



Upcoming Major Events



World Boys Baseball Tournament in Fukushima

Date July 30th – August 7th

The 29th World Boys Baseball Tournament is scheduled to be held at Azuma Stadium. Boys and girls from 13 different countries and regions will be invited to attend the Tokyo 2020 Olympic baseball and softball events, which will be held in Fukushima City. Including Japan, there will be 120 countries.



Olympic Festival in Fukushima

Date September 14th

On September 14th, Azuma Stadium will host an Olympic Festival, where Olympians will interact and connect with children of the prefecture through sports. For those interested in participating, you can find out more information by visiting Fukushima Plus 2020.



Eastern League Official Game Rakuten Eagles vs. Nippon Ham Fighters

Date September 28th

Azuma Stadium, which has been renovated for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, will celebrate its grand re-opening by hosting the 2019 Eastern League official baseball game between the Tohoku Rakuten Eagles and the Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters. For more information (tickets, etc.), please visit Fukushima Plus 2020.

Tokyo Olympics 2020 Test Event Japan Girls Softball 1st Division League Tournament in Fukushima

Date October 5th – October 6th

With the aim to improve tournament operations for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, Azuma Stadium will hold the two-day Japan Girls Softball 1st Division League Tournament as a test event.



Fukushima Plus 2020

Fukushima Prefecture has developed a portal website called Fukushima Plus 2020 that provides information about the Tokyo 2020 Games. Definitely 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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News!

The Olympic Torch Relay Route!

The Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Committee has announced the outline of the Olympic torch relay route. Starting on June 1st in Fukushima Prefecture's J Village (Hirono · Naraha), the relay will pass through a total of 25 municipalities, towns, and villages within Hamadori, Nakadori, and Aizu. Kicking off on March 26th 2020, the torch relay will take place over three days. When the torch reaches its final destination each day, there will be a celebration ceremony.



The Grand Start from J Village



「Day 1」 Thursday, March 26th

- ①Naraha Town → ②Hirono Town → ③Iwaki City → ④Kawauchi Village → ⑤Tomioke Town → ⑥Okuma Town → ⑦Katsurao Village → ⑧Namie Town → ⑨Minamisoma City → Celebration (Hibarigahara Festival Grounds)

「Day 2」 Friday, March 27th

- ⑩Soma City → ⑪Shinchi Town → ⑫Iitate Village → ⑬Kawamata Town → ⑭Fukushima City → ⑮Inawashiro → ⑯Kitakata City → ⑰Mishima Town → ⑱Aizuwakamatsu City → Celebration (Tsurugajo Park Parking Lot)

「Day 3」 Saturday, March 28th

- ⑲Minamiaizu Town → ⑳Shimogou → ㉑Shirakawa City → ㉒Sukagawa City → ㉓Tamura City → ㉔Motomiya City → ㉕Koriyama City → Celebration (Kaiseizan Park Freedom Square)

News!

1964 Tokyo Olympic Cauldron Display

To add to the excitement within the prefecture for the Tokyo 2020 Games, the Olympic Cauldron that was used during the 1964 Tokyo Olympics at the former national stadium will be on display in the prefecture from July 24th – September 18th.

Period July 24th ~ September 18th

Location Azuma Park

Viewing Free



Other The Olympic Day Festival held on September 14th will have an event for the return of the Olympic Cauldron.

News!

Recruiting Olympic Torch Runners!

The 2020 Tokyo Olympic Torch Relay Committee for Fukushima is recruiting runners for Fukushima Prefecture!

Period July 1st ~ August 31st

Recruiting 59 people (One runner will be selected for each of the 59 municipalities)

How to apply Apply on the Fukushima Plus website! Just go to the application form at the top of the homepage and enter the required information! Or you can send fill out the designated application form and send it by mail.

QR for Application Form



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Fukushima Prefecture Tokyo 2020: Go Go Go!



On January 16th, (555 days before the start of the Olympics), the prefecture

[Tokyo Olympics 2020 GO GO GO!] at Akagi Elementary School in Koriyama City and held a day-counter unveiling ceremony. Starting with Governor Uchibori and Sports Director Hiroshi Murobushi of the Tournament Organizing Committee, tournament participants and all school children attended the unveiling of the "Day Counter" which counts down the days until the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. The Day Counter will be not only be installed at JR Fukushima station, but at all 7 major stations within the prefecture.

Fukushima Prefecture Thank you to our many city volunteer applicants!

Exceeding its target of 1500, Fukushima received 2,281 applications for those interested in being "City Volunteers", who will help tourists and provide transportation information for the Tokyo 2020 Games. City volunteers will be stationed near Azuma Stadium in Fukushima City, where the Olympic baseball and softball games will take place, as well as at major stations in the prefecture, such as Fukushima and Koriyama Station, and live



Orientation for city volunteers took place from May 26th - July 16th and consisted of meetings.

