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Junior Member bestows Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour with ANA Inspiration Grant

Vancouver, BC – (February 13, 2018) – Canada’s top female Junior Golfer, Susan Xiao, 16, of Surrey, British Columbia, has selected the Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour (MJT) to receive the ANA (All Nippon Airways) Inspiration’s Gateway City Grant for 2018, helping to launch the 20th season of Canada’s number one played Junior Golf Tour on a high note.

The top-ranked girls in each of ANA’s 11 North American Gateway Cities - of which Vancouver is one – who have qualified into the ANA Inspiration tournament held by the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) at Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, California, March 22-25, 2018, are each given the opportunity to give a local golf association that has impacted their life a grant of \$5000, courtesy of ANA and the AJGA.

Xiao, who has competed for many years on the MJT and is the 2017 Canadian Junior Girls Champion, said, “MJT has offered me endless opportunities to grow as a player and I strongly believe they will do the same for future juniors. Through MJT, I was able to meet wonderful people and learn many valuable lessons. I can’t possibly thank MJT enough for everything they’ve done for me.”

“What an honour that Susan chose the Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour to receive this generous award. Susan was MJT Miura Golf Junior Girls Player of the Year in both 2016 and 2017, and has impressed us for years with her personality and incredible talent,” said Murray Poje, MJT Executive Director. “Thank you to Susan, and

thank you very much to ANA and the AJGA for creating this opportunity to positively impact junior golfers in Canada.”

Latest ANA Junior Inspiration tournament news can be found at bit.ly/2018ANAJunior. For more information on the Boston Pizza-presented Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour, which just completed a record Early Bird registration, please visit www.maplejt.com.

About the MJT: The non-profit Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour presented by Boston Pizza is Canada’s number one-played Junior Golf Tour as well as the only national junior tour run exclusively by PGA of Canada Professionals and the ‘Road to College Golf’ in Canada. The organization is presented nationally by Boston Pizza and supported by valued Premier, Tournament and Product Partners. The MJT hosts more than 70 events across Canada, including free Ford Go Golf Junior Clinics, the MJT Mini Tour for 7-12 year olds, the Collegiate Tour for 19-23 year olds, and multi-day events for competitive players aged 11 to 18 which are also qualifiers for international competitions. The program offers annual awards, scholarships, and frequent player incentives to help reward player's performance and participation throughout each season. MJT alumni include many Professional Tour players and PGA of Canada Professionals, as well as Canadian Amateur, National and Provincial Junior Champions. The MJT aims to develop champions, in golf and in life, promoting the game from grassroots through to provincial, national, university and professional level. See www.maplejt.com

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