

Vote of thanks by Mr. Peter Sun, MH, Chairman of HKBSF, at the Prize Presentation Ceremony of 1st Hong Kong International Blind Golf Invitational on 28 November, 2012 at Palm Island Resort

Distinguished guests, friends, ladies and gentlemen,

Good evening!

On this happy occasion of Prize Presentation Ceremony, I would like to welcome all of you and, in particular, our honorable guests, Mr. Song Zhuo Ping, President of Guangdong Provincial Disabled Persons Federation (GDPF), and Mr. XIE XI LE, Vice President of the Federation who take time out of their busy schedule to join us tonight. A very warm welcome too to the teachers and blind students of Canton School for the Blind. I believe it is their first trip to Palm Island Resort and hope that they will enjoy the golf game and the friendship of our international blind golfers.

It's our first time to organize international blind golf tournament. With little experience and limited staffing, we are very grateful to our Co-organizer, Golf 18 Club, which is represented by Mr. Lee Yuen Fat, its President today, for their staunch support in providing the professional advice, manpower and resource support to make this tournament possible and a success. Let's give a big applause to Mr. Lee and members of Golf 18 Club!

We are also very grateful to the International Blind Golf Association (IBGA) which is represented by Mr. David Blyth, its Immediate Past President, today. Early this year, once David knew that we wanted to organize an international blind golf tournament, he responded very positively and encouraged us to apply to IBGA for a grant to make this event happen. With his unfailing support, we eventually got the grant thus facilitating us to organize this tournament and realize the dream of our Hong Kong blind golfers. So thank you very much, David and let's give a big applause to IBGA and Mr. David Blyth!

I've learned from Mrs. Grace Chan that all our blind golfers competed very seriously in the last two days under very cold weather conditions with perseverance. So let's also give a big hand to our blind golfers and their guides!

For such a great tournament, it would not be possible without the support of our referee and technical advisor. So let's give a big hand to Mr. Benny Wong and Mr. Edwin Chow who worked tirelessly in the last two days for ensuring the competition is done in a fair way and compiling the score sheets professionally. Ladies and gentlemen, a big hand to Mr. Benny Wong and Mr. Edwin Chow!

The souvenirs we have given to our participants are donated by a number of sponsors. To thank for their generosity let's give a big hand to our sponsors too!

Last but not the least, we would like to thank Palm Island Resort which is represented by Ms. Ellen Cheng today. Palm Island Resort not only gives us very special rate for the venue. Their Deputy Director of Marketing Communications, Ms. Ellen Cheng also accompanied us to Palm Island Resort and stayed with us in the last two days to ensure all facilities are available for the tournament as scheduled and on time. So thanks very much, Ellen for all your help!

Time flies very quickly. Tomorrow our overseas blind golfers and their guides will all return to their own countries. I hope you would enjoy your short stay in Hong Kong and the tournament in Palm Island Resort. May I wish you all a safe journey home and I hope that we shall meet each other again soon in the next golf tournament!

Thank you very much!