

# THE FUKUSHIMA 2020 INFORMATION Vol.5

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## Torch Relay will start from Fukushima!! Relay route will be announced during Summer 2019!!



Schedule of Fukushima Torch Relay  
**26 March (Thur)**  
~ **28 March (Sat) 2020**

## Baseball/Softball Competition will be held at Fukushima Azuma Stadium! Fukushima's Softball Opening Match marks the start of Olympics 2020!



**Softball**  
**Opening Match**  
**22 July 2020 (Wed)**



**Baseball**  
**Opening Match**  
**29 July 2020 (Wed)**

### 【Tokyo 2020 2 Years to Go!】 Baseball/Softball Japan Team Manager came! Tokyo 2020 Games “Promotion of Fukushima Revitalization Meeting” & “Fukushima Big Exchange Meeting”



(The two managers shaking hands at Azuma Stadium)



(Panel Discussion)

As part of “Tokyo 2020 2 Years to Go” event, Fukushima Big Exchange Meeting was held at Fukushima Prefecture, and the Managers of Japan National Baseball Team (Mr Inaba) and Japan Women’s National Softball Team (Ms Utsugi) attended as guest speakers. They visited Azuma Stadium (Olympics competition venue) before the event. During the panel discussion, the children listened attentively to the two managers share about the excitement to compete with the world and enthusiasm for Olympics 2020 based on the theme “Aiming to compete with the world’s top athletes”. In addition, there were Q&A corner, lucky draw session where autographed balls were given out and photo-taking session! The event ended off on a high note!

### Selection of the route gains momentum Setting up of the Fukushima Torch Relay Executive Committee

In working towards the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 Torch Relay, the Executive Committee for Tokyo 2020 Torch Relay was established. The basic thinking and rationale regarding the selection of the route within the prefecture and the passage through the cities, towns and villages will be discussed by the Executive Committee.

Going forward, the proposal for the route will be discussed with the Organizing Committee, and is expected to be announced in Summer 2019 after obtaining approval from International Olympic Committee (IOC).

We will work hard to advance our preparation in order to be worthy as the starting point of the Torch Relay!



(Governor Uchibori at the 1st Executive Meeting)

#### <Basic principles for the selection of Relay Route in Fukushima>

To be able to transmit the current situation of disaster-stricken areas while valuing the balance of choice of locations within the prefecture to be worthy as the starting point for the Torch Relay as part of “Reconstruction Olympics”.

#### <The basic principles for selecting the cities, towns and villages for Torch Relay>

- From seven areas of the Prefecture
- From areas affected by tsunami and nuclear accident
- Cities, towns and villages with Olympic-related activities

## J-Village ! Reopened on 28 July !

J-Village resumed its operations on 28 July after serving as the base ground for managing the nuclear accident after the Great East Japan Earthquake. In addition to natural turf pitches, new accommodation in the form of business hotel, an all-weather football practice field (first of its kind in Japan) of the size of a single soccer field is available from September.



(Resumption of operations at J-village)

On 20 April 2019 (Sat), it is slated for the grand opening for the two natural turf pitches that are undergoing renovation. On this day, there will also be commemorative events to mark the grand opening. We look forward to the utilization of J-Village for activities such as pre-Olympics training camps.

### Board of Directors Meeting for Organizing Committee for Olympics Games Tokyo 2020 was held



(Photo of Mr. Mori (President of Board) and Governor Uchibori and other attendees at J-village turf pitch)

The Board of Directors Meeting for Organizing Committee for Olympics Games Tokyo 2020 was held on 30 July at J-Village – a symbol of reconstruction – soon after it partially resumed operations. It was the first time the meeting was held out of the city.

Prior to the meeting, some of the attendees went to Onahama Fish Market to observe the voluntary inspection of radioactive substances.

In addition, Governor Uchibori and the Vice-Governor of Iwate Prefecture and Miyagi Prefecture had a meeting to exchange their views.

### Debut of Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 Mascot! First visit to Prefecture for J-Village event!



(Children taking photo with the mascots)

The mascots are also scheduled to be present at future Olympic-related events in Fukushima.

On 2 September, the mascots for Tokyo 2020, Miraitowa and Someity, who debuted on 22 July, came to the prefecture-organized event “Fukushima Big Scrum 2018” at J-Village.

