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Announcing the Launch of the Host Town Website

We are pleased to announce the launch of Host Town Website with some of the latest information regarding the nation-wide movement of Host Town Initiative for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Information such as Host Town related events and training camps will be updated on this website along with various contents. Please visit the website and find out more about the Host Town Initiative.

1. Aim of the website

In our Host Town Initiative, the Japanese local towns warmly welcome and support athletes participating in the Tokyo 2020 Games, from countries/regions around the world. This is a first-ever attempt in the history of Olympic and Paralympic Games.

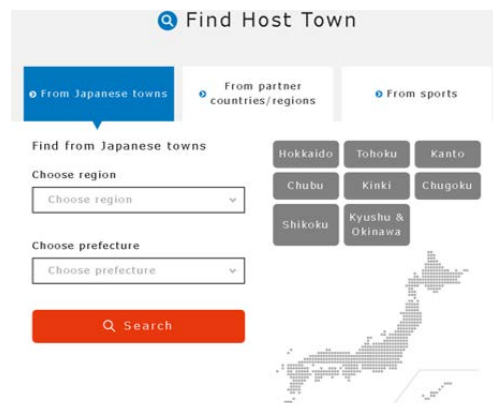
While the world is affected by the pandemic, we believe this website will cheer up the world by offering various contents featuring worldwide cultural exchanges and friendships.

2. Name of the website (URL) <https://host-town.jp/tops/en/> “WE ARE ALL, ONE WORLD Light up HOST TOWN Project”

3. Characteristics of the website

- You can find out which Japanese local towns are registered as Host Towns

You can search Host Towns by partner countries/regions, Japanese local towns, and sports.



- You can find out the activities of Host Towns
Host Town related event information will be available



- You can find collaboration projects
Collaboration projects of nationwide Host Towns will be available, such as video messages among Host Towns and athletes/supporters.



4. Details of collaboration project page
Please see below page for more details of the collaboration projects.

<Video Messages from Japanese Athletes>

Japanese Para athletes associated with Host Town sends messages to athletes of partner countries/regions to share about their efforts towards the Tokyo 2020 Games and how they are coping with the new environment affected by the virus. They have also commented on the purpose and meaning of Host Town Initiative from the athletes' point of view.

<Video Messages from Overseas Athletes and Supporters>

Overseas athletes and supporters sends messages to the people of their Host Towns.

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We will feature messages from Host Towns to the athletes and supporters of partner countries/regions.

Please check out the unique and heart-warming messages from the people of Host Towns!

<Image of Video Message>



5. Schedule

2020 July 1st:

- Released video messages from Japanese athletes

2020 July 27th:

- Released Host Town search function

2020 August 7th:

- Released video messages from overseas athletes and supporters

2020 September 11th:

- Released video messages from Host Towns

2020 Beginning of October:

- Plan to add Host Town activity notice/report function

*Schedule may change

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Video Messages from Overseas Athletes & Supporters

