



Tripp Davis and Associates  
Golf Architecture

## Tripp Davis and Associates Announces Completion of First China Golf Project Eco-City International Country Club Celebrates Soft Opening

**Norman, OK (September 17, 2013)**—Tripp Davis and Associates completed work on their first golf course project in China, the Eco-City International Country Club, located in Eco-City within the metropolis of Tianjin. The occasion was marked this week with a soft opening of the 18 hole championship course, extensive practice facilities and state-of-the-art clubhouse. Tianjin, the fourth largest city in China, is the largest coastal city in the north and is but a two-hour drive from Beijing.

Golf Architect Tripp Davis spent two years investigating potential projects in China before partnering with highly respected developers, Keppel Land China. “We were selected for the Eco-City International Country Club project from a list of the world’s top golf course architects largely because of our dedicated approach to being hands-on during construction and our commitment to quality,” said Davis. “I personally have made 20 visits to the site, my Senior Golf Architect Gary Brawley made another 10, and our Staff Shaper Jason Gold was on site for 10 months, which allowed us to carefully handcraft our work there. I could not be any prouder of our first golf course in China and the collective efforts of the development, design, construction and grow-in teams.”



*15<sup>th</sup> hole*

The Eco-City International Country Club course is surrounded by serene Ying-Cheng Lake, and the site occupies low land marshes near the Bohai Sea. In order to provide stimulating contrasts to the otherwise flat landscape that afforded panoramic views of the extensive water frontage, Tripp Davis and Associates created bold bunkering to present strategic and visual definition. This left the water as a captivating aesthetic trait.

“Eco-City is a big course with strategic fairways and greens set on subtle yet thought-provoking angles that gives the average player a lot of room to navigate and multiple options from which to choose,” adds Davis. “However, the lines the better player must take in order to score well are relatively strict and demand good shot-making.”

An official grand opening of Eco-City International Country Club is anticipated in May 2014.

### **About Tripp Davis and Associates**

Tripp Davis and Associates (TDA) was founded in 1994 and has offices in Norman, Oklahoma, and New York City. TDA practices golf architecture with an unparalleled passion for craftsmanship of unique landscapes and strategic details. Tripp Davis, a decorated amateur golfer, was a member of the 1989 National Championship Golf Team and a NCAA All-American selection while at the University of Oklahoma. He continues to play in several prestigious amateur events each year. His abilities as a world-class player give him a unique insight into those subtle details in strategy that can make a golf course an interesting challenge for better players, while proving an enjoyable test for the average golfer. His knowledge of the game has also been incorporated into the development of innovative practice facilities that give players the opportunity to practice the right shots in the right way, thus expanding their golfing abilities and their appreciation for the game.

Davis earned a Master’s Degree in Landscape Architecture from The University of Oklahoma and is a Member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects.

TDA is principally known for their highly regarded work at historic golf courses around the United States and their hands on approach in doing one original design at a time around the world. For more information about Tripp Davis and Associates, please visit the website at [www.tdagolf.net](http://www.tdagolf.net) or call 405-447-5259.

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