



Tokyo 2020 Games
The British National Teams
Pre-Games Preparation Camp
GO GB 2020

City of Yokohama Archives

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23.03.2017 News | Keio University

Team GB Tokyo 2020 Signing Ceremony held at Keio University



The signing ceremony for the Team GB Preparation Camp for Tokyo 2020 was held in the Event Hall of the Kyosei-kan Collaboration Complex at Hiyoshi Campus on Tuesday, March 21. President Seike attended the ceremony along with the Chairman of the British Olympic Association (BOA), Sir Hugh Robertson, the Mayor of Yokohama City, Ms. Fumiko Hayashi, the Mayor of Kawasaki City, Mr. Norihiko Fukuda, and the President of the Japanese Olympic Committee, Mr. Tsunekazu Takeda.

Keio University and the cities of Yokohama and Kawasaki concluded a Memorandum of Understanding with BOA in February 2016 for hosting the British Olympic Team's preparation camp for Tokyo 2020. The contract signed at this ceremony determines the use of facilities, as well as the partnership between the four parties, including the facilities to be used, duration, the sports to be hosted, and exchange projects.

Keio University is due to host a total of thirteen events—archery, fencing, modern pentathlon, badminton, gymnastics, table tennis, basketball, judo, taekwondo, boxing, weightlifting, karate, and hockey—from July 3 to August 11, 2020 (including the camp set-up period), centering on the Commemorative Hall, the Athletics Field, and the Mamushidani Gymnasium on Hiyoshi Campus. In addition to the provision of facilities, the university will work to deepen exchange in areas other than sports such as research, education, history, culture, and art. It will also help make contributions to both the regional and international communities going forward.

Mr. Ryo Tateishi, a graduate of Keio University and a bronze medalist in the 200-meter breaststroke at the London Olympics, served as the master of ceremonies. The four representatives of the partnership each gave a short address following Mr. Tateishi's explanation of the contract. A guest speech was then made by the British Ambassador to Japan, His Excellency Paul Madden CMG, after which the representatives signed the contract bringing the ceremony to a close. A post-ceremony reception was held in a friendly atmosphere in the adjacent venue.

(References)

Signing of the 2020 Pre-Olympic and Paralympic Games Training Camp Agreement (February 16, 2016)

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/news/2016/160216-1.html>

Team GB website

<https://www.teamgb.com/news/team-gb-secure-tokyo-2020-pre-games-preparation-camp-facilities>



In the anteroom before the ceremony



During the signing ceremony



Commemorative picture at the end of the ceremony



President Seike responding to the media



The Hiyoshi Campus Athletics Field

Photo: Aki Takematsu and Others

15.05.2018 Events | Yokohama City

Exchange Meeting of the athletes of Triathlon and Paratriathlon Team in Great Britain and elementary students in Yokohama City



Exchange Meeting of the athletes of Triathlon and Paratriathlon Team in Great Britain and elementary students in Yokohama City.

On Friday, May 11th and Saturday, May 12th in 2018, an exchange meeting was held among the athletes of Triathlon and Paratriathlon Team in Great Britain and elementary students in Yokohama City.

At the beginning of the meeting, they introduced themselves briefly. Some of the elementary students introduced themselves in English cheerfully, making the athletes happy. Responding to it, one of the athletes introduced himself in Japanese, and the students gave big hands happily.

After the self-introduction, the athletes and students made mixed groups. They communicated with each other deeply, asking about Great Britain and the events of triathlon.

After the exchange meeting on the 12th, the students went out to the special venue around Yamashita Park where the Yokohama Tournament of 2018 ITU World Triathlon Series was held. Cheering athletes, children felt the power of triathlon closely.

Friday, May 11th

How the exchange meeting was held on the 11th. Japanese and English national flags were creating a welcoming atmosphere in the venue.



The children had a workshop with the members of the triathlon team.



Children were writing cheering messages to the athletes in English and Japanese.



The athletes and children had presentations of the group works.



At the end of the meeting, they took group photos, holding hand-written messages in their hands.



Saturday, May 12th

On the second day, the children interacted with the athletes of the paratriathlon team.



As well as the day before, they enjoyed the group work with the athletes.



They took photos cheering "GO GB!"



After the exchange meeting, the children went out to the special venue around Yamashita Park where the Yokohama Tournament of 2018 ITU World Triathlon Series was held. They were cheering with the athletes.



At the end of the meeting, the children gave high fives with the athletes and said good bye, hoping to see them again in 2020!



28.05.2018 News | Keio University

Keio Signs MOU as Official Partner of ParalympicsGB



Keio University concluded a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the British Paralympic Association (BPA) represented by CEO Tim Hollingsworth regarding the preparation camp of ParalympicsGB for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games together with Kawasaki City and the City of Yokohama. The MOU Signing Ceremony was held at Keio University's Hiyoshi Campus on Thursday, May 24, 2018.

The four partners aim to facilitate exchange not only in relation to the preparation camp, but in the disciplines of sports science, medicine, and education, in various cultural fields, and with the regional communities. Among the attendees were the British Judo Team headed by Ian Johns, which held a Randori session with members of the Keio Judo Club earlier that morning.

Keio University President Akira Haseyama acknowledged the team as he gave his speech, stating that "Para-athletes allow us to realize just how diverse the world is and are the prime example of how much one can achieve." He also expressed his belief "that working as a team together with the world-class para-athletes and the support staff of ParalympicsGB here at

Hiyoshi Campus will have a hugely positive influence, and I am certain that this will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience, not only for our students, but for the whole Keio community.” Furthermore, he reinforced the university’s commitment and support by adding that “Keio will do all it can to impart the strength and vitality of this event and ensure the athletes of ParalympicsGB will be able to compete at their highest level.”

It should also be noted that Keio and the two cities officially agreed to host the preparation camp of Team GB in March 2017.

Reference:

ParalympicsGB Website

<https://paralympics.org.uk/>



Partner representatives (from left to right): Keio President Akira Haseyama, Mayor of Kawasaki City Norihiko Fukuda, Mayor of the City of Yokohama Fumiko Hayashi, BPA CEO Tim Hollingsworth



President Haseyama with the British Judo Team



Student volunteers talking with the British Paralympic Judo Team



The ceremony during President Haseyama's speech



Randori at Hiyoshi Judo Gymnasium

05.08.2018 Events | Yokohama City

Support Stage for the British Olympic Preparation Camp, an event held to mark two years until the Tokyo 2020 Olympics!



There are now only two years to go until the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games commence. To mark this milestone, the City of Yokohama held an event on the 4th of August at Queen's Square Yokohama, called "[Tokyo 2020 2 Years to Go!] in Yokohama." A side event, "Support Stage for the British Olympic Preparation Camp," was held at the same time. Many people came along to this event on the day, which featured such entertainment as a dance stage themed on Shaun the Sheep, a goodwill ambassador between the United Kingdom and the City of Yokohama, along with a stage show courtesy of Merfilles, a cheerleading team from Keio University, which is hosting the British Olympic Team's preparation camp. We hope there will be much more excitement coming in the two years leading up to the British Olympic Team's preparation camp!

Please also check out this event report by a junior reporter at Tsuzuki Junior Editorial Board*.
Tsuzuki Junior Editorial Board ⇒ <http://junior.minicity-plus.jp/2018/09/5990/>

The City of Yokohama receives assistance in writing reports from everyone at Tsuzuki Junior Editorial Board, located in Tsuzuki Ward, home to Yokohama International Pool and site of the British Olympic Team's preparation camp.

About Tsuzuki Junior Editorial Board

Tsuzuki Junior Editorial Board started out life in 2009 as a commemorative project in Tsuzuki Ward to mark the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Port of Yokohama, and the 15th anniversary of the creation of Tsuzuki Ward. Today, junior reporters ranging in age from the 5th grade of elementary school to high school students go out and collect news materials, which they use to write articles. They cover not only Tsuzuki Ward but the City of Yokohama as a whole, giving full play to their perspectives and abilities as children.

18.09.2018 Events | Yokohama City

A PR event for the British Olympic Team's preparation camp held during "Shaun the Sheep x Tap Dance Show," part of Dance Dance Dance @ YOKOHAMA 2018!



Dance Dance Dance @ YOKOHAMA 2018 is Japan's largest dance festival, held once every three years in Yokohama. As part of the program, Shaun the Sheep, the clay animation character from the United Kingdom, will be performing in a tap dancing show together with tap dancers who have competed in international competitions. In 2017, Shaun the Sheep was appointed as a goodwill ambassador between Yokohama and the United Kingdom! The venue will also display PR panels showcasing the British Olympic Team's preparation camp. Please come along and watch the show!



