

## **PERSONAL HISTORY of KOICHI KATO**

1943-Born in December

1967-Graduated from Keio University in Tokyo with a Master of Law

1967-Employed by Yahagi Construction Company at the golf course building division

1970-Associated with Peter Thomson, Australian pro-golfer, five times British Open Winner as a Far East Asia manager

1973-Partnered with Peter Thomson's Golf Course Architect Company in Melbourne to design/ build more than 15 golf courses not only in Japan but also in Asia.

1978-Resigned Yahagi Construction Company and succeeded to the family business, Marumi Corporation

1983-Established Ladies Asia Golf Circuit (LAGC) as a founder

1987-Became a director of Kosaido Company to restore Kosaido Ladies Asia Golf Circuit under the auspices of Asia Pacific Golf Confederation (APGC) and supported by the R&A.

1993-Became a director of Camden Lakeside Country Club in Sydney

2000-Passed the exam of the Referee School of R&A St. Andrews

2005-The Sponsorship of Kosaido Company terminated and re-launched Ladies Asian Golf Tour (LAGT) registered in Hong Kong and was appointed as the Director & the Chief Commissioner

2006-Took over the management of Camden Lakeside Country Club in Sydney as the President

2007-Became the President & Chief Commissioner of Ladies Asian Golf Tour of which headquarters was moved to Japan from Hong Kong

2010-Sold Camden Lakeside Country Club in Sydney and retired from the family business, Marumi Corporation

2012-LAGT became a member of International Golf Federation PGA Tour and was independent from APGC and R&A

2018-Associated colleague, Peter Thomson died in June, and the Partnership vanished

2019-To now as the Chairman of LAGT