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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO GOLFER BIANCA PAGDANGANAN FOR PLACING 4TH IN THE WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL STROKE PLAY AT THE 2024 PARIS OLYMPICS, HOLDING THE HIGHEST FINISH BY A FILIPINO GOLFER IN OLYMPIC HISTORY

WHEREAS, on 10 August 2024, Filipino golfer Bianca Isabel Pagdanganan finished fourth place in the women's individual stroke play with a total of 282 points at the Le Golf National during the 2024 Paris Olympics;¹

WHEREAS, she now holds the highest finish by a Filipino golfer in Olympic history, achieving the Philippines' best result in Olympic golf by any athlete, male or female, by carding a four-under-par 68 and a personal-best seven birdies in a single round;2

WHEREAS, Pagdanganan briefly climbed to the third spot in the closing moments of the match with a four-under-par 68 in the fourth and final round, ultimately finishing in a tie for fourth place with Australia, South Korea, and Japan;³

¹ Ambat, P. (2024, August 10). Bianca Pagdanganan finishes fourth for best PH golf result in Srdina 13th Paris Olympics, surges to in https://www.onesports.ph/paris-2024/article/23512/bianca-pagdanganan-dottie-ardina-medal-round -paris-2024

² Ambat, P. (2024, August 11). "I want our names up there': Emotional Bianca Pagdanganan speaks on Paris 2024 campaign after fourth finish in women's golf. One Sports. https://www.onesports.ph/paris-2024/article/23530/emotional-bianca-pagdanganan-speaks-on-pari s-2024-campaign-after-joint-fourth-finish-in-women-s-golf

³ Ambat, P. (2024, August 10). Bianca Pagdanganan finishes fourth for best PH golf result in Olympics, Dottie Srdina surges to 13th in Paris 2024. OneSports.

WHEREAS, the Filipina golfer's feat of ranking fourth place in this year's Olympics is truly a tremendous improvement from her previous forty-third place in her debut appearance at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics;⁴

WHEREAS, she turned professional in January 2020, after earning her Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour card through the LPGA Qualifying Series in November 2019,⁵ and is one of the longest hitters leading the LPGA rankings;⁶

WHEREAS, the 26-year-old has been representing the Philippines for almost eleven years now, and is a 2019 Southeast Asian double gold medalist and 2018 Asian Games gold and bronze medalist, as well as Philippine Junior amateur Open champion;⁷

WHEREAS, Pagdanganan's performance and finish after her Paris Olympics stint marked her career-best of World No. 106, from her previous ranking of 121;8

⁴ Dioquino, D. (2024, August 11). "We can excel in sports': Pagdanganan proves Olympic golf run. *Rappler.*

https://www.rappler.com/sports/bianca-pagdanganan-proves-mettle-historic-golf-run-paris-olympics -2024/

⁵ Bianca Pagdanganan Facts: 14 Things You Didn't Know About The Pro Golfer. *Golf Monthly*. https://www.golfmonthly.com/tour/bianca-pagdanganan-golfer-bio-facts

⁶ Catacutan, D. (2024, July 7). Bianca Pagdanganan tales another swing at Olympic glory. *Spin Philippines*.

https://www.spin.ph/multisport/olympics/bianca-pagdanganan-gets-shot-at-paris-olympics-golf-med al-a791-20240707

⁷ Micaller, B. (2024, July 20). Bianca Pagdanganan heads to Paris Olympics in full swing. *GMA News.*

https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/sports/othersports/914050/bianca-pagdanganan-philippines-20 24-paris-olympics/story/#:~:text=Pagdanganan%20has%20been%20turning%20heads,while%20S aso%20copped%20the%20gold.

⁸ Micaller, B. (2024, August 14). Bianca Pagdanganan soars to career-best world no. 106 ranking after Paris Olympics. *GMA News.* https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/sports/othersports/917041/bianca-pagdanganan-soars-to-care er-best-world-no-106-after-paris-olympics/story/

https://www.onesports.ph/paris-2024/article/23512/bianca-pagdanganan-dottie-ardina-medal-round-paris-2024

WHEREAS, Pagdanganan's extraordinary run and historic feat in the 2024 Paris Olympics deserve to be recognized, as she proudly represented the Philippines with every calculated swing and shot, bringing immense honor to the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines congratulates and commends Filipino golfer Bianca Pagdangan for placing 4th in the women's individual stroke play at the 2024 Paris Olympics, holding the highest finish by a Filipino golfer in Olympic history.

Adopted,

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