning the 2020 champion."

Tanes Petsuwan, Deputy Governor for Marketing Communications for the Tourism Authority of Thailand added, "We look forward to welcoming the leading 80 amateur golfers from 19 Asia-Pacific nations to Thailand in October for the Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific. We would also like to thank The R&A for bringing this prestigious championship to Thailand allowing us to showcase our world class golf courses and beautiful country."

The R&A also confirmed that both the 2020 and 2021 WAAP champions will receive invitations to compete in the 2021 AIG Women's British Open at Royal Porthcawl.

It is expected that 80 players from 19 Asia-Pacific countries will feature, with Thailand having the largest contingent of eight as the host nation, including world No 18 Jaravee Boonchant.

Entry to the championship will be free of charge for fans.

The championship will be broadcast live on each of the four days. There will be nearly 600 hours of television coverage broadcast to more than 180 million households.

The Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific is proudly supported by Rolex, Hana Financial Group, Nippon Kabaya Ohayo Holdings and Samsung.

For more information on the Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific, visit the championship website at www.randa.org/WAAP.

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Notes to Editors:

WOMEN'S AMATEUR ASIA-PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIP

The Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific championship has been developed by the Asia-Pacific Golf Confederation (APGC) and The R&A to nurture talent and provide a pathway for the region's elite women amateurs to the international stage and opportunities to play in the major golf championships in women's golf.

Siam Country Club in Pattaya, Thailand will host the third edition of the Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific championship from October 7 - 10, 2020. The winner will earn an invitation to the 2021 AIG Women's British Open.

For more information go to www.randa.org/Championships/WomensAmateurAsiaPacific.

PAST CHAMPIONS

Year	Venue	Champion	Nationality
2018	Sentosa Golf Club, Singapore	Atthaya Thitikul	Thailand
2019	The Royal Golf Club, Japan	Yuka Yasuda	Japanese

FIELD

The field will be determined from Member Countries of the Asia-Pacific Golf Confederation.

For more information go to <https://www.randa.org/en/championships/womensamateurasiapacific/format>.

INVITATIONS

The winner will receive an invitation to play in the AIG Women's British Open, (2021), Royal Porthcawl, UK.

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FOUNDING PARTNERS

About the APGC

The APGC is the representative body for 46 national golf associations representing 42 nations throughout Asia-Pacific, operating from its headquarters in Melbourne, Australia. Golf in the Asia-Pacific region is growing at a considerable rate, and there are approximately 18 million golfers and four thousand golf courses in the region. The APGC assists member organizations in the development of golf in their respective countries, works to ensure adherence to the Rules of Golf as approved by The R&A and partners with the International Golf Federation in the promotion of golf. For more information, visit www.asiapacificgolf.org.

About The R&A

The R&A group of companies was formed in 2004 to take on The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews' responsibilities for governing the Rules of Golf, staging The Open, golf's original championship, and developing the sport. The British Golf Museum in St Andrews is part of The R&A group.

Together The R&A and the USGA govern the sport of golf worldwide, operating in separate jurisdictions with a commitment to a single code for the Rules of Golf, Rules of Amateur Status and Equipment Standards. The R&A, through R&A Rules Ltd, governs the sport worldwide, outside of the United States and Mexico, on behalf of over 36 million golfers in 143 countries and with the consent of 159 organisations from amateur and professional golf.

The R&A merged with the Ladies' Golf Union in 2017 and now has responsibility for running a series of world class amateur events and international matches in women's and girls' as well as men's and boys' golf. The R&A works with IMG to stage the AIG Women's British Open and with the European Tour to stage the Senior Open.

The R&A is aiming to invest £200 million in developing golf over the next decade and supports the growth of the sport internationally, including the development and management of sustainable golf facilities.

For more information, visit www.randa.org.

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