This is the first time the mascots came to the prefecture. Children, with bright smiles on their faces, shook hands and took photos with the mascots.

The mascots will make another appearance on 27 October at Fukushima University’s Festival.

## The renovation works for Azuma Stadium finally started!

### IOC President and Prime Minister Abe visited Azuma Stadium



(Artist's impression of Azuma Stadium after renovation)



(IOC President Bach with primary and junior high students)

The renovation works for Azuma Stadium, which will be the competition venue for Olympics Baseball/Softball games had started in November. The upgrading work is scheduled to be completed by end September 2019. Other than changing the natural turf to artificial turf, it is also planned to improve the barrier free access and upgrade the toilets.

On 24 November, IOC President Bach and Prime Minister Abe made an observation trip to Azuma Stadium which had just started its renovation works. This was IOC President Bach’s first visit to Fukushima and he commented that “The surroundings and atmosphere of Azuma Sports Park which comprises of Azuma Stadium is splendid!” and “I would like to visit Azuma Stadium again!”. In addition, he had a chat with high school baseball players from Fukushima, and listened earnestly to the players who shared about how they overcame the difficulties after the nuclear accident and devoted themselves to baseball.

We will work hard to advance our preparation in order to be worthy as the competition venue as part of “Reconstruction Olympics”!

### Mr Sadaharu Oh visited Fukushima Prefecture!!

#### Request for cooperation to hold 2019 World Children’s Baseball Fair in Fukushima

On 21 Nov, General Incorporated Foundation World Children’s Baseball Foundation (WCBF) President, Mr Sadaharu Oh, paid a courtesy visit to Fukushima Governor.

World Children’s Baseball Fair had been organized for the 28<sup>th</sup> time, and children from all over the world and different regions participated in the event, connecting and building friendship through baseball. WCBF President Oh shared about his intention to hold the 29<sup>th</sup> World Children’s Baseball Fair in Fukushima city in 2019. Governor expressed positively to this proposal. WCBF President Oh also paid a visit to the Mayor of Fukushima City, who also welcomed the proposal. The formal decision about holding the event will be confirmed after Spring 2019.



# PICK UP! Volunteers of Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 - What activities do they do?

## Field Cast

## Games Volunteer

## City Cast

## City Volunteer

### フィールドキャスト

Involve in operational and administrative support at the competition venues and Athletes' Village

### Activities

- Guiding visitors and officials at the competition venue etc.
- Supporting competition operation at the competition venues and training venues
- Drive vehicles to transport the Games Participants between venues
- Provide athletes with foreign-language support
- Distributing uniforms and issuing IDs
- Providing healthcare support when the athlete is injured
- Supporting the distribution, collection etc., of technology and communications equipment
- Supporting media in their interviews
- Supporting role at medal and other ceremonies etc.



### Required number

80,000 (Registration closed, 204,680 people registered!)

### シティキャスト

Involve in activities related to extending "Omotenashi" hospitality to visitors who come to Fukushima to watch the matches

### Activities

- Guide for Tourism/Transportation
- Publicity for Fukushima's attractions
- Support for the elderly and disabled
- Support for operations at live sites within prefecture etc.

### Venues

- Around Azuma Stadium
- Train stations (Fukushima, Aizuwakamatsu, Koriyama and Iwaki)
- Areas around live sites in Aizuwakamatsu, Iwaki etc.

### Required number

1,500 (Registration open till 28 February 2019 (Thursday))



Fukushima City set up a original "Cheer and Support" system!!

## 2020 Fukushima Residents "Cheer and Support" Group

### Target Group

- Currently living in Fukushima
- Studying and working in Fukushima
- Groups who are active in Fukushima City

### Activities

- Possible areas of work
- Cleaning up of areas, "Say Hi" Campaign
- Participate in Olympics and Paralympics related events, help out as administrative staff

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## Host Town Exchange

### Minamisoma X Djibouti, Taiwan

In July, Minamisoma City invited the children from Djibouti and Taiwan to the Soma Noma Festival and the children had an exchange activity with the local children through playing soccer. Their exchanges continue since then, and the children from Minamisoma City sent greeting cards to the children of both countries during New Year season this year.



