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HIDEKI MATSUYAMA

MODERATOR: We would like to welcome Hideki Matsuyama to the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP media room here.

Hideki, you've had one win and one runner-up here in the past five starts at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP. What's it like to be back in Japan at Accordia Golf Narashino Country Club?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: It's always great to be back here at Narashino at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP. One of my -- I don't play often in Japan, but when I do, I look forward, really look forward to this event and hopefully I can play well.

MODERATOR: We saw that you played some of the golf course today. Any initial thoughts on the condition?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: This is a course that you need to hit the fairways. The rough isn't that deep, but it's demanding. The course always plays tough, but again, driving will be a key this week.

MODERATOR: How special is it to be playing in front of a home crowd, especially after bringing home the bronze medal from the 2024 Paris Olympics?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: Yeah, it's always great to be back home, play in front of our fans here in Japan. There may be some added pressure, but hopefully I can perform well.

MODERATOR: After much anticipation, TGL announced its schedule this week. How excited are you for this and what can fans expect when it's launched in 2025?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: I'm really looking forward to the new TGL league next year. The schedule just came out. It will be a different schedule for me next year with a few added events, but again, I'm really looking forward to playing on the team that I'm on, Boston Commons team, and hopefully we'll do well.

MODERATOR: We would like to open it up to questions.

(Questions and answers in Japanese.)