Date and times: 23rd of September, 2018 (Sun. / national holiday), 13:30 / 15:30

Venue: Queen's Square Yokohama 1st Floor Queen's Circle

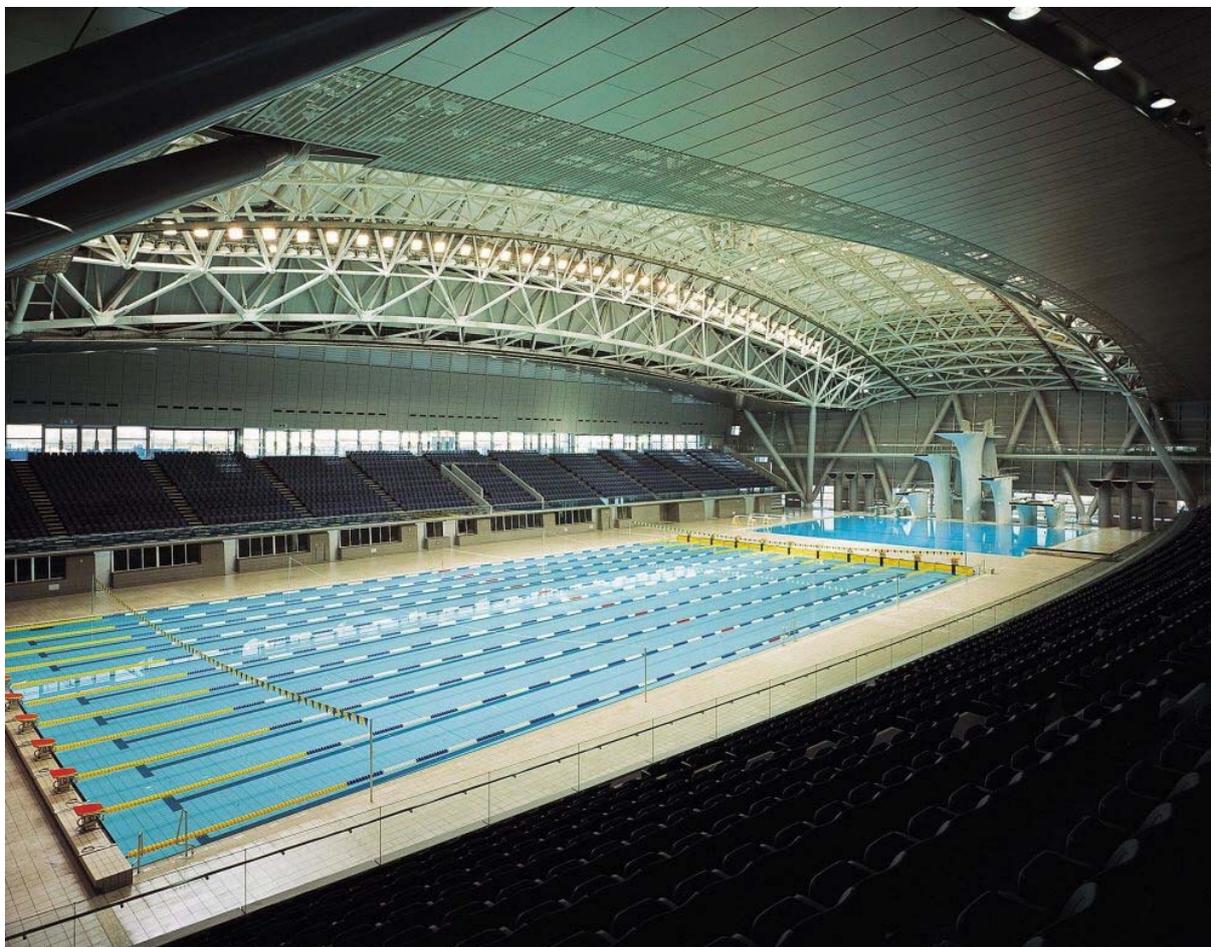
* Stage shows held on an alternating basis

* Free to watch

<https://paradise.dance-yokohama.jp/program/ydp923queenscircle/>

20.09.2018 Events | Yokohama City

Support Great Britain's Paralympians at Yokohama International Pool! British Paralympians will compete at the 2018 Japan Para Swimming Championships!



The Japan Para Swimming Championships, the greatest Para sports competition in Japan, will be held at Yokohama International Pool, the base for the British Olympic Team's preparation camp in 2020! This is one of very few internationally accredited competitions in Japan, in which the recorded times of athletes are granted official international recognition. Qualifying records are set, and athletes must break these records in order to participate in the competition. Top athletes from overseas will also participate in this year's competition, with Paralympians from Great Britain due to appear! Do not miss this rare chance to come along to the venue and watch world class Para swimming!

Dates: 22nd (Sat.) to 24th (Mon. / substitute national holiday) of September, 2018

Venue: Yokohama International Pool (7-3-1 Kitayamata, Tsuzuki Ward, City of Yokohama)

Official website

<http://www.jsad.or.jp/japanpara/swimming/>

Click here to view a competition guide for Paralympic swimming

http://www.jsad.or.jp/about/referenceroom_data/competition-guide_02.pdf

World Para Swimming 公認 **2018** ジャパンパラ水泳競技大会

Japan Para Championships

会場 横浜国際プール 横浜市鶴見区北山田7-3-1

期日 2018年9/22 → 24

主催 公益財団法人日本障がい者スポーツ協会
 一般社団法人日本身体障害者水泳連盟
 一般社団法人日本知的障害者水泳連盟
 一般社団法人日本ろう者水泳協会
 一般社団法人神奈川県水泳連盟

入場無料

鈴木孝幸 リオパラリンピック出場 150m個人メドレー SM4 日本記録保持者

中島啓智 200m個人メドレー SM14 リオパラリンピックメダル

一ノ瀬メイ リオパラリンピック出場 競泳者100m S9 日本記録保持者

ダニエル・フォックス オーストラリア 200m自由形 S14 リオパラリンピックメダル

エリー・コール オーストラリア 競泳者100m S9 リオパラリンピックメダル

キャメロン・レスリー ニューゼaland 150m個人メドレー SM4 リオパラリンピックメダル

世界のトップアスリートが集結!!

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 E-MAIL: info@jpsa.or.jp URL: www.jpsa.or.jp

ライブ動画配信あり! 大会サイト: <http://www.jpsa.or.jp/competition/>

スポンサー

※Japanese articles only

2018.10.10 ニュース | 横浜市

10月14日(日)日本大通り周辺でごちゃまぜ音楽祭「ホッチポッチミュージックフェスティバル」を開催します!



「ホッチポッチ」とは「ごちゃまぜ」という意味。

国・世代・性別・障がいの有無などに関わらず、誰もが集える参加型音楽フェス。

開港を経て発展した OPEN な YOKOHAMA だからできる、みんなのフェスです。

今年の「ホッチポッチミュージックフェスティバル」のテーマは“共鳴”

いろんな場所でたくさんの人たちと響きあう体験を“共鳴”と名付けました。

2年後に迫った東京 2020 オリンピック・パラリンピックに向けて英国と横浜との“共鳴”も始まりました。

横浜市は英国オリンピック代表チームの事前キャンプ地となるとともに、英国のホストタウンに決定。これをきっかけに横浜市は英国との交流事業を展開し、両大会の成功に向け、オール横浜でおもてなしします。

今回のホッチポッチミュージックフェスティバルでは、横浜市と協力し、「英国ホストタウン交流事業」として、英国大使館太鼓会 どん BRI とバグパイプ奏者ジェラルド・ミュールヘッドさんをお招きし、英国との音楽交流を実現させました。

バグパイプの息づかい、太鼓の響きで“共鳴”しましょう。

▼バグパイプ奏者「ジェラルドミュールヘッド」 出演時間

日本大通り(メインステージ) 13:20～

関内駅南口 15:25～

※出演時間は当日の状況で前後する場合がございます。

余裕を持ってお越しください。

▼和太鼓「英国大使館太鼓会どん BRI」 出演時間

日本大通り(メインステージ) 13:35～

※出演時間は当日の状況で前後する場合がございます。

余裕を持ってお越しください。

▼WEB URL

<http://www.arcship.jp/nihon-street/>





25.10.2018 News | Events | Yokohama City

GO GB 2020 PR booth at 2018 Kohoku Hometown Festival which held on the 20th October



We set up a PR booth for Team GB preparation camp at 2018 Kohoku Hometown Festival which held on the 20th October.

We offered some programs which including tasting English black tea to experience British culture with the help of KEIO 2020 project, an official supporting organization for Team GB (British Olympic Team).

Many visitors, mainly children stopped by our booth and enjoyed our programs.

We were also blessed with good weather, and had about 40,000 visitors in total.

30.10.2018 News | Yokohama City | Kawasaki City

Preparation Camp Seminar by CEO of the British Olympic Association (BOA) will be held in Kawasaki city



We, Kawasaki City and Yokohama City, are pleased to announce that the lecture by Bill Sweeney, CEO of the BOA, will be held in Kawasaki city. This is the second seminar of the Preparation Camp Seminar Series, following the first session held at Keio University on 19 October 2018.

In addition to the simultaneous interpretation for both Japanese and English, we provide a projector that displays the words spoken by the interpreter in real time on a screen for people with hearing impairment.

Title: 'Delivering Success After a Home Olympics'

Lecturer: Bill Sweeney, CEO and Secretary General, BOA

Date & Time: 15:00-16:50, Tuesday 4 Dec. 2018

Venue: Kawasaki Industrial Promotion Hall

Capacity: 300 seats*

*If the number of applicants exceeds seating capacity, successful applicants will be randomly selected.

Hosts: Kawasaki City and Yokohama City

Application: Free to participate, a prior registration is required.

<http://gogb2020symposium.net/form/>

Please note that this application form is only in Japanese. When you apply in English, please email to the following address including the information of your name, address, and phone number. Title of the email should be 'Register to the CEO seminar'.

20olypara@city.kawasaki.jp

31.10.2018 News | Events | Yokohama City

British musicians joined us at Hotch Potch Music Festival 2018 which held on the 14th October.



