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8/25-26 National Olympic Committee of Ghana Visits Date City



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9/10-15 Rugby World Cup Training Camp for Samoa (Iwaki City)



11/3-6 Blind Soccer Exchange with Argentina (Hirono · Naraha · Kawamata)



8/12-13 US Rowing Association Visits Kitakata City



9/10-18 Paralympic Swimming Training Camp for Laos (Iitate City)

News! The Newly Renovated Azuma Baseball Stadium



Having been under renovation since November 2018, the construction work for Azuma Baseball Stadium is now complete and it is ready to be the venue for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Baseball and Softball Games. To prepare for the Olympic Games, the renovation work centered on improving functionality and revamping the older parts of the stadium, which included installing an artificial turf.

On September 28th, the new and improved Azuma Baseball Stadium celebrated its grand re-opening by hosting the Eastern League official baseball game between the Tohoku Rakuten Eagles and the Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters. Approximately 5,400 spectators joined the celebration and went home even more excited for the Olympic events next year.

The Grand Start from J-Village

The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch Relay

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The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Baseball and Softball Games will be held at the Azuma Baseball Stadium in Fukushima!

2020 **7/22 - 7/23** softball
2020 **7/29** baseball

News! "One Year To Go!" Event

On July 24th, to mark one year before the start of the Olympics, the prefecture held an event called "One Year To Go!," which consisted of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Reconstruction for Fukushima Promotional Conference and the Fukushima Grand Exchange Meeting.

At the promotional conference, students from Fukushima's Asaka Kaisei High School presented about their Olympic-related initiatives. At the grand exchange meeting that followed, Sadaharu Oh, Japan's National Women's Softball Team, and Governor Uchibori, gave a panel discussion. Many children listened attentively to the remarks of Sadaharu Oh, the athletes, and the coach.



News! Commemorative Events!

To celebrate the one year countdown until the Olympic Games, the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Cauldron was on display at the former national stadium from July 24th – September 18th. In addition, with cooperation from Tohoku Electric Power Co., radio towers lit up in the Olympic & Paralympic colors from July 24th – September 6th. The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Promotion Bus was also unveiled on July 24th. Fukushima, Aizuwakamatsu, and Iwaki will each receive one of those buses to operate in their area until July of next



Fukushima Plus 2020

Fukushima Plus 2020 is a portal website developed by Fukushima Prefecture that provides information about the Tokyo 2020 Games. Be sure to check it out! If you would like to share information about a Tokyo 2020 Olympic event on this site, you may provide information at any time.

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Meeting with IOC President Bach

On October 10th, Governor Uchibori met with President Bach of the International Olympic Committee in Lausanne, Switzerland. During their meeting, Governor Uchibori thanked President Bach for visiting Fukushima Prefecture last November. He also updated him on topics such as Fukushima's preparations to host the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Baseball & Softball Games and the progress of the prefecture's reconstruction.

President Bach said he will continue reassuring the public about the safety of Fukushima food products. He also said he will visit the Fukushima Azuma Baseball Stadium again next July, among other things.



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2020 Torch Relay Runner Applications

The Fukushima Prefectural Planning Committee for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Relay closed applications for torch runners at the end of August for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Relay Race. We received an astounding 2020 applications – thank you to all our applicants! The planning committee will choose one torch runner for each of the 59 cities, towns, and villages within the prefecture, and the runner will have a connection to his/her assigned area. Runners selected by the Organizing Committee will start being notified in December.



Host Town

"Arigato Host Town for Supporting Reconstruction" Summit

On November 4th, the Cabinet Secretariat for the Promotion of the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games held the "Arigato Host Town for Supporting Reconstruction" Summit at J-Village. During the first part of the summit, the national blind soccer team of Japan played a friendly game of soccer with the national team of Argentina. Then, the "Arigato Host Town for Supporting Reconstruction" Coordinating Committee held their second general meeting and their ambassador appointment ceremony. Three Pokémon were appointed as ambassadors for the "Arigato Host Town for Supporting Reconstruction" and Chansey was chosen to be the ambassador for Fukushima Prefecture. The last part of the symposium included a keynote speech from a 1964 Tokyo Olympic gold medalist and a panel discussion by three young athletes from the prefecture and Olympics Minister Hashimoto.



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Japan Women's Softball 1st Division League Tournament in Fukushima



With the aim to improve tournament operations at the future venue for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic baseball & softball events, the Japan Women's Softball 1st Division League Tournament was held at Azuma Stadium as a test event on October 5th and 6th. As the candidates for Japan's national team played against several strong veteran teams, the audience was captivated by the impressive performance of the top professional baseball players of Japan.

