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**2013 TOPY CUP U.S. - Japan Intercollegiate Golf Championship
Special Sponsor**

The Topy Industries Group will once again be a special sponsor for the “2013 TOPY CUP U.S. - Japan Intercollegiate Golf Championship” (Sponsored by: Japan Students Golf Association, The Yomiuri Shimbun) to be held from September 10th-12th.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the tournament, and the 20th anniversary since becoming a Topy Industries Group sponsored tournament, the TOPY CUP. Past participants of this U.S. - Japan Intercollegiate Golf Championship include Hideki Matsuyama who has already won 2 Japanese tours since his pro debut this past April (2010, 2012 Tohoku Fukushi University); Hiroyuki Fujita, domestic tour’s top money winner for 2012 (1989-1991, Senshu University); Adam Scott, winner of the Masters Tournament in April (1988 Nevada University Las Vegas); Phil Mickelson, winner of the British Open held this July (1989, Arizona State University); Miki Saiki (2004-2005, Tohoku Fukushi University), and many more successful top golf players in tours held in the United States and Japan. Like every year, the top golf players of Japanese and American universities will gather at Tanagura Country Club to compete in the honor of their university.

In the Men’s Team Competition, last year’s winning team from Tohoku Fukushi University will aim for their 2nd consecutive victory, while other powerful teams from the United States and Japan, including the 2009 TOPY CUP winner and the 6th NCAA ranked University of Washington will challenge for the honors. In the Women’s competition, the team from Oregon State University will make their first time appearance, while we welcome back the team from Osaka Gakuin University, their second participation since 1994, and all other teams ready for an exciting tournament and prevent Tohoku Fukushi University from winning 2 years in a row. In the individual competition, pay attention to R&A World Amateur Golf Ranking 6th, Cheng-tsung Pan (University of Washington, 3rd year); winner of the 2012 Japan Women Collegiate Golf Championship, Emi Sato (Tohoku Fukushi University, 4th year).

Furthermore, the “TOPY CUP Junior Golf Class” will be held on September 8th for elementary and junior high students in Fukushima with the full cooperation of competing members of the TOPY CUP to convey the skills, manners, and joy of playing golf.

The Topy Industries Group will contribute in strengthening the U.S. - Japan student relations, and the rejuvenation of local communities, support in the recovery of Eastern Japan through sports, and perform its duties as a public institution of society.

【Tournament Summary】

1. Date September 10th, 11th, 12th (3 days)
2. Place Tanagura Country Club
(286 Kawaharada, Aza, Nikougi, Ooaza, Tanagura-machi, Higashi Shirakawa-gun, Fukushima Prefecture)
3. Participating Universities

【United States of America】

(Men: 4 Teams, 20 players)

University of Washington; Texas Christian University;

University of Alabama at Birmingham;

University of North at Charlotte

(Women: 2 Teams, 10 players)

University of Washington; Oregon State University

【Japan】

(Men: 7 Teams, 35 players)

Nihon University; Osaka Gakuin University;

Tohoku Fukushi University; Ritsumeikan University;

Chuogakuin University; Senshu University;

Nagasaki International University

(Women: 3 Teams, 15 players)

Tohoku Fukushi University; Osaka Gakuin University;

Senshu University

【Individual Participants】

Men: 5 players Women: 5 players

From the U.S., a total of 6 teams, 4 Universities for Men, and 2 Universities for Women, based on records of the NCAA Championships will participate. From Japan, the top 6 Universities for Men, and 3 Universities for Women of the All Japan University Golf Tournament along with 10 individual players (5 men, 5 women players) nominated by the Student Golf Association will participate.



Photo: Both men and women's team winners of the 2012 TOPY CUP: Tohoku Fukushi University
Top Left: Hideki Matsuyama, turned pro April, 2013