We invited British musicians to join us at Hotch Potch Music Festival 2018, which is a Music Festivals to enjoy every music in the world and to deepen our cultural exchanges through their performance and workshops. The audience also enjoyed seeing British musicians play together with Japanese musicians.

We invited the group named DonBRI, the British Embassy Drum Band consisting of former embassy staff, and they performed with Japanese drums which is a traditional Japanese instrument.



Gerald Muirhead, a bagpiper born in Edinburgh, Scotland performed some British music for us. He also appeared in the finale and enjoyed spending time with other performers including the MC of the event.



We displayed a part of the hall in Southside of Kannai Sta. which is also a gateway to the event to advertise that Yokohama and Kawasaki were chosen as the training camp for the British Team pre-camp for Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.



※Japanese articles only

2018.11.02 イベント | 横浜市

11月3日(土)「第24回都筑区民まつり」で英国事前キャンプPRブースを出展します！



11月3日(土)に行われる都筑区民まつりセンター北会場で、英国事前キャンプPRブースを出展します！

ブースでは、同じく英国代表チーム事前キャンプを受け入れる慶應義塾大学の公式英国代表選手団サポート団体、「KEIO 2020 project」の皆さんにもご協力いただき、紅茶の試飲など英国を体験するプログラムを実施予定！英国と横浜をつなぐ親善大使、「ひつじのショーン」との握手&撮影会も行います。ぜひ足を運んでいただき、英国の文化を体験してみてください！

【日時】11月3日(土) 10時~15時

【会場】都筑区民まつりセンター北会場(横浜市営地下鉄ブルーライン・グリーンライン「センター北」駅すぐ)

※都筑区民まつりの詳細はこちら↓

<http://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/tsuzuki/chiiki/chiiki/20180530170220.html>

第24回

都筑 区民 まつり

2018
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土・祝
10:00
~15:00

会場は
3カ所

■センター南会場

開会式、ステージ、
PRコーナー、模擬店、
お楽しみ、ふれあい都市、
福祉探検コーナー、
福祉バザー等

■みなぎた ウォーク会場

フリーマーケット、
PRコーナー、模擬店、
ステージ等

■センター北会場

PRコーナー、模擬店、
ステージ、お楽しみ等

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都筑区民まつり

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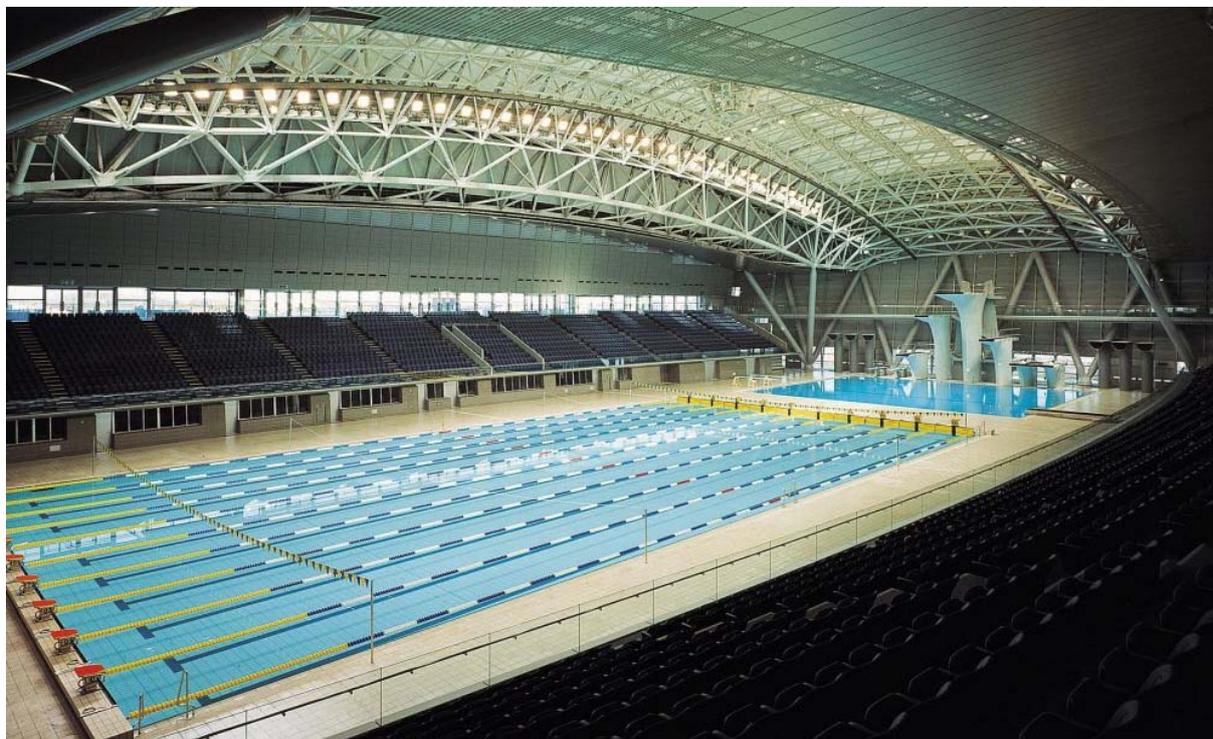
主催：都筑区ふるさとづくり委員会（事務局：都筑区役所地域課調課） TEL:948-2231
お問合せ：当日の午前8時から、横浜市コールセンターにお問い合わせください TEL:664-2525

本会場のときは2階です。詳しくは、当日午後7時から、都筑区ホームページでお知らせします。会場周辺は交通規制が実施されますので、ご来場の際はご注意ください。

※Japanese articles only

2018.11.02 イベント | 横浜市

11月4日(日) B.LEAGUE 横浜ビー・コルセアーズのホームゲームで横浜市主催「英国ホストタウン・事前キャンプ応援デー」を実施します！



英国代表チームの事前キャンプ地・横浜国際プールをホームアリーナとする横浜ビー・コルセアーズ。11月4日(日)に行われる新潟アルビレックスBB戦で、横浜市主催「英国ホストタウン・事前キャンプ応援デー」を行います！

当日は、英国事前キャンプのパネルコーナーが設けられるほか、英国と横浜をつなぐ親善大使「ひつじのショーン」もアリーナに登場！ハーフタイムにかわいいダンスパフォーマンスを披露したり、ホームゲーム中、ところどころに出没予定です。

また、会場では車いすバスケット体験会も実施！車いすバスケットでのシュートチャレンジが体験できます。この機会に、英国事前キャンプの会場にぜひ遊びに来てください！

【日時】11月4日(日) 12:05 入場開始 14:05 試合開始

【会場】横浜国際プール（横浜市営地下鉄グリーンライン「北山田」駅から徒歩5分）

※試合の情報など、詳細はこちら↓

https://b-corsairs.com/news/game_20181103_20181104/

2020年、英国事前キャンプが横浜にやってくる!

英国と一緒にワクワクを体験しよう!

横浜市 プレゼンツ 英国ホストタウン・事前キャンプ応援デー

14:05 TIPOFF
VS 新潟アルビレックスBB
横浜国際プール

11.4 SUN

2018.11.14 イベント | 横浜市

12月3日(月) 英国事前キャンプ・ホストタウン応援企画「英国と横浜を知る講座～英国の共生社会文化から学ぶ～」を実施します！



横浜市では、2020 年に向け英国代表チームを迎え入れる機運を醸成していくため、様々な分野において英国事前キャンプ・ホストタウンに関連した取組を進めています。今回、英国オリンピック委員会からゲストをお迎えし、栗栖 良依氏による英国の共生社会に着目した講演、英国文化を体験するプログラムを開催します。英国代表チームがやってくるこの機会に、豊かな英国文化に触れて楽しんでみませんか？

【日時】

平成 30 年 12 月 3 日 (月) 19 時～20 時 30 分

【場所・アクセス】

横浜イギリス館 (横浜市中区山手町 115-3)

○電車：みなとみらい線「元町・中華街」駅下車、6 番出口アメリカ山公園口から徒歩 6 分

○バス：JR「桜木町」駅から、神奈川中央交通バス 11 系統、市営バス 20 系統、

または市営バス「あかいくつ」で「港の見える丘公園」下車徒歩 1 分

【プログラム】

19:00～20:00

ビル・スウィーニー氏によるご挨拶／栗栖 良依氏による講演

コーディネーター：湯浅 真奈美氏（ブリティッシュ・カウンシル アーツ部長）

20:00～20:30

ティータイム（ケルト音楽の生演奏付き）

* 英国のテーブルコーディネーターや、ケルト音楽を楽しみながら、紅茶やお菓子をお召し上がりください。

○ゲスト：ビル・スウィーニー氏（英国オリンピック委員会 CEO）

大手スポーツ用品メーカーのビジネス開発グローバル責任者等を経て 2013 年から現職。

3度の夏季冬季オリンピックで Team GB（英国オリンピック代表チーム）を率いる。Team GB はリオ 2016 大会で国別メダル獲得数世界第 2 位。

○講師：栗栖 良依氏

「日常における非日常」をテーマに、アートやデザインの領域に収まらない自由な発想で、異分野・異文化の人や地域を繋げ、新しい価値を創造するプロジェクトを多方面で展開。2010 年、骨肉腫による右下肢機能全廃で障害福祉の世界と出会う。翌年、SLOW LABEL 設立。ヨコハマ・パラトリエンナーレ 2014 総合ディレクター。第 65 回横浜文化賞「文化・芸術奨励賞」、タイムアウト東京 LOVE TOKYO AWARDS 2016 face of tokyo 受賞。

