

Development Recap

HONG KONG

New course to open at daily fee complex

A third course is scheduled to open at Hong Kong's only daily fee golf facility, Kau Sai Chau Public Golf Course.

Originally developed by the Hong Kong Jockey Club in 1995 for (HK)\$500 million, the club attracts an estimated 120,000 rounds a year to its two existing courses. The 18-hole addition, which was designed around the island's hilltops, cost about (HK)\$300 million to build.

General Manager Cameron Halliday said the new course expects to do about 60,000 rounds a year. He said the Hong Kong Jockey Club plans to invest even more in the growth of golf by launching an academy for juniors and encouraging youths to consider careers in the golf industry.

Another new daily fee course is expected to open in Hong Kong later this

year. SkyCity Nine Eagles is a new nine-hole facility being built near the Hong Kong International Airport.

The (HK)\$100 million project will include an artificial lake and lighting for nighttime golf.

AUSTRALIA

East coast project goes on sales block

A 272-hectare parcel that once was envisioned as the site of a \$150 million residential subdivision and golf course is up for sale.

Officials representing the developer, Solis Tasmania, said they were seeking either a joint venture partner or a buyer for the property, located at Louisville Point on Australia's eastern coast.

Some work on construction of a \$12 million Greg Norman-designed golf

course already has been done.

The site has about 4 kilometers of water frontage. Developers have received approval to build 60 villas, a hotel and retail outlets and to develop more than 600 residential lots.

INDIA

City to get first public golf course

The first 18-hole golf course open to the public in the city of Jammu is expected to be open for play in September.

Officials said the Sidhra Golf Course, which will cover 173 acres, will serve as a tourist attraction for the area. An estimated 5,000 trees are being planted at the course, which is located along the Tawi River.

The only other courses in the region are owned by the Indian army.

SOUTH KOREA A second 18 holes will open later this year at Bear River Golf Resort near Iksan, South Korea. The first course (shown here) has become one of the most popular new facilities in the country since its opening in May 2007. Designed by Golfplan: Fream, Dale & Ramsey, the course serves as the headquarters of the Korean PGA. The new course, also designed by Golfplan, will be a public resort facility.



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