## CTGA - 中華高協

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Dear All

I hope that everyone continues to be safe and well around the world during these difficult times. I hope that over recent months life has been able to return to a new normal for you. Thankfully for us in the UK, golf is one of the few sports which have benefitted from outdoor activities being allowed to return.

I wanted to give you an update on the state of play specifically for the 14<sup>th</sup> Asia Grand Final due to be held this October at Laguna Lang Co. Having been in discussions with the team at Laguna Lang Co it has been decided that we will postpone the tournament again until March 2021. Unfortunately, there has been a recent outbreak of Covid-19 in the Danang region and the Vietnamese Government have shut down the region. Currently Laguna Lang Co is still open and hosting guests daily as Hue province is only in forcing social distancing as they monitor the situation in neighbouring Da Nang Province. Despite being a few months away, it is not a risk we are willing to take to run the tournament and put everyone's health at risk. Locals have been asked to return home and isolate for two weeks and travellers have had to depart Vietnam entirely. Much like many countries given this recent outbreak, the uncertainty of travel and the ability for Governments to change their entry protocols so quickly has lead us to make this decision. Up until July 27th Vietnam had recorded less than 500 cases and had gone 99 days without any new confirmed cases. This recent outbreak is a reminder to remain vigilant with social distancing protocols and Laguna Lang Co is currently implementing their "Safe Sanctuary" program as the health and safety of all their associates and guests is of the utmost importance.

What is currently being discussed is the idea to host both the 14<sup>th</sup> FSAGF and 15<sup>th</sup> FSAGF, back-to-back in March 2021. Whilst this decision is yet to be finalised, this will provide us an opportunity to bring everyone together safely next year and have a Faldo Series festival of golf over a 10 day period. Dates are TBC and we will confirm these in due course. The field will remain the same for the 14<sup>th</sup> FSAGF, and then players who qualify this season from now until March 2021 will be in the 15<sup>th</sup> FSAGF. Should a player qualify again this season, they will be eligible to play in both events. This way we can still provide the finalists with a meaningful Grand Final experience at Laguna Lang Co.

Whilst I appreciate many of you will still be uncertain of movements going forward, as stated above, it is our intention to build a 15<sup>th</sup> Faldo Series Asia season as best we can. Should you be considering hosting a Faldo Series qualifier this year or in to 2021, please let me know so that I can revise our schedules for The R&A and WAGR. If the UK is anything to go by, I am sure the juniors will be itching to get back to competitive golf and enjoy some playing opportunities this year.

Sorry to be the bearer of bad news but I hope you understand our decision given the circumstances. Please continue to stay safe, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards Matthew



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