【定員】

60 名（小学生未満の方はご遠慮ください）

【参加費】

無料

【申込方法】

○事前申込制・先着順

○メールもしくは FAX にてお申し込みください。

○記入事項：

(1) 講座「英国と横浜を知る講座」受講希望

(2) 参加者全員の氏名

(3) 代表者の電話番号

○手話通訳が必要な場合は、その旨お知らせください。

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【締切】

平成 30 年 11 月 26 日(月)

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英国と横浜を知る講座 参加申込方法

【申込方法】
○事前申込制・先着順
○メールもしくはFAXにてお申し込みください。
○記入事項：①講座「英国と横浜を知る講座」受講希望
②参加者全員の氏名
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GOGB 2020
YOUTH OF GREAT BRITAIN

英国事前キャンプ必須サイトにアクセス！
英国オリンピック・パラリンピック代表チーム派遣サイト「GOGB 2020」では事前キャンプ情報など様々な情報を発信し、応援の機運を盛り上げていきます。



世界とつながろう！ホストタウン

英国と横浜を知る講座
～英国の共生社会文化から学ぶ～

英国オリンピック委員からゲストをお迎えし、弊校 自治体による、英国の共生社会文化に特化した講義、英国文化を体験するプログラムを開催します。

ゲスト（予定） 講師（予定）

【日時】
平成30年12月3日（月）19時～20時30分

【場所・アクセス】
横浜イギリス館（横浜市中央区山手町115-3）
○電車：みなとみらい線「関内・新横浜」駅下車、徒歩約10分
○バス：みらい線「関内」駅から、徒歩約10分
○徒歩：関内駅西口から徒歩約10分

【プログラム】
19:00～20:00 ビル・スウィーニー氏によるご挨拶/弊校 校歌による演奏
コーディネーター：高橋 真由美氏 (フットボール・カレッジ・アドバイザー)
20:00～20:30 ティータイム (ケルト音楽の生演奏付き)
※英国のサーフ・コーディネーターや、ケルト音楽を演奏する方が、
校歌や校歌を歌い出しをリードします。

【定員】
60名（小学生未満の方はご遠慮ください）

【参加費】 無料

【事前申込制】 要否をご確認ください。

主催：横浜市
共催：ブリティッシュ・カウンシル/デザインチームリビウ/慶應義塾大学ケルト音楽愛好会

20.02.2019 Events | Yokohama City

[Yokohama City Event Report] December 03 (Monday): “Seminar for Learning About the United Kingdom and Yokohama” Learning from The United Kingdom’s Inclusive Society Culture] Implemented as Part of the Project for Recruiting a Host Town for Great Britain’s Preparation Camp!



The City of Yokohama has been moving ahead with initiatives in various fields related to the host town for Great Britain’s preparation camp in order to foster opportunities for welcoming the GB national team to Japan ahead of 2020.

Welcoming guests from Great Britain’s Olympic Committee, Yoshie Kurisu held a seminar focusing on the inclusive society of Great Britain and held a program providing experiences of British culture.

The seminar was attended by approximately fifty people who had applied in advance, and the British House, where the seminar was held, was filled almost to capacity. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Here is a brief introduction to the seminar.

The seminar started with a speech by Bill Sweeny, the CEO of the British Olympic Committee.

During his speech, Bill said, “The Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics provide us with a valuable opportunity to spread the word about Japan’s culture, etc., throughout the world. Yokohama will also be the first place that the young team GB athletes experience when they arrive in Japan. I pray that the Tokyo 2020 Olympics will be a wonderful event.”

In 2016, Ms. Kurisu took part in the flag handover ceremony at the Rio Paralympics as a stage advisor.

She then decided that she wanted to foster coaches capable of providing guidance for disabled people in order to adopt aerial training (techniques for aerial stage performances) in Japan, and consequently invited coaches from the United Kingdom to train coaches over here. She has collaborated with UK artist teams up until now, and intends to take an active role in ensuring that this continues.

She states that her aim is to ensure that both disabled people and people without disabilities can come together to take part in programs from 2021 that enable disabled people to engage in activities as they like and at the level they prefer within their own community.

*1: An NPO established under the concept of slowing down the pace of the currently fast-moving society a little so that everybody can enjoy their lives. It aims at creating a society that is in accord with diversity through the power of art.

*2: People who remove all barriers from the stage and create environments that promote creativity so that disabled artists can perform.

*3: Escorts who accompany disabled artists onto the stage and collaboratively expand their potential.



After this speech, a group of musicians who love Celtic music from Keio University, where it has been decided that Team GB will hold its preparation camp, gave a performance. They had practiced a number of English songs especially for this day.



Members of the Design Team Liviu spared some of their time to assist in the teatime portion of the evening, and served slightly large volumes of traditional English fare (mince pies, sausage rolls, shortbread). The food was slightly different to what is normally served during afternoon tea, which is a little more refined. Hopefully, they will serve an authentic afternoon tea next time.



The World Christmas 2018 event was held in annex 8 of the Yamate Seiyoukan in December. Ms. Kasai and Ms. Ishihata of Design Team Liviu decorated the British House with a wonderful array of British-style Christmas decorations. Some of these decorations were also on display at the venue.



The event was carried out on a high note thanks to the speeches, performances, teatime and the British atmosphere.

We are looking forward to the next time!

※Japanese articles only

2019.02.04 ニュース | 横浜市

内閣官房ホストタウンアクション／日英交流年 UK in Japan 2019-20 プレ企画 公民連携でインナーハーバー地区の再生を考える共創ラボを開催します！



横浜市の英国ホストタウンアクション第2弾として、ダイバーシティ、インクルージョン、オープンイノベーションの視点から、インナーハーバー地区（横浜駅周辺、新高島地区、ポートサイド地区等）を公民連携でどのように再生していくかをテーマとし、関連する企業やNPO、学校教育機関等と共にワークショップやフォーラム（「共創ラボ」）を開催します。

今回の「共創ラボ」では英国よりグローバル・ディサビリティ・イノベーション・ハブ（GDI-Hub）のイアン・マッキノン氏をお招きし、ロンドン2012オリンピック・パラリンピックの開催を契機として誰もが住みやすい街づくりを実現した英国の事例を伺います。

貴重なお話をお聞きする機会ですので、ぜひお越しください！

【概要】

日時：平成31年2月6日（水）10時～20時

会場：横浜駅周辺（パナソニックリビングショウルーム横浜、情報科学専門学校等）

ゲスト：

【2・3部のみ】イアン・マッキノン氏（GDI-Hub オペレーション・ディレクター）

【3部のみ】藤原 徹平氏（横浜国立大学大学院建築都市スクール(Y-GSA)准教授）

【プログラム】

第1部：10:00～12:00

パナソニックリビングショウルーム横浜会議室

<セッション1>

誰もが快適かつ安全に生活できるインナーハーバー地区をテーマとして、NTTによる心のバリアフリー・障害理解研修のほか、関係事業者や住民、学生、行政職員等で話し合います。

第2部：14:00～16:30

インナーハーバー地区（横浜駅構内を除く）

※14時にパナソニックリビングショウルーム横浜にお越しください

<ワークショップ>

グループに分かれ、NTTの情報収集技術を使用してインナーハーバー地区（横浜駅周辺、新高島地区、ポートサイド地区）のまちあるきを行い、バリアフリー情報を収集します。

第3部：17:30～18:00 / 18:00～20:00

情報科学専門学校8階 大会議室

<基調講演>

イアン氏に英国におけるインクルーシブデザインの具体例等をお話しいただきます。

<セッション2>

横浜国立大学大学院建築都市スクール(Y-GSA)准教授の藤原徹平氏とイアン氏の対談を軸に、オープンイノベーションのプラットフォームとしてのインナーハーバーの可能性について議論します。

【参加申込方法】

- 事前申込制・先着順（100名程度）、参加費無料
- メールもしくはfacebook イベントへの「参加する」表明によりお申し込みください。「第1部」、「第2部」、「第3部」それぞれの部のみの参加も可能です。
- メール申込みの場合は件名に「2/6 共創ラボ参加希望」、本文に参加するプログラム（第〇部）を記載。
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【締切】

平成31年2月5日（火）17時まで

【申込先】

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facebook イベント：<https://www.facebook.com/events/1110928075735697/>

【主催】

横浜市（政策局・市民局）、横浜国立大地域ブランドラボ

【協力】

駐日英国大使館、ブリティッシュ・カウンシル、情報科学専門学校、日本電信電話株式会社、パナソニック株式会社、LOCAL GOOD YOKOHAMA、横浜リハビリテーション専門学校

【ゲスト紹介】

イアン・マッキノン氏（GDI-Hub オペレーション・ディレクター）

英国のクイーンエリザベス・オリンピック・パークを手がけるロンドンレガシー開発公社（LLDC）にてインクルーシブデザインを指揮。英国アクセスコンサルタント（NRAC）のメンバーとして、複合施設の基本計画、新旧建築物、製品から会場やライブイベントの運営面まで、幅広いプロジェクトに対して創造的かつ革新的なソリューションを案出し、インクルーシブデザインに関するアドバイスを提供している。