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City Cast Fukushima Meet Up!

On August 25th, Fukushima Prefecture and The Nippon Foundation Volunteer Support Center held the City Cast (city volunteers) Exchange Event at the community center in the prefecture. The approximate 160 participants bonded through group activities, talks given about the importance of volunteering, etc. The joint volunteer training for Fukushima Prefecture's City Cast is scheduled to be held at the four venues in Fukushima as well as in Tokyo from



November 10th until December 15th. The participants will learn about volunteering, the charming parts of Fukushima prefecture, and its reconstruction.

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Japan's Softball Training Camp in Fukushima!



With the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games only a year away, Japan's national women's softball team held their third training camp from July 21st to July 28th in Fukushima City, the future venue for the baseball and softball events.

On July 22nd, the national team visited the prefectural government to pay a courtesy visit to Governor Uchibori, who warmly welcomed them with words of encouragement and gifts of GAP-certified products from the prefecture.

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Koriyama hosts USA vs. Japan Collegiate All-Star Series

On July 20th, the fourth game of the 43rd USA vs. Japan Collegiate All-Star Series was held at the York Kaiseizan Stadium in Koriyama. At the opening ceremony before the game, Koriyama Mayor Shinagawa (Tournament Director) and Culture & Sports Bureau Director Nochi (Tournament Vice-Director) presented both teams with commemorative gifts to build up excitement for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games while also introducing the appeal of Fukushima Prefecture.



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Tokyo 2020 Reconstruction Monument Workshop

On August 19th, the Olympic Organizing Committee held a workshop at Asaka Reimei High School for the production of the Tokyo 2020 Reconstruction Monument, which will be displayed as a symbol of reconstruction at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games. 86 high school students from the prefecture participated in the workshop. They chose the monument design by holding a vote and then created a message board that will be attached to the monument.



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300 Days to go! Countdown Event



Along with hosting the Japan Women's Softball League as a test event for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, Fukushima Prefecture held an event to celebrate the 300 day countdown to the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

The event included a talk show given by six Olympians and a softball class for parents and children taught by the former Toyota Women's Softball Club. In addition, a friendly game of baseball was played by children from Fukushima prefecture and Yokohama prefecture, during which the children deepened their friendships.

Host Town

5 more Host Towns added!

As part of the initiative promoted by the Cabinet Secretariat, the newly registered host towns have been announced: the 15th host town will be Minamiaizu (for Armenia). For the "Arigato Host Town for Supporting Reconstruction" program: the 12th wave of host towns will be Nihonmatsu City (for Kuwait), and Kashiwaba, Hirono, and Kawamata (for Argentina).

Host Towns	Fukushima City (Switzerland, Vietnam), Aizuwakamatsu City (Thailand), Koriyama City (The Netherlands, Hungary), Iwaki City (Samoa), Tamura City (Nepal), Otama Village (Peru), Minamiaizu (Armenia), Inwashiro (Ghana)
"Arigato" Host Towns for Supporting Reconstruction	Kitakata City (USA), Nihonmatsu City (Kuwait), Minamisoma City (Djibouti, Taiwan, USA, Korea), Motomiya City (UK), Kitashiobara Village (Taiwan), Kashiwaba, Hirono, and Kawamata (Argentina), Iitate Village (Laos)

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The 29th World Children's Baseball Fair 2019



The 29th World Children's Baseball Fair 2019 was held over nine days from July 30th to August 7th at Fukushima's Azuma Stadium, the future venue for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Softball and Baseball Games. 119

people from 13 different countries including Japan participated in the baseball class. The local Fukushima team also played a friendly international baseball game with the 15-member Chinese Taipei team at their invitation. In addition, the prefecture held an exchange event on August 2nd, where participants and children from the host towns enjoyed bonding through tag rugby.

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The Ballpark Picnic & Kids Ambassador

The "Ballpark Picnic", an event which included activities such as baseball classes, was held in Aizuwakamatsu City (October) and Fukushima City (November) in collaboration with Rakuten Baseball Inc. Many parents and children enjoyed playing baseball together through games like catch at the picnic. In addition, Fukushima's "Kids Ambassador", a group of children from the prefecture promoting that Fukushima Prefecture is hosting the softball and baseball events, conducted PR activities at the Rakuten Seimei Park Miyagi in Sendai Prefecture on September 8th.

