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Fox Chapel Golf Club

## Kaori Yamamoto

### Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: We welcome Kaori Yamamoto from Japan to the interview area after the fourth round of the U.S. Senior Women's Open. Not the finish you might have wanted but still a finish by a qualifier in this championship. Can you talk about how you feel?

KAORI YAMAMOTO: Of course to be honest, I would love to have the Cup in my hand, but for the fourth day I couldn't make birdies and I couldn't better my score. I am very happy where I am right now.

**Q. I believe yesterday you mentioned receiving words of encouragement from your friends and family in Japan. What did they say to you last night or before this round today?**

KAORI YAMAMOTO: Well, because of the time difference that we have from here and Japan, most of the messages were good luck, I'm sorry if I fall asleep, I can't watch you. But we're planning to wake up early and watch you on TV, or bring home the victory cup, and many, many messages to encourage me today.

**Q. How does your performance this week give you confidence as you move forward in the rest of your schedule this summer and just in the rest of your career?**

KAORI YAMAMOTO: I have gained a lot of confidence this week. I am currently playing in mini-tours in Japan with the young players and also the senior tour, what we call the Legends Tour in Japan. I haven't been playing well on the younger tour, the mini-tours, but with the experience that I had here, I feel a little more confident that I can make -- I haven't been making putts, so I'm a little more confident about that and more positive about going into the tournaments.

**Q. How does this, if at all, affect your schedule, when you think about your schedule moving forward over the next few years, coming years?**



KAORI YAMAMOTO: I did get a big boost with this experience being second in such a prestigious tournament here, and I am very happy that I was able to -- very grateful that I was able to compete in this. I am pledging that as long as I am healthy physically and as long as my bank account agrees, I would love to continue playing next year, the following year, the following year. As long as everything is there mentally, physically and financially, I will be challenging this tournament.

**Q. San Diego Country Club next year. Do you know anything about it? Have you ever played it? We held a qualifier there for this year. Is there anything that you know already?**

KAORI YAMAMOTO: I have no idea. I've never played San Diego Country Club, but I am very looking forward to being there.

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