これまでの経験を踏まえ、現在は「人々のためのデザイン」に対する考え方やアプローチを、建築、都市、製品、サービス、デジタル、ファッション、グラフィックといったあらゆる分野のデザイナーとともに変えていくことを目指している。また、障害のある人々や高齢者のニーズを尊重し主流化することが、結果的にあらゆる人の生涯にわたる豊かな暮らしにつながることを強く提唱している。

【グローバル・ディスアビリティ・イノベーションハブ（GDI-Hub）】

2012年ロンドンパラリンピック競技大会の主要なレガシープロジェクトの一つとして設立された。大学および文化機関の協働組織としてクイーン・エリザベス・オリンピック・パークを拠点に、地域コミュニティ、研究者、専門家、障害のある人々を結びつけ、ロンドン2012パラリンピック競技大会によって培われた経験と、障害に関する最先端の専門性を融合することで、さらなるイノベーション、共同デザイン、クリエイティブ・シンキングをグローバルに推進している。

【会場】

■パナソニックリビングショウルーム横浜

住所：横浜市神奈川区金港町2-6 横浜プラザビル1F

■情報科学専門学校

住所：横浜市神奈川区鶴屋町2-17 相鉄岩崎学園ビル

リンク：横浜市記者発表

(<http://www.city.yokohama.jp/ne/news/press/201902/20190201-031-28971.html>)

2019.02.24 イベント | 横浜市

日英交流年 UK in Japan 2019-20 プレ企画 Gap を超えて～ストップギャップ ダンスカンパニー 講演会～を開催します！



横浜市のホストタウンとしての取組第3弾として、「Gap を超えて」をテーマに、英国の「ストップギャップ ダンスカンパニー」をお迎えし、そのインクルーシブなビジョンや活動内容についてお話しいただく講演会を開催します。

「ストップギャップ ダンスカンパニー」はイングランドを拠点に、障害のある／なしを越え、参加するアーティストが一丸となって新しい舞台の創造に取り組むダンスカンパニーです。

人々の勇気やもろさ、さまざまな人間模様を描き出す詩的でエモーショナルな作品はイギリス全土で旋風を巻き起こしてきました。未来のアーティストたちの育成やアウトリーチ事業など、誰もがダンスを楽しめる環境づくりや人々の既成概念を取り除くことに努めてきた彼らのパイオニア精神は、社会教育の現場でも高く評価されています。

貴重なお話を聞ける機会ですので、ぜひお越しください！

【概要】

日 時：

平成 31 年 3 月 4 日（月） 18 時～19 時 30 分（開場 17 時 30 分）

会 場：

慶應義塾大学日吉キャンパス協生館 2 階 多目的教室 1（港北区日吉 4 - 1 - 1）

ゲスト：

ストップギャップ ダンスカンパニーから3名のゲスト

- ・ ルーシー・ベネット氏/ストップギャップ ダンスカンパニー芸術監督
- ・ デーヴィット・トゥール氏/ストップギャップ ダンスカンパニー メンバー
- ・ 柴田 翔平氏/ストップギャップ ダンスカンパニー エグゼクティブ・プロデューサー

モデレーター：

横山 千晶氏（慶應義塾大学法学部教授）

プログラム：

ストップギャップ ダンスカンパニーによるプレゼンテーション / 会場の皆様とのトークセッション

【参加申込方法】

- ・ 事前申込制・先着順（60名程度）、参加費無料
- ・ 「参加申込フォーム」もしくは「FAX」によりお申し込みください。
- ・ FAXの場合は次の記入事項を記載して（045-664-1588）まで送付ください。
- ・ 「ストップギャップ ダンスカンパニー講演会申込」

（1）参加者の氏名

（2）参加者の電話番号

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※手話通訳が必要な場合は2月28日までにその旨お知らせください。

【締切】

平成31年3月1日(金) 17時まで

【申込先・問合せ】

○参加申込フォーム：

[https://www.e-](https://www.e-shinsei.city.yokohama.lg.jp/yokohama/uketsuke/form.do?id=1550626483976)

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【主催】横浜市、ブリティッシュ・カウンシル

【協力】世田谷パブリックシアター

【会場】慶應義塾大学日吉キャンパス協生館（横浜市港北区日吉4-1-1）



01.03.2019 News | Events | Yokohama City

We had a forum & a workshop themed on “Joint of art and society – Our future created by Equalities, Diversity, and Inclusion” ~ developing our practice in Japan and Scotland



Our city, Yokohama in various fields is promoting activities related to Team GB pre-camp and host town program in order to create an atmosphere to welcome Team GB in 2020

We held a forum & a workshop themed on Equalities, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) and invited Ms. Milica Milosevic from Creative Scotland as our guest speaker. And learned how you develop your practice together with other guests from Japan. Creative Scotland is the public body that supports the arts screen and creative industries.



Ms. Milosevic has emphasized on the importance of cultural and artistic activities. “In Britain, the study has been conducted to improve the quality of life through the engagement in culture and art for many years. Please learn how you develop your practice to create an equal society through EDI” she said. She also encouraged participants by saying “We always make sure that EDI has been practiced in every cultural and artistic activity in Britain. This will lead you to the strategic thinking of finding out what is missing in this policy”.

“For examples, some ballet company offers dance lesson for senior, or senior make a non-fiction film about their exhibition at an art museum. These programs help people to practice the cultural policy focused on EDI” Ms. Milosevic said. These efforts help to compile objective data like how art can be connected to people’s self-affirmation and health improvement, and the data is applied in the new policy.



People from all over Japan, including specialists engaged in the cultural industry, participated in this forum and workshop to learn advanced measures.

Followings are some feedback from participants;

“I would like to positively approach art more than ever.”

“I would like to positively resolve social issues with power of art.”



31.03.2019 News | Events | Yokohama City

Various programs such as cultural exchange have been offered to motivate people to welcome Team GB in Tsuzuki-ward.



1 Cultural Program “Japan and the UK Culture Fusion ~ Making KOKEDAMA (moss ball) and Cotswold Stone”

We had a cultural program focused on ‘nature’ which is popular both in the UK and Japan. A cultural exchange event was held at Tsuzuki-Minkaen (Historic House Garden) through KOKEDAMA making, Botanical Arts and Japanese Tea Ceremony. Foreigners such as German, Spanish and Indian also participated in the event.



KOKEDAMA making



Botanical Art



Japanese Tea Ceremony

2 GO GB 2020” Stairway Decoration

We have decorated the stairway, a path from Kitayamata St. on Yokohama Municipal Subway Green Line to Yokohama International Pool with the message of GO GB 2020 to welcome Team GB and ParalympicsGB.



3 PR booth for the UK host town program at a local festival

We set up a PR booth at Tsuzuki-ward local festival under the collaboration with KEIO 2020 project, which is also the training camp for Team GB. We offered English black tea and introduced about Britain with some display panels to promote our host town program.



25.04.2019 News | Yokohama City | Kawasaki City | Keio University

New content is now live on the GO GB 2020 website

The newly available content is introduced below.

* Support the GB Teams

<https://gogb2020.jp/en/teamgb/>

Get a picture of the achievements of past GB Teams in statistics through the Infographics accessible at “About GB Teams” on the Support the GB Teams page.

* GO GB Features and Articles

<https://gogb2020.jp/en/columns/>

Read introductions of the facilities where pre-games camps will be held as well as notable spots in their vicinities which are associated with Great Britain at the GO GB Features and Articles page. It is planned to include more articles and thematic features relating to the GB Teams on an ongoing basis.

* GO GB video in support of the GB Teams

<https://gogb2020.jp/en/about/>

Yokohama City, Kawasaki City and Keio University have created a short video in support of the British Teams with the “GO GB” slogan. We hope you will all join us in supporting the GB Teams!

More fresh and exciting news and articles are coming soon!

07.05.2019 Events | Yokohama City

【Yokohama City Event Report】 “MS Queen Elizabeth”, British luxury cruise ship called at Yokohama port after 3 years ~We have promoted Team GB preparation camp and our host town program ~



We had welcomed various cruise ships stopping by the ports in Yokohama including Daikokufuto and Osanbashi during the Golden Week which was 10-day holiday this year. “MS Queen Elizabeth” was the one of those cruise lines which called at Daikokufuto Terminal. It’s been 3 years since last time she visited our port.



MS Queen Elizabeth which stopped by Daikokufuto after 3 years ~ a view from Yokohama Skywalk



The observation deck which enables us to take a close view of ships passing under Yokohama Bay Bridge

Yokohama Skywalk has been temporarily closed since September, 2010. However, some areas were re-open to the public this year to view the cruise ships which arrive at the port or pass under Bay Bridge. Many cruise-ship fans have visited to see her.

We displayed some panels to introduce our friendship with Team GB which will be holding their preparation camp in Yokohama in the year of 2020. It was a good opportunity to announce about the training venue and our preparation to welcome them.

We have introduced Team GB pre-camp so the visitors can get to know more about our host town program. We are also planning to offer some programs to have community engagement with British athletes or to learn about British culture targeted at our citizens so that more and more people have a chance to enjoy British culture at the opportunity that Team GB visit Yokohama for their preparation camp.



Our PR booth to promote Team GB pre-camp.



Promoting GO GB with Queen Elizabeth in the back!