### Motomiya X England

The junior high school students of Motomiya City visited its exchange partner country, England, in August. They visited CEO Bill of Olympic Executive Committee and agreement was made to send England's athletes and children for exchange activities. CEO Bill visited Motomiya City in November and visited the English Garden there. The students who visited Motomiya City welcomed CEO Bill during his visit.



## Publicity of Fukushima to Overseas Visitors

We publicized Fukushima's charm and the holding of baseball/softball Olympic games in Fukushima Prefecture to overseas visitors during different events held within and outside of the Prefecture!

### International World Aquarium Congress (9 November)

At the publicity booth, the students from Shirakawa Asahi High School and Asaka Kaisei High School who participated in the "English Communication Skills Training Program" sponsored by Coca Cola Education and Environment Foundation attended the event and publicized for Fukushima!



### ANOC General Meeting (27 - 30 Nov)

At the ANOC General Meeting which was held at Tokyo, together with the cities, town and villages in Fukushima, we publicized about pre-Olympics training camp in Fukushima to the Members of Olympic Committee from various countries.



### Reception at Ministry of Foreign Affairs Iikura (7 Dec)

Fukushima Prefecture and Ministry of Foreign Affairs jointly organized a reception to publicize about Fukushima to the diplomats of different countries. We also promote the Host Town Exchange activities in Fukushima!



## Collaboration!! Fukushima X Rakuten Baseball Team



On 22 July, at Tsurunuma Baseball Field of Aizu-Bange Town, "Ball Park Picnic" conducted by Rakuten Academy Coach for pre-school children was held. This workshop which allowed parent-child participation was the third run following the workshops held in June at Minamisoma City and Azuma Baseball Stadium. In addition, on 9 September, the children from Fukushima Prefecture selected as "Kid Ambassador" will publicize for baseball/softball games held in the Prefecture during the home game by Rakuten Eagles (2nd publicity event since 8 July). Going forward, we will continue to collaborate with Rakuten Baseball Team to hold publicity events within the prefecture, building up the momentum for Olympics.

## Training Camps in Fukushima were decided one after another (tentative list)! Start of Training Camps!

### Tamura X Nepal

On 3 August, Tamura City and Nepal Olympic Committee signed the agreement for pre-Olympics training camp. With great promptness, Nepal Olympian representatives for Track and Field came to Tamura city for pre-Olympics training camp from 17 - 24 October!



### Iitate Village X Laos

The observation team from Laos Olympic Committee visited Iitate Village, the "Reconstruction 'Arigato' Host Town for Republic of Lao, and expressed their intention of pre-Olympics training camp for their Paralympics Athletics and Swimming teams.

### Koriyama X Hungary

From 15 to 26 October, the National Swimming Team from Hungary had a pre-Olympics training camp at Koriyama City Shinkin Kaiseizan Pool. Koriyama City and Hungary had established a Memorandum of Understanding on 30 January. Next, they will work towards Host Town registration.

### Inawashiro X Ghana

On 2 December, Inawashiro Town signed the pre-Olympics training camp agreement with Ghana Olympic Committee, where Inawashiro is the Host Town for Ghana. It is likely that the training camp would be held at Inawashiro Town Gymnasium and Sports Park.

### Aizuwakamatsu X Thailand

From 3 to 8 December, Aizuwakamatsu City - the Host town for Thailand - welcomed Thailand Boxing Team and athletes of Japan Boxing Federation for a joint training camp.

## COMING SOON!

### "500 days before Tokyo 2020" Event

At Iwaki City, the main event to experience about ten kinds of sports will be held. There will be guest performances by athletes and other guests. More details will be announced nearer the date, so do keep a look out!

### Main details:

- Time 24 March 2019 (Sunday) 10:00~15:00
- Venue Aeon Mall Iwaki Onahama Marine Court, Aquamarine Park etc.

## About sharing information on website "Fukushima Plus 2020"

Fukushima Prefecture has set up a website "Fukushima Plus 2020" to update news related to Tokyo 2020. Please check out the website!

In addition, as part of our efforts towards Tokyo 2020, if you have any events that you would like to put on this website, we greatly welcome you to provide us with information of the event anytime!



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