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PASSIONATE ABOUT **GOLF, DRIVING**

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at Hong Holdings Ltd is one of the world's largest crane companies, and the number one global crane company in

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of the fleet number of crawler cranes. Its CEO Asean, Michael Ng, 58, joined his father in the family business after he completed his National Service more than 30 years ago, and has been instrumental in developing the company's growth. In addition to his passion for working for Tat Hong Holdings – which is now a listed company – Michael, a 21 handicap index golfer, is equally enthusiastic when it comes to playing a round of golf or getting behind the wheel of a car.

Which golf club are you a member of?

I used to be a member of Singapore Island Country Club (SICC), but am now a member of Raffles Country Club (RCC).

What's in your bag?

Maruman Shuttle Woods, PRGR Irons, Fisher Putter and TaylorMade R15 Driver.

What's your favourite course in Singapore?

I like Sentosa Golf Club's Serapong the best as it is very challenging and has fast greens. I am more familiar with the Serapong layout than the Tanjong. The view of Serapong is beautiful.

Which three golf courses are your favourite in the region?

I play more in Thailand and I always go down to play Amata Spring, Thai Country Club and also Blue Canyon in Phuket.

Do you think there are too many golf courses in Singapore?

Yes personally I think there are too many. When they take two or three away I think it will be just a nice amount.



Do you have a regular golf kaki?

Yes. I used to play at SICC with a group of golf buddies. Now as a member of RCC I play with another group of people. I play three or four times a month at RCC on both the Palm and Lake courses.

Do you travel much on golf holidays?

There's a group of us – minimum 12 people – which travels three times a year. We've played in places like China (Sanya) and Australia (Perth). This time we intend to go to Kunming in China to play.

Who would be in your dream flight?

I love watching the LPGA girls play. I played with Michelle Wie during one HSBC Women's Champions pro-am. Normally I follow Park Hee Young and if I got a chance to play with three girls then yes – fantastic! My dream flight would include Park Hee Young, Inbee Park and Na Yeon Choi.

Do you have a favourite golf professional you like to watch?

Phil Mickelson. I like the way he plays and he's very cool, very humble with no temper.

What do you like most about playing in the Business Times Corporate Golf League?

We've played in the League each year since it started six years ago. Obviously we are meeting old friends and we are always looking forward to meeting new participants. It's fun and not so stressful. We enjoy the whole event.

What's important to you when it comes to cars?

For me, it's the elegance of the car and its nice interior, and obviously the comfort must be there. I am not really into optional extras. If there are too many then I will start meddling and it will be distracting.

What drives you when it comes to business?

The first thing is getting the sales done. Currently the business is very challenging and we need to reformat our business and restructure and see if we can cut it down to make it more profitable. But we also look around for opportunities to grow the company. We're always on the lookout for that.

What drives you on the golf course?

I always look forward to golf courses with caddies. Once I arrive at the course I always pick a pretty caddy to get the ball rolling. When you have a nice caddy you are motivated to play better!

Share your experience of driving this new Audi A6.

The feel of the steering wheel is superb and the drive is very smooth and comfortable.

It has a nice interior with excellent features such as self parking, the ability to read email, voice commands and a cooling seat feature.

There is also electronic stabilisation control Intelligent technology and the car has superb road holding ability with 20" low profile tyres.

This is a great performance car in this class.



A6 SPECIFICATIONS & FEATURES

Model name: Audi A6 3.0 TFSI quattro S tronic
Engine: 2995cc, V6, supercharged
Power: 333hp
Torque: 440Nm
Top speed: 250km/h (limited)
0-100km/h: 5.1s
Consumption: 8.2L/100km
Price: \$359,900 inclusive of COE

Features:

- quattro all-wheel drive
- sport differential
- Matrix LED headlights
- Audi connect with wireless LAN and Google Maps
- MMI touch (touch pad to read handwriting to find addresses, phone numbers etc)

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