A photo spot with our PR ambassador, Shaun the Sheep's photo panel and Queen Elizabeth in the back was a big hit. We also handed out GO GB promotional goods to visitors who shot the photo with "GO GB" sign. We think it was the successful promotion about the Team GB preparation camp targeted at a number of visitors including fans of luxury cruise ships.

20.05.2019 News | Events | Yokohama City

[Yokohama City Event Report] GO GB 2020 PR booth at Rose & Garden Market ~ It was a blast with Shaun the Sheep, our PR ambassador to connect the UK and Japan! ~



Luckily blessed with great weather, we set up a PR booth for our host town program and Team GB preparation camp on Saturday, the 18th and Sunday, the 19th.

The yearly event, 2019 ITU World Triathlon & Para-triathlon Series Yokohama were held on the same weekend, so it was full with local people and tourists who gathered to cheer the top athletes.

The Rose and Garden Market also took place along the Nihonodori Street as part of our very first event, Yokohama Rose Week. And we took this opportunity to promote our host town program and Team GB preparation camp.

We displayed some panels to introduce Team GB pre-Games preparation camp and held the workshop to make an original tin badge themed on "Shaun the Sheep", our PR ambassador to connect the UK and Yokohama. We also prepared the rose-shaped message cards made from Origami to write the message for Team GB, and we had many visitors who enjoyed our workshop.



Our original tin badges themed on Shaun the Sheep and GO GB made at the workshop!





The long queue for the workshop to make the tin badges!



The messages for Team GB on the rose-shaped origami papers.

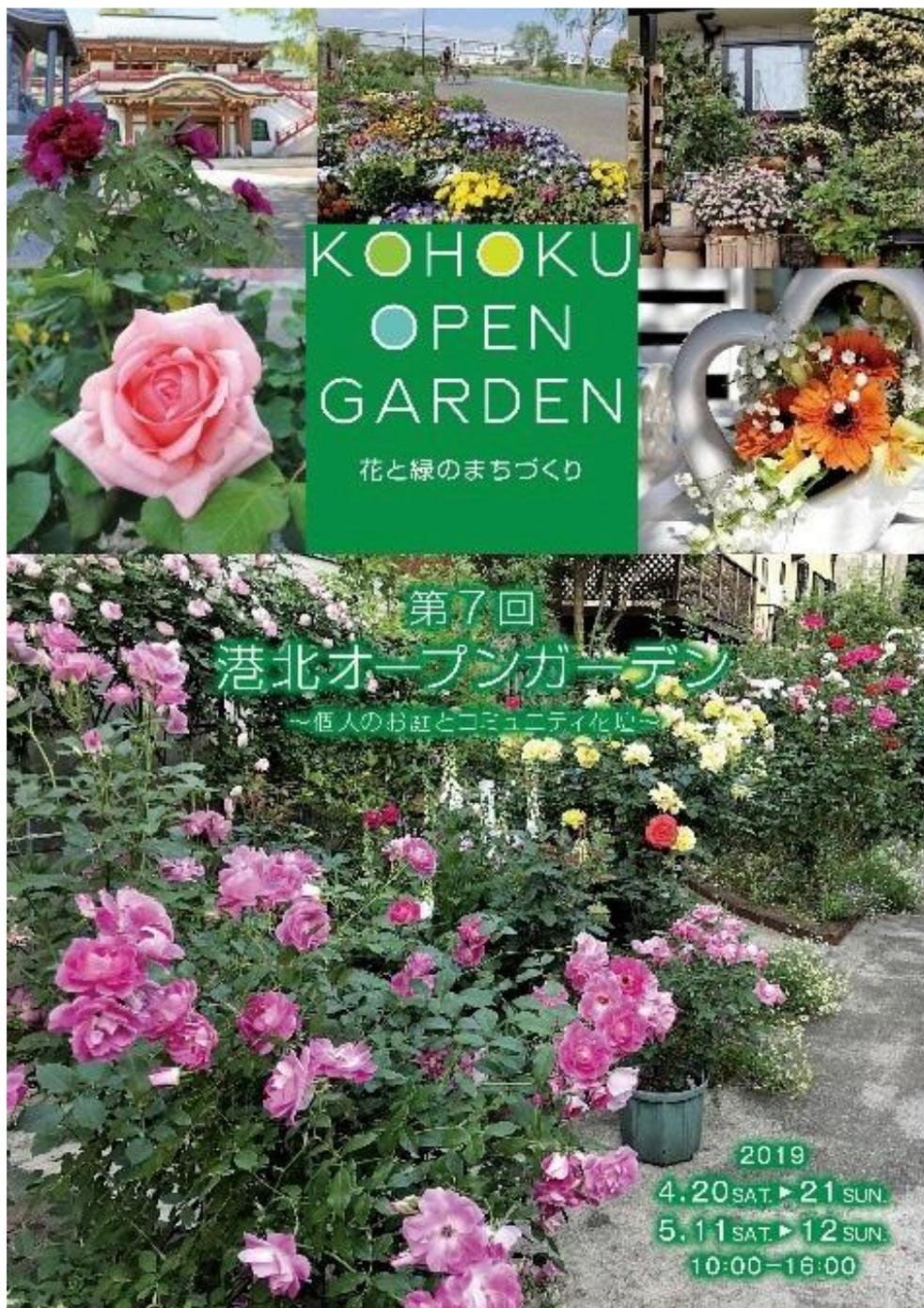
Shaun the Sheep also showed up holding the big rose and enjoyed photo shooting with visitors saying "GO GB!" He was surely a big help for our PR event for Team GB preparation camp.

A number of visitors joined us and it ended with a big success.



Here's a cute shot of Shaun and a puppy!

[Yokohama City Event Report] We hosted the 7th Kohoku Open Garden



The 7th Kohoku Open Garden was held over the weekend of Saturday, April 20th – Sunday, 21st and Saturday, May 11th – Sunday, 12th, 2019.

An Open Garden is an event to enjoy seasonal flowers and plants at the opened private garden while interacting with visitors, which is originated in the UK where gardening is popular which. This year was the 7th Kohoku Open Garden, and 100 participants joined, which was the largest number ever!



Our PR ambassador to connect the UK and Japan “Shaun the Sheep” and “Mizuki, the local mascot of Kohoku-Ward collaborated and gave some programs like a stamp-collecting tour and a greeting.

A total of about 8,400 visitors came in 4 days and it was a blast!

[Yokohama City Event Report] Engagement Program with British Triathlon and Para-Triathlon team at 2019 ITU World Triathlon & Para-Triathlon Series Yokohama



The yearly event, 2019 ITU World Triathlon & Para-Triathlon Series Yokohama were held on Saturday, the 18th and Sunday, the 19th of May.

On Friday the 17th, the day before the race, we had an engagement activity with 17 British Triathlon & Para-Triathlon team members and 30 5th graders from Honcho Elementary School. At the hall, children welcomed the athletes with GO GB flags on their hands and the program began.



Greeting from Mr. Antonio Arimany, Secretary General of ITU



They were divided into 5 groups and children posed many questions actively

After the British athletes introducing themselves, we divided the team and children into 5 groups and children introduced themselves. Many students tried to talk in English and athletes lent their ears to children's questions.

Some of the questions from children are...

"How do you feel when you finish all the race?"

"What do you do if your bike get broken during the race?"

"What inspired you to start triathlon?"

"What is the hardest sport in all 3?"

All the children were busy listening athletes' answer closely and taking notes.



One British team member kindly answering the kid's question

It is followed by finding out athletes' favorite cheering phrase, then children in each group gave a presentation about what they have learned.



Children wrote message cards for the team. Cards are made by students at Shikinomori Elementary School using 'dyeing with flowers' method.



Handed the message cards to the team!

At the end of the program, students sang and danced to send their cheers to the team. It seemed everyone in the team liked it and made them relaxed. We had a group photo shooting after that and saw the team off with high five.



Sending cheers to the team with a song and a dance



Seeing the team off with high five

21.06.2019 News | Events | Yokohama City

[Yokohama City Event Report] GO GB 2020 PR booth at 2019 Kohoku Hometown Festival.



Luckily blessed with nice weather, “2019 Kohoku Hometown Festival – the 80th Kohoku ward anniversary event” was held on June 1st, 2019, and GO GB 2020 PR booth was exhibited. At the booth, with the members of “KEIO 2020 project” supported by the students of Keio University which also hosts the British National Team’s pre-camp, we gave some programs for visitors to experience the British culture such as English tea tasting, croquet try, hoopla – ring toss game and a photo spot with Shaun the Sheep’s photo panel.



About 50,000 people visited the festival, and about 500 visitors stopped by our booth! It was full of smiles of visitors who tried croquet for the first time or took photos with Shaun’s photo panel were full of smiles.

【Report on Great Britain's Pre-Games Preparation Camp in Yokohama: Part #1】 GB national swimming team holds pre-games preparation camp at Yokohama International Pool!



Great Britain's national swimming team held its pre-games preparation camp at the Yokohama International Pool (Tsuzuki-ku, City of Yokohama) between July 8th (Monday) and 16th (Tuesday), 2019, in preparation for the 2019 World Aquatics Championships (July 12th to 28th in Gwangju, South Korea).

A total of 56 GB national team members visited Japan (30 swimmers, 26 staff). A total 33 volunteers helped out by providing support for all members of Team GB over the course of nine days.

