

# Blue Bay LPGA

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Hainan Island, Republic of China

Jian Lake Blue Bay Golf Course

## Rio Takeda

### Press Conference



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THE MODERATOR: Okay, here with Rio Takeda; first win here at Blue Bay LPGA. Second win overall. First win the 2025. How do you feel after winning this event?

RIO TAKEDA: At the final day I started at the top and I had a desire to win this tournament. I could win this tournament finally, so I feel really great now.

**Q. Bogey-free in the final round of play; also in one of your earlier rounds. What is it about this course that you were able to do is well and stay out of getting bogey?**

RIO TAKEDA: I had a couple putts which was two meter for the par putt and it was really difficult but I could make it.

**Q. You won eight times last year on the JLPGA; obviously won today. How different does this win feel compared to winning in Japan?**

RIO TAKEDA: I'm really happy with this. Really happy to win this tournament because the course layout, it's really, really different. Like compared to Japanese course. So I had so many winning at the JLPGA but this winning is meaningful.

**Q. With so many young talented Japanese players on tour now, how good does it feel to win and stand out a little bit amongst some of the other Japanese rookies and other young players we have?**

RIO TAKEDA: I could win this tournament because my strongest point is driving distance, so it worked well this tournament.

**Q. Your mom is here and travels with you. How helpful is it to have her out here and be a support system for you?**

RIO TAKEDA: I appreciate my mom and I could focus like everything including golf and other thing, too. So I really appreciated being with mom all the time.

**Q. Now that you've won, is there another goal you have in mind for the rest of the 2025 season?**

RIO TAKEDA: I have a tournament in U.S. so I will try my best in the U.S. too.

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