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**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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CHAN KIM (-12)

Q. You said it was kind of a boring round, but sort of walk me through some of the highlights of the round today.

CHAN KIM: Yeah, I birdied 1 and 2 again today, which is pretty cool. I had a pretty big flyer on 2 and we were trying to pick the right club, and fortunately we did, had an easy two-putt there.

I say boring because I haven't really birdied any of those shorter par 4s that we can reach out here. But yeah, I've been playing solid, I haven't made a bogey in 36 holes. Yeah, I'm pretty happy.

Q. Just been kind of plodding your way through the season it seems like, you got your first top-10 last week. What has the season been like for you from your perspective?

CHAN KIM: Yeah, it was a little frustrating, did not get top-10s earlier on in the season. I felt like I was hitting it fine. The putting kind of held me back a little bit, but after sectionals for U.S. Open where I'm like, OK, I really need to play well to try and qualify, that's kind of put me in a better mindset throughout all of my rounds. And obviously a good finish last week and another good two rounds this week, yeah, I'm looking forward to the next two days.

Q. Was there anything like swing-wise, adjustment-wise, routine-wise that you changed before sectionals?

CHAN KIM: Yeah, I'm trying to get into more of like a steady routine before I hit shots, like really committing to shots and picking good target lines out there. And then especially with putting, just kind of focusing on speed. I feel like my reads are always pretty good. I miss more putts because of speed rather than line. Yeah, if I can just stick to my routine and stick to process, yeah, I think I've got a good chance.

Q. And going into the weekend leading, you have plenty of experience winning to draw on, so what do you see is the most important thing for you going into the weekend?

CHAN KIM: Patience, I think. I've definitely got to stay patient out there. If it's a red-light flag



and you just can't go at it, then playing safe and to those situations I think that's fine, but definitely attacking when I need to. I've done that pretty well last weekend and the first two days. So yeah, that's just going to be my strategy is just stay patient until the opportunity presents itself.

Q. What would you say is the biggest thing that you learned about yourself playing in Japan for as long as you did?

CHAN KIM: First of all, I guess I'm a better driver of the golf ball than I thought because the courses out there are so narrow, and pretty good at hitting fairways. Yeah, just my first win out there definitely boosted my confidence just knowing that I can compete. It's taken a long time to get a win, but after that it's been pretty fun obviously winning eight times, but yeah, I'd love to win one out here and get it going out here, too.

Q. And your dad always following, how cool is it to --

CHAN KIM: Yeah, it's always awesome to have my parents out here. They've been basically to every event. And I've got buddies out here, too, but it's nice to be able to travel with them and share the experiences that I'm having with them. Yeah, we're having a blast.

Q. And are they retired, still --

CHAN KIM: Yeah, no, they're retired, thankfully. They've done enough for me, especially to continue my golf career. Yeah, it's about time that they got some rest.