On the morning of July 8th (Monday), the first day of camp, children from a local elementary school turned out to greet the team while waving flags that read "GO GB". The team members and staff grinned in delight at the way the children greeted them before entering the International Pool building for the first day of training.



Around 370 children from a local elementary school greeted the team

The main pool of the Yokohama International Pool, where Team GB will concentrate their training, was decorated with Union Jacks, support banners and glass art designed by the children themselves to cheer the team on. The support extended to them was emphasized with many Union Jacks and GO GB messages.



Some of the decorations in the main pool

In addition to opening the training to local children, a variety of programs were organized to enable Team GB members to experience something of Japanese culture, including dressing up in Japanese clothes, calligraphy, origami and other hands-on experiences of traditional Japanese customs.



Scenes of the GB national team training



Team members trying on kimono

The children arranged a farewell ceremony on the last day of camp. They presented the team members with a recorder recital and other events to cheer them on their way as they headed off to the World Aquatics Championships. The team members and staff members appeared very relaxed as the nine-day pre-games preparation camp in Yokohama came to an end and they departed for Gwangju, South Korea, to take part in the 2019 World Aquatics Championships.



Scene of the farewell ceremony



Thank-you messages from Team GB

Team GB did very well at the World Aquatics Championships following this, with Adam Peaty, who won the gold medal at the Rio Olympics in 2016, marking a new world record in his favorite breaststroke category and the team going on to win a total of seven medals (three gold, one silver and three bronze).

Much was gained from this pre-games preparation camp as the athletes move toward 2020.

In Part #2, we will cover details of the public training!

15.10.2019 News | Events | Yokohama City

[Report on Great Britain's Pre-Games Preparation Camp in Yokohama: Part #2] Public training attended by 700 children!



Great Britain's national swimming team held its pre-games preparation camp at the Yokohama International Pool between July 8th (Monday) and 16th (Tuesday), 2019. Training was opened to be public during the preparation camp on July 12th (Friday) and 13th (Saturday).

Great Britain's national swimming team contains a large number of Olympic medalists. The approximately 700 children who attended were able to watch some of the world's top athletes swimming right in front of them.



The event started off with a commentary by Mr. Hayashi, Yokohama International Pool's general manager, as the spectators watched the powerful swimming of the athletes. Team GB staff members explained to the children that they were about to start relay training and time training, to which the children cheered them on with loud shouts of "Go GB!"

When the training had finished, the team members and staff circulated around the stands where the children were sitting and answered their questions.



During question time, the children fired off a wide range of questions, such as "How many hours do you train every day?", "What made you take up swimming?" and "How do you concentrate on your training?".

James Guy, silver medalist at the 2016 Rio Olympics, explained to the children just how important working hard every day no matter what happens by saying, "I couldn't swim until I was three years old. However, I discovered how much fun swimming can be while at school, and trained really hard to a stage where I was able to take part in local tournaments, and the result of this is what you see before you today."

At the end, the athletes took commemorative photographs together with the children.



The children left for home with big smiles on their faces after enjoying this valuable experience.

In Part #3, we will cover Team GB members experiencing Japanese culture!

21.10.2019 News | Events | Yokohama City

[Report on Great Britain's Pre-Games Preparation Camp in Yokohama: Part #3] GB national swimming team experience Japanese culture!



For two days on July 12th (Friday) and 15th (Monday), a program designed to allow Great Britain's national swimming team, which is in Japan for its pre-games preparation camp, to experience Japanese culture were held.

The programs were arranged so that Team GB could get a taste of Japanese culture, and three booths were available where they could try on kimono, and take calligraphy lessons and origami lessons. Instructors active in Tsuzuki-ku cooperated by manning these booths.

The Japanese cultural experience program was held during the team's free time in the camp. The athletes and staff members appeared relaxed during these breaks, and they all dropped by the booths.

Trying on the kimono was a popular destination for the ladies. They slipped their arms through the vibrantly-colored kimono sleeves and took up various poses for photographs.



They also tried their hand at folding cranes during the origami lesson. Folding the paper for the first time caused them a little trouble at the beginning, but they all managed to produce beautifully-colored cranes.



Everybody was very impressed with the origami figures brought by the instructor

During the calligraphy lesson, they selected the characters that appealed to them from a list containing English translations and asked which characters best suited their own swimming styles, and then wrote them down on postcards by the brush pen. The lesson that taught them how to write their own names in kanji characters was particularly popular, and they practiced writing these down repeatedly after the instructor had showed them how. Some of the athletes also wrote down the names of family members and friends on cards, which they took home with them.



We hope that the Japanese cultural program provided them all with a relaxing break amid their extremely hard daily training schedule, which is carried out in an unfamiliar environment.



In Part #4, we will cover the decorations that adorned the Yokohama International Pool!

29.10.2019 News | Events | Yokohama City

[Report on Great Britain's Pre-Games Preparation Camp in Yokohama: Part #4] Yokohama International Swimming Pool Colored to Greet Team GB!



During the nine days of the preparation camp for Great Britain's national swimming team, the Yokohama International Pool was decorated with various elements to state our feeling of welcome and to cheer the athletes on in the 2019 World Aquatics Championships.

First of all, we obtained the understanding and cooperation of local residents to install flags and decorate the many steps leading from Kita-yamata Station on the Yokohama Municipal Subway Green Line to the Yokohama International Pool.



We raised the Union Jack and the Yokohama International Pool flag on flagpoles at the entrance to the pool, which is the first thing that drivers see when they enter the facility.



To make sure that the team members recognized our feeling of welcome, we hung large GO GB 2020 banners, streamers stating "Victory" and the Union Jack in the main pool where the GB national swimming team were training.



On the glass panels of the meeting room that the athletes and staff members used, we installed colorful glass art involving motifs of Great Britain and Yokohama made by the children of Tsuzuki-ku to express our intentions of hospitality.



We installed a Great Britain support booth in the main lobby where it can be seen by general visitors before the preparation camp started. In addition to PR panels introducing Great Britain and the bonds between Great Britain and Yokohama, as well as photo panels of the "One Vision" goodwill ambassador connecting Great Britain and Yokohama, we also included a corner for Great Britain coloring pictures. These pictures of Great Britain were colored in by children visiting the pool, and they were observed with delight by the passing athletes.



In the final report, Part #5, we will cover the farewell ceremony!

05.11.2019 News | Events | Yokohama City

[Report on Great Britain's Pre-Games Preparation Camp: Part #5] Farewell Ceremony held!



Children from a local elementary school held a farewell ceremony for team GB on the last day of camp on July 16th (Tuesday) as they departed for the World Aquatics Championships.

The Yokohama International Pool Chorus Club sang Believe just as the team entered after finishing off their last day of training.



The children from the Kita-yamata Elementary School presented each of the athletes with a message card, and the children from the Higashi-yamata Elementary school gave a recorder recital of Sekai no Yakusoku (The Promise of the World).



Following on from this, a representative of City of Yokohama (Executive Director Numakami of the Olympics & Paralympics Promotion Department) gave a heartwarming speech and presented all members of the Great Britain team with commemorative gifts.



Chris Spice, leader of Team GB, said a few words of appreciation, and presented us with a message board on which all team members had written messages.



Commemorative photograph with everybody at the end.



The children formed a farewell passageway and Team GB were sent on their way.

The athletes and staff members who took part in the ceremony smiled as they departed the Yokohama International Pool.

Great Britain's first pre-games preparation camp at the Yokohama International Pool over the course of nine days enabled them to run simulations from various angles as we move toward 2020, and provided them with a valuable opportunity.



The next pre-game preparation camp will be one year in the future as we finally arrive at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games!

We hope everybody will continue to cheer on Great Britain's national team!

11.11.2019 News | Events | Yokohama City

~ 「UK in JAPAN 2019-20」 ~Members of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra enjoyed music together with children from elementary schools in Yokohama



BBC Proms, one of the world's great classical music festivals with a history of 125 years in the UK had its very first performance in Japan as part of "UK in JAPAN 2019-20", a one-year joint initiative by the British Embassy Tokyo and the British Council started from September 2019.

Members of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra who visited Japan for BBC Proms enjoyed music together with the 4th graders at Kitayamata Elementary School (93) and the 5th graders at Higashiyamata Elementary School (110) on Monday, 28th October.

As children welcomed the performers with a Scottish flag and a welcome board, the performers and children were able to warm up to each other quickly. They gave children high five and lined in front of children with smile.



The program started with a performance by way of greeting from the orchestra! They first performed two pieces "Pavane of Sleeping Beauty" and "The Fairy Garden" from "Mother Goose" composed by Ravel. The children listened to the performance very intently nearby.



Following their first performance, 7 performers introduced themselves and their instruments! The instruments they brought this time were flute, french horn, trumpet, violin, viola, cello and percussion.



The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra actively hosts workshops through music with a wide variety of community including children, the elderly, and the disabled. Even in a limited time at the workshop, the performers created a piece "Connect It" using only their voices and body-percussion by striking their bodies to produce sound.



After some exercise together, the orchestra performed three pieces "Promenade", "The Old Castle", and "Ballet of Unhatched Chicks" from "Pictures at an Exhibition" by Mussorgsky.



The program ended with children's dance to the performance of Scottish traditional music.



