



慶祝中華人民共和國成立75周年及澳門特別行政區成立25周年

Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China and the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Macao SAR

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LEADING STARS READY TO CHALLENGE FOR SJM MACAO OPEN TITLE

8 OCTOBER, MACAO SAR – The stage is set for an exciting week of golf as the top stars of the **SJM Macao Open** prepare to battle for the prestigious title at the Macau Golf & Country Club from 10 to 13 October 2024. With a strong field of contenders, this year's tournament promises thrilling competition and world-class performances.

Earlier today, tournament VIPs Ms Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM Resorts, S.A., Mr Luis Gomes, President of the Sports Bureau of the Macao SAR Government, Mr Johnny Senna Fernandes, President of the Golf Association of Macau, Mr Grant Slack, EVP & Managing Director, Golf Events of IMG, and Mr David Rollo, Chief Operating Officer of the Asian Tour, gathered at the Macau Golf & Country Club to show their support and welcome international stars Min Woo Lee and Brian Harman, alongside top Greater Bay Area talents, including Ye Wo-Cheng, Ngai Si, and local tournament qualifier Michael Wong.

Defending champion **Min Woo Lee**, who set a tournament record with a 30-under-par score last year, is eager to return to the course and defend his title: "I'm very happy. It's always nice to come back to a course that you play well in. I'm very excited for the week."

Lee is focused on keeping the trophy in his hands, but he knows he'll be coming up against stiff competition: "I've got some good players next to me, and hopefully, it turns out to be a good week."

Among the serious challengers this week is **John Catlin**, the current leader of the Asian Tour Order of Merit. Catlin, who already secured a win at the Macau Golf & Country Club in March, is looking forward to the challenge ahead: "It's always nice coming back to a course where you've had success, and I'm looking forward to the week. It's going to be a good challenge. I think there's been a few changes since Min Woo's seen it so it was nice to at least have played it and seen some of those changes. I'm looking forward to the week. It's going to be a great challenge, and there are so many great players, so hopefully, we can all be in there with a chance Sunday afternoon."

Making his debut in the SJM Macao Open is world No. 23 and 2023 Open Champion **Brian Harman**. Harman shared his enthusiasm about competing in Macao: "I'm super excited to be here. I've never been to Macao. It's nice being able to use some success to travel the world and showcase my talents all over the place, so I'm excited to be here."

Two-time Macao Open winner **Scott Hend** will be aiming for a historic third title, though he acknowledges it will be difficult as he isn't at peak fitness or form: "It's great to come back to a place





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that you've had success at, but my game and my health is not a hundred per cent, so I'll just do the best I can and see if I get lucky at the end of the week. That's all I can do – go out and look after myself and follow the old cliché, one foot in front of the other. Hopefully, that's good enough.”

Phachara Khongwatmai, the Thai star who finished third last year with a 20-under-par score, has fond memories of Macao and is eager to perform well again: “Macao is my favourite place to visit. I'm always happy here, and I enjoy Macao. Hopefully, this year, I'll get the chance to be on top of the leaderboard.”

This year's tournament holds special significance, coinciding with the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China and the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Macao SAR. As Macao continues to grow its global sporting presence, the SJM Macao Open stands out as one of the most anticipated events on the Asian golfing calendar.

Fans can witness all the action at the 2024 SJM Macao Open live for free this week, with the opportunity to register for up to 10 tickets each. In addition to the thrilling golf action, attendees can look forward to an exciting fan village featuring several food and beverage options, and putting and chipping challenges for all ages. For more information and to secure your tickets, please visit www.sjmmacaopen.com.

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(From left to right) Jbe Kruger (South Africa), Phachara Khongwatmai (Thailand), Brian Harman (USA), Min Woo Lee (Australia), John Catlin (USA) and Ngai Si (Macao), at Lotus Square in downtown of Macao ahead of the SJM Macao Open.





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(From left to right) Mr. Michael Wong (Hong Kong), Mr. Ye Wo-cheng (China), Mr. David Rollo, Chief Operating Officer of the Asian Tour, Mr. Brian Harman (USA), Mr. Luis Gomes, President of the Sports Bureau of the Macao SAR Government, Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM, Mr. Min Woo Lee (Australia), Mr. Grant Slack, EVP & Managing Director, Golf Events of IMG, Mr. Johnny Senna Fernandes, President of the Golf Association of Macau and Mr. Ngai Si (Macao), were present on the 1st tee ahead of the SJM Macao Open at the Macau Golf & Country Club.





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(From left to right) Greater Bay Area talents Ye Wo-cheng (China), Ngai Si (Macao) and Michael Wong (Hong Kong).