Countries and Regions	Name	Sports / Title	Host Town
MONGOLIA	Tsogtgerel Gendendarjaa	Para Athletics	Yaizu City, Shizuoka Pref.
ERITREA	Dejen Tesfalem Weldu / Kesete Habtetsion Berhane	Athletics	Kanagawa Pref./Odawara City/Hakone Town/Oiso Town
HAITI	Vanessa Clerveaux	Athletics	Kota Town, Aichi Pref.
SAMOA	Don Opeloge	Weightlifting	Iwaki City, Fukushima Pref.
AZERBAIJAN	Aynur Mammadova / Olukhan Musayev	Para Taekwondo / Para Athletics	Shika Town, Ishikawa Pref.
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	Adilet Kamchybekov	Powerlifting	Yamanashi City, Yamanashi Pref.
SOUTH SUDAN	Guem Abraham Majok Matet	Athletics	Maebashi City, Gunma Pref.
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Wander Mateo	Judo	Kitahiroshima Town, Hiroshima Pref.
NEW ZEALAND	Cody Everson	Wheelchair Rugby	Atsugi City, Kanagawa Pref.
SWITZERLAND	Heinz Frei	Para Athletics	Oita City, Oita Pref.
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC	Keokhouneuan Xaysomphone / Lamphone Tandavong	Para Swimming	Iitate Village, Fukushima Pref.
RWANDA	Olivier Ntagengwa	Beach Volleyball	Hachimantai City, Iwate Pref.
ARGENTINA	Martin Demonte	Head Coach of Football 5-a-side	Naraha Town/Hirono Town/Kawamata Town/Sakai City
TUVALU	Okilani Tinilau	Sports Development Officer of Tuvalu Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee	Kakogawa City, Hyogo Pref.
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	Besim Gljiva	President of the Association of Breeders of Bulls in BiH	Isen Town, Kagoshima Pref.
VIETNAM	Van Cong Le	Para Powerlifting	Kushiro City, Hokkaido
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	Tuma Dandi	Secretary General of Tanzania Paralympic Committee	Nagai City, Yamagata Pref.
COLOMBIA	Mauricio Valencia	Para Athletics	Maebashi City, Gunma Pref.
PALAU	Adrian Iililau	Athletics	Zao Town/Hitachiomiya City
BULGARIA	Laura Traets	Rhythmic Gymnastics	Murayama City, Yamagata Pref.
THAILAND	Pornchok Larpyen / Chaiwat Rattana	Boccia / Para Athletics	Odate City, Akita Pref.
BELARUS	Alina Harnasko / Katsiaryna Halkina / Anastasiia Salos	Rhythmic Gymnastics	Shiroishi City/Shibata Town/Tachikawa City
CHINESE TAIPEI	Lu Pi-Chun	Para Table Tennis	Tatsugo Town, Kagoshima Pref.
TOGO	Akossiwa Gisele Kponnou	Football	Hyuga City, Miyazaki Pref.
GUATEMALA	Gerardo Aguirre	President of the National Olympic Committee of Guatemala	Tawaramoto Town, Nara Pref.
AUSTRALIA	Scott Fardy	Rugby	Kamaishi City, Iwate Pref.
CROATIA	Ivan Kvesić	Karate	Tokamachi City, Niigata Pref.
INDONESIA	Suryo Nugroho / Ahmad Zigi Zaresta Yuda	Para Badminton / Karate	Machida City, Tokyo
LITHUANIA	Mindaugas Griskonis	Rowing	Kanagawa Pref./Hiratsuka City
SRI LANKA	Milka Gehani	Artistic Gymnastics	Sanmu City, Chiba Pref.
MADAGASCAR	Aurelie Faravavy	Para Athletics	Ube City, Yamaguchi Pref.
CANADA	Eric Furtado Rodrigues	Wheelchair Rugby	Misawa City, Aomori Pref.
UNITED KINGDOM	Anneli MacDonald	Preparation Manager of British Paralympic Association	Yokohama City/Kawasaki City
CAMBODIA	Sok Vorleak	Swimming	Tokushima Pref.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Erik Shoji	Volleyball	Mishima City, Shizuoka Pref.
JORDAN	Saleh Sharabati	Taekwondo	Noshiro City, Akita Pref.
GAMBIA	Isatou Nyang	Wheelchair Basketball / Para Athletics / Para Powerlifting	Moriguchi City, Osaka Pref.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Yul Moldauer	Artistic Gymnastics	Funabashi City, Chiba Pref.
FRANCE	Sami El Gueddari	Director of Para-swimming French Para-sports Federation	Kanazawa City, Ishikawa Pref.
COSTA RICA	Ian Sancho	Judo	Matsukawa Town, Nagano Pref.
NETHERLANDS	Bo Kramer	Wheelchair Basketball	Edogawa Ward, Tokyo
MYANMAR	Zaw Lin Aung	Judo	Tsurugashima City, Saitama Pref.
CHILE	Katherine Wollermann	Para Canoe	Kami Town, Miyagi Pref.
GEORGIA	Irma Khetsuriani	Wheelchair Fencing	Tokushima Pref./Naruto City
NEPAL	Bikram Bahadur Rana / Sangbu Bhote	Para Athletics	Tamura City, Fukushima Pref.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Brooke Raboutou	Sport Climbing	Hachioji City, Tokyo
SLOVENIA	Darko Duric	Para Swimming	Fukui City, Fukui Pref.
ETHIOPIA	Abebe Mekonnen	Kasama City Sports Exchange Advisor Former Olympian of the Ethiopia National Athletics Team	Kasama City, Ibaraki Pref.

Video Messages from Japanese Athletes

Country	Name	Sports	Relationship with Host Town
JAPAN	ISHIHARA Masaharu	Para Powerlifting	Supported "2020 Host Town Summit"
JAPAN	OMI Yuna	Para Swimming	Participated in the exchange event with Slovenia Paralympic team at Fukui City, Fukui
JAPAN	NAGATA Hiroyuki	Wheelchair Basketball	Supported Host Town activities of Miyoshi Town, Saitama
JAPAN	KAWANO Shota	Wheelchair Tennis	Participating in Japan Open held at Izuka City, Fukuoka
JAPAN	SUZUKI Toru	Para High Jump	Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games Ambassador of Yamanashi City
JAPAN	BESSHO Kimie	Para Table Tennis	Supported the activities of "Host Towns of a Harmonious and Inclusive Society" by Akashi City, Hyogo
JAPAN	HASHIMOTO Katsuya	Wheelchair Rugby	Supported "'Arigato' Host Towns for Supporting Reconstruction Summit in J-Village"