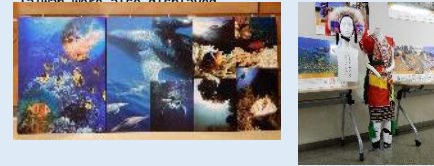
Host Town Junior High Students visit Cabinet Minister Suzuki



On April 24th, junior high school students from Iitate Village paid a courtesy visit to Shunichi Suzuki, the minister in charge of the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games. Iitate Village is the site of the reconstruction arigato host town for Laos for the Olympics and Paralympic Games. The IOC (Iitate Olympic Committee) was established within the school to promote its exchange with the Laos athletic team and to report on its current activities.

Host Town Djibouti, Taiwan introduced to Minamisoma City

As part of its effort to promote its reconstruction arigato host town initiative, South Soma City held a host town festival on February 2nd. In addition to lectures given by Ambassador Ali of the Republic of Djibouti and Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Affairs Office, panels showing the nature, culture, national costumes, and folk art of Djibouti and Taiwan were also displayed.



Fukushima Prefecture Using Fukushima Lumber for the Athlete Village



Fukushima Prefecture is providing lumber for the construction of the "Village Plaza", an exchange space of the Tokyo 2020 Games Athlete Village. Engraved with "Fukushima Prefecture", shipments of lumber to Tokyo began on May 31st. After the games are over, the lumber will be returned to the prefecture and serve as a legacy.

Fukushima Prefecture Currently accepting beyond2020 applications!



Fukushima Prefecture is now able to accept certification applications for the "Beyond 2020 Program", one of the cultural programs for the Tokyo 2020 Games. Organizations based in the prefecture or organizations that conduct business or activities in the prefecture are welcome to apply. Once certified, those organizations can use the beyond2020 logo. For more information about the application, please visit Fukushima



<https://www.fukushima-prefecture.jp/news/news.php?id=206>

Other Traditional crafts now sold as licensed products!

Traditional Fukushima crafts such as Obori-Soma pottery, Shirakawa daruma dolls, Aizu silk and the akabeko red cows are being sold as Tokyo 2020 licensed products. Each product can be purchased at the official online shop or at the 2020 official shop "Kojima x Bic Camera Fukushima", so be sure to check it out!



Official Online Shop QR

Other The Japan Walk



On June 22nd, the "Japan Walk" was held at Azuma Sports Park, with the aim of building

and fostering an inclusive society for the Tokyo 2020 Games. About 500 people participated in the event, including elementary school students and special needs students from Fukushima City. The participants were able to enjoy conversations with Olympian and Paralympic athletes as they walked around Azuma Stadium, the future venue for the baseball and softball games.

Fukushima Prefecture Live Site at Kaiseiyama Open Air Music Hall

During the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in Fukushima Prefecture, Koriyama's Kaiseiyama Open Air Music Hall will host the "Tokyo 2020 Live Site", where everyone can enjoy watching the games broadcast live on a large screen outside the venue. Promotional merchandise will also be available for purchase.

In addition, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and the Organizing Committee will co-host the Tokyo 2020 live site at Tsurugajo Park in Aizuwakamatsu City and Aquamarine Park in Iwaki City.



Host Town Fukushima City · Koriyama City · Otama Village Host Town Registration

As part of the initiative promoted by the Cabinet Secretariat, the newly registered host towns have been announced. The 13th host town partnerships will be Hungary and Koriyama City, as well as Peru and Otama Village. The 14th host town partnership will be Vietnam and Fukushima City.

Host Towns	Fukushima City (Switzerland, Vietnam) Aizuwakamatsu City (Thailand) Koriyama City (The Netherlands, Hungary) Iwaki City (Samoa) Tamura City (Nepal) Inashiro City (Ghana) Otama Village (Peru)
Recovery "Arigato" Host Towns	Kitakata City (USA) Kitashiobara City (Taiwan) Minamisoma City (Djibouti, Taiwan, USA, Korea) Motomiya City (UK) Iitate Village (Laos)

Other Hosting the Ballpark Picnic with Rakuten Baseball Co.

In order to generate excitement for the Tokyo Olympic baseball and softball games, Fukushima Prefecture worked together with Rakuten Baseball Co. to host a Ballpark Picnic in Iwaki and Koriyama City. At the Ballpark Picnic, children within the prefecture were encouraged to dream about the future. During the parent-child



ght active.

Other Kids Ambassador holds PR Event for Baseball & Softball

On July 7, the prefecture's "Kids Ambassador" held a PR event at Miyagi's Rakuten Life Park in Sendai City for the Tokyo 2020 baseball and softball games, which will take place at Azuma Stadium. Before the game between the Rakuten Eagles and the Nippon Ham Fighters, Vice Governor Suzuki and the children will enter the stadium grounds to generate publicity for the event and the appeal of Fukushima Prefecture.



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