

# FALDO

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## FALDO SERIES ASIA SET FOR SEASON OPENER IN THE PHILIPPINES

### MATA HOPING TO BUILD ON SUCCESS IN GRAND FINAL

The search for the next Faldo Series Asia champion will begin at TAT Filipinas Golf Club in San Pedro when the Faldo Series Philippines Championship gets the new season underway on May 9-11.

Aristeo Mata will be one of several top young golfers looking to impress in the third edition of the Philippines Championship. Earlier this year, the 15 year-old from Cebu City was his nation's top performer at the 2010/2011 Faldo Series Asia Grand Final at Mission Hills Golf Club in China with a 12 over par total of 228 for a top 20 finish.

Open to golfers from across Asia, more than 60 boys and girls aged 12 to 21 will compete in the 54-hole Philippines Championship at TAT Filipinas Golf in Club in Laguna near Manila. Five age-group winners – three boys and two girls – will qualify for the sixth Grand Final, to be hosted by six-time Major Champion Sir Nick Faldo at Mission Hills, Shenzhen in March 2012.

Starting in The Philippines, the 2011/2012 Faldo Series Asia schedule features a record 18 tournaments in 14 different countries including five in mainland China plus others in Vietnam, India, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Bahrain, Brunei, Japan, Chinese Taipei, Pakistan, Indonesia and Thailand.

Established in 1996, 35 Faldo Series tournaments now take place in 25 countries worldwide with over 5,000 golfers participating each year. Former winners include Rory McIlroy, Nick Dougherty, Marc Warren, John Parry, Melissa Reid, Florentyna Parker and Yani Tseng, all winners on Tour.

The Faldo Series Asia is supported by major partners ISPS, Mission Hills and The R&A, official golf wear partner UFL and official suppliers TaylorMade and Tricolor. It is endorsed by the Asian Tour and the Asia Pacific Golf Federation (APGC).

Golfers wishing to enter the Faldo Series Philippines Championship at TAT Filipinas Golf Club in San Pedro on May 9-11 should visit [www.jgfp.org](http://www.jgfp.org) or email [jungolf1976@yahoo.com](mailto:jungolf1976@yahoo.com).

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### **About the International Sports Promotion Society**

Based in Tokyo, ISPS is a 'General Incorporated Association' founded by Japanese philanthropist, Dr Handa. ISPS contributes to society by supporting various sporting interests – currently focusing on golf and bowling. In golf ISPS actively supports the International Blind Golf Association in addition to a number of other sport related charities for disadvantaged people.

### **About Mission Hills**

Mission Hills Group, the owner and operator of Mission Hills Shenzhen, Dongguan and Haikou, is the key player in China's fledgling sports and leisure industry. Mission Hills in Shenzhen is the 'Home of the Faldo Series Asia' and is recognized by the Guinness World Records as the world's largest golf facility with 12 signature masterpiece courses designed by golf legends from around the globe. Mission Hills has hosted over 100 international tournaments, including the 1995 World Cup of Golf and the Tiger Woods China Challenge in 2001. In 2007, Mission Hills signed an unprecedented agreement to host 12 consecutive editions of the Omega Mission Hills World Cup. The recently-opened Mission Hills Haikou lies on the volcanic region of exotic Hainan Island, China. The resort sets a new standard in leisure, recreation and wellness experiences and was home to the Mission Hills Star Trophy in 2010.

### **About The R&A**

Based in St Andrews, The R&A is golf's governing body and the organiser of The Open Championship. The R&A is committed to working for golf and operates with the consent of 141 organisations, from the amateur and professional game, and on behalf of over 30 million golfers in 126 countries.

### **About UFL**

UFL – which stands for Uniting Future Legends – is a youth-inspired golf wear brand with innovative designs based on feedback from Faldo Series Asia players. UFL was launched in 2010 by Alpine Creations Ltd, a Singapore-based apparel manufacturer with more than 30 years experience and excellence in Asia. Alpine Creations is known for its one-stop solutions, "from the factory to the store", and is an established, trusted, global consumer brand as well as a preferred producer for many well-known international retailers. Its

state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities, in-house design team, textile network and excellent market reputation make it uniquely able to marry innovative technology with fashion forward design in producing its own line of UFL sporting wear.