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<p>2012 TOPY CUP U.S. - Japan Intercollegiate Golf Championship Special Sponsor</p>
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The Topy Industries Group will once again be a special sponsor for the “2012 TOPY CUP U.S. - Japan Intercollegiate Golf Championship” (Sponsored by: Japan Students Golf Association, The Yomiuri Shimbun) to be held from September 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. The previous tournament was cancelled due to effects of the Great East Japan Earthquake, however, after the lapse of 2 years, it will be held at Tanagura Country Club (Tanagura-machi, Fukushima-pref) as an international exchange event through golf. The holding of an international tournament by Japanese and America students at Fukushima will deliver a strong message of recovery to the world.

This year marks the 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tournament, and the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary since becoming a Topy Industries Group sponsored tournament, the TOPY CUP. Past participants of this U.S. - Japan Intercollegiate Golf Championship include Yoshinori Fujimoto, winner of this years Japan Golf Tour (2008-2010, Tohoku Fukushi University); Toru Taniguchi, winner of Japan PGA Championship (1986-1989, Doshisha University); Phil Mickelson (1989, Arizona State University), Graeme McDowell (2001, The University of Alabama at Birmingham), Mayu Hattori (2006, Nagoya University of Commerce & Business), and many more successful top golf players in tours held in the United States and Japan. This 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, the previous tournament winning team from Tohoku Fukushi University will aim for their 10<sup>th</sup> victory, while many other powerful teams from the United and Japan States will challenge for the honors. One key player to keep an eye out for is Hideki Matsuyama (3<sup>rd</sup> Year at Tohoku Fukushi University) with impressive records of winning the low amateur title in the 2011 Masters Tournament and becoming the third player after Masahiro Kuramoto and Ryo Ishikawa to win a Japanese Golf Tour Tournament (2011 Mitsui Sumitomo VISA Taiheiyo Masters) as an amateur. In the Women’s competition, strong teams from many universities including the University of California, Berkeley known as one of the most prestigious schools for women’s golf, and Otemae University that conquered this year’s All Japan Women’s Intercollegiate Tournament, entering for the second time since 2009, will aim to take first place in this year’s tournament.

Furthermore, the “TOPY CUP Junior Golf Class” will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> 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 the joy of 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> (3 days)
2. Place Tanagura Country Club (Fukushima-pref)
3. Participating Universities

**【United States of America】**

(Men: 4 Teams, 20 players)

Baylor University; University of San Diego;  
Oregon State University; University of the Pacific

(Women: 2 Teams, 10 players)

University of California, Berkeley; University of Oregon

**【Japan】**

(Men: 6 Teams, 30 players)

Tohoku Fukushi University; Nihon University;  
Osaka Gakuin University; Senshu University;  
Chuogakuin University;  
Yamaguchi University of Human Welfare and Culture

(Women: 3 Teams, 15 players)

Otemae University; Tohoku Fukushi University;  
Doshisha University

**【Individual Participants】**

Men: 10 players Women: 5 players

From the U.S., 4 Universities for Men, and 2 Universities for Women, based on records of the NCAA Championships, and a total of 6 teams will participate. From Japan, the top 6 Universities for Men, and 3 Universities for Women of the All Japan University Golf Tournament along with 15 individual players (10 male, 5 female players) nominated by the Student Golf Association will participate.



Photo: Team winners of the 2010 TOPY CUP

Men: Tohoku Fukushi University; Women: The University of Arizona