



Hong Kong Golf Association

Media Statement

In response to media requests for comment on the Task Force on Land Supply's recommendation that the Government reclaim part or all of the Fanling Golf Course, the Hong Kong Golf Association has issued the following statement:

'The Hong Kong Golf Association is stunned by the Task Force on Land Supply's recommendation to reclaim part of the Fanling Golf Course. Hong Kong is already in great need of more golfing facilities, not fewer, and any further losses – be they golf courses or driving ranges – would seriously hinder the development of golf in the city.

'The Fanling Golf Course also occupies a unique position in Hong Kong's sports history. This is partly due to the high level of respect it commands in the international golf scene, but most importantly because of its undisputed heritage as a place that nurtures the development of professional local players and coaches. The HKGA is seeing a surge in the number of talented local golfers, and much of this is thanks to the support of the Fanling Golf Course, which has offered access to the Hong Kong Team and junior squad teams and provided a free venue for hosting local and international amateur tournaments. Reclaiming the Fanling Golf Course, in part or in full, would raise questions in the minds of the international sporting community about Hong Kong's commitment to diversified sports development. We ask the Government to consider seriously the impact of this recommendation on the future of golf in Hong Kong, and on Hong Kong's image as a cosmopolitan city that supports the development of sports for all.'

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