After the music program, the members of the orchestra were divided into some classes and had school lunch together with children at Kitayamada Elementary School. Both the performers and the children enjoyed chat and we could hear the children laughing from every classroom and talking to them in English. Children also taught members how to use chopsticks and pick beans with them.



It looked like all the members of BBC SSO were also happy for this opportunity to enjoy music together with children in their first visit to Japan.

Thank you for giving us such a wonderful opportunity! City of Yokohama will continue to strengthen our friendship with the UK in various fields.



<BBC Proms>

BBC Proms is one of the world's greatest classical music festival, held each summer primarily in London since 1895. It was held in both Tokyo and Osaka from 30th October to 4th November, 2019 as the very first Proms to be held in Asia presented by Daiwa Securities Group under the title of BBC Proms JAPAN 2019. Top musicians from all over the world provide performances that attract a wide audience in a wide range of genres. It also promotes learning and outreach programs.

<BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra>

BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra is Scotland's national broadcasting orchestra formed in 1935, and based at Glasgow which performs throughout Scotland, the UK and abroad. The BBC SSO performs at The Proms since 1962.

17.11.2019 News | Events | Yokohama City

『Let's write messages to British athletes!』 at Tsuzuki Hometown Festival.



We set up a PR booth for our host town program and Team GB preparation camp at the 25th Tsuzuki Hometown Festival held on Saturday, November 3rd.

Tsuzuki Hometown Festival is the one which always earn the largest number of visitors among the 18 wards' Hometown Festivals in Yokohama.

As well as past years, many exhibition (and food?) booths and stage performance took place at Center-Kita and Center-Minami area as the venue and it was full of the locals.

This year, we set up (GO GB 2020) PR booth at the square in front of Center-Kita Station and worked together with Japan Post to have a workshop to write supportive messages for the British team and athletes coming to Yokohama for their preparation camp.

Many visitors stopped by to write messages sending cheers to the athletes who will participate Tokyo 2020 Games which is around the corner, to introduce the popular local spots in Tsuzuki area or to draw Union Jack and Shaun the Sheep, our PR ambassador to connect the UK and Yokohama.



To promote our booth, Shaun the Sheep, our PR ambassador to connect the UK and Yokohama played a big role.

He did a great job, walking around the venue with GO GB flag in hand for handshakes and photo shoots with visitors.



[Yokohama City] New CEO of the British Olympic Association (BOA), Mr. Andy Anson Visits Mayor Fumiko Hayashi of Yokohama on Tuesday, November 5th



On Tuesday, November 5th, Mr. Andy Anson, the new CEO of the British Olympic Association (BOA), made a courtesy visit to Mayor Fumiko Hayashi with Mr. Shahab Uddin, the Director of Legal at BOA.

Mr. Anson was appointed as the new CEO of the BOA in May 2019 and has taken up the post on November 1st of the same year.

Mr. Anson, the new CEO, expressed his sincere gratitude for the cooperation and support that Yokohama has been made over the past few years, including the British pre-Games training camp. He also added, "Our team has been impressed with the excellent facilities in Yokohama and hope to be well prepared for the year 2020."

Mr. Anson also watched the final match of the Rugby World Cup held at International Stadium Yokohama on November 2nd and mentioned, "The wonderful stadium and the hospitality you have demonstrated were amazing." He also added, "I was deeply impressed with the organizational structure and supporting system of Yokohama City. I am confident that you will have great success at the Olympics and Paralympics coming in 2020."



Mayor Hayashi responded with her gratitude, "It is a great honor to be selected as the campsite to host the British pre-Games training camp. I also appreciate the opportunities for children in Yokohama to engage with British athletes. We will make every possible effort in our preparations to allow all the British athletes to achieve their best performance during the Games."



(From the left) Deputy Attache Ms. Heffer at British Embassy Tokyo, Mr. Uddin, Mr. Anson, Mayor Hayashi, Mr. Nishiyama, Mr. Ishiuchi

Yokohama will continue to make every possible effort in our preparations to allow all the athletes in BOA to achieve their best performance during the Tokyo 2020 Games.

20.12.2019 News | Yokohama City

[Lecture by Chef de Mission for Tokyo 2020, ParalympicsGB] was held at Toin University of Yokohama.



On Wednesday, December 4, 2019, Penny Briscoe OBE, Chef de Mission for Tokyo 2020, British Paralympic Association and Dr. Tom Paulson, Performance Service Manager, British Paralympic Association gave a lecture titled "Towards Tokyo" to students majoring in Sports Science at the Toin University of Yokohama.



Penny Briscoe OBE and Dr. Tom Paulson from BPA giving the lecture.

They spoke about the efforts of the British Paralympic Team (ParalympicsGB) towards the Tokyo 2020 Games while they shared the history of para- sports and highlighted the para - athletes who will participate in the Tokyo 2020 Games.

They also introduced the excellent educational program that the 2012 London Games brought to the children who will inherit the next generation under the vision for a better society for people with disabilities through sports.

At the end, they shared the promotional video of the British para athletes which that was created by Channel 4, one of the UK leading network TV companies to encourage athletes for the Rio 2016 Games and concluded the lecture by wishing every success in the Tokyo 2020 Games.



During the lecture



Dr. Tom Paulson chatting with Paralympian, Mr. Hanaoka, Prof. Tanaka and a university student.



Q&A Time

21.12.2019 Events | Yokohama City

We held a concert of the Queen's Band of the Grenadier Guards.


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We held a concert of the Queen's Band of the Grenadier Guards at Kanagawa Prefectural Music Hall on Monday, 14th October, 2019 in collaboration with the UK in Yokohama, which is a pre-camp site for the British Olympic Team to boost the momentum toward the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games at "Yokohama Otomatsuri 2019". On the day, more than 1,000 people visited despite the bad weather.

People tend to think that military bands play formal music, but this band is widely known and popular among British people. The Grenadier Guards who visited Japan this time have served as Royal Guards for 334 years since the organisation was established. The Guards, proudly wearing their uniforms with a long history and glory, played brilliantly.



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All the visitors enjoyed the performance, which was related to the UK and Olympic and Paralympic Games, including the Tokyo Olympic fanfare and a march in commemoration of the Tokyo Olympic Games, and also the Los Angeles Olympic fanfare, "Pomp and Circumstance". They also enjoyed the joint performance with the traditional Scottish Guards Bagpipe Band.

At the pre-performance and during the interval, members of the Band greeted people in the foyer, enjoying the meet-and-greet with many fans.

21.12.2019 Events | Yokohama City

British traditional music performed at Hotchpotch Music Festival 2019!



On Sunday, 20th October, 2019, "Hotchpotch Music Festival 2019" was held around Nihon-odori and Yokohama Park.

"Hotchpotch" in English means "mixed up" ("Gochamaze") in Japanese. The event, which started in 2009 and celebrated its 11th year this year, is a Gochamaze Music Festival that anyone can join regardless of country, generation, gender, or disability. The festival is held every year on Nihon-odori, the main street that symbolizes Yokohama and that has welcomed various cultures for 160 years since the opening of the port, conveying diverse cultures, individuality and values through music.

We invited Mr. Gerald Muirhead, a bagpiper from the UK, which is the country that Yokohama is designated to host, to this year's festival. Dressed in traditional Scottish tartan-checked clothing, he played the unique-sounding bagpipes, attracting many people who had come to the festival. In the finale, he performed together with musicians from Yokohama, strengthening cultural exchanges through playing music.



08.01.2020 Events | Yokohama City

We collaborated with Scotland to promote the Olympics and Paralympics to its local citizens.



Based on the relationship of mutual exchange that started in the mid 19th century, the city of Yokohama and the Scottish Government have been working together, especially in 2019 and 2020, in the areas of: (1) exchange programs in the fields of culture and tourism, (2) promotion of networks between companies and institutions related to the marine industry, (3) civic exchanges triggered by the Rugby World Cup 2019™ and the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics, (4) promotion of inter-university collaboration including student and academic exchanges.

In October 2019, Fiona Hyslop, the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture of the Scottish Government, visited Japan for the Rugby World Cup 2019™ and met Fumiko Hayashi, the Mayor of Yokohama. They reconfirmed their commitment to deepen the relationship toward the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

We are conducting promotional activities in local areas in Scotland in order to deepen our relationship with Scotland and become a better partner, and to give everyone in Scotland a chance to get to know Yokohama in preparation for the Olympics.

In 2018, we distributed information on tourism in Yokohama through Scottish magazines and online media. We continued two projects in 2019. First, we asked the world travel bloggers known as “Two Scots Abroad”, a couple from Scotland who have a major influence, to cover and convey the attractive aspects of Yokohama which they discovered during their trip by posting them on their blog. Second, we promoted the attractive business environment, including the support for startups in Yokohama, to local areas through online magazines and business media in Scotland.

Two Scots Abroad What to do in Yokohama: Food, Nightlife + Culture (2019年9月)
<https://www.twoscotsabroad.com/what-to-do-in-yokohama/>

The Scots Magazine Scottish Startups Should Consider Yokohama
<https://www.scotsmagazine.com/articles/scottish-startups-yokohama-sponsored/>

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There are a number of international opportunities for businesses in Scotland in the city of Yokohama Japan. We reveal five reasons why startups should go.

The Scots Magazine
<https://www.scotsmagazine.com/>

24.01.2020 News | Events | Yokohama City

Coventry Young Ambassadors visited Yokohama, the host city for the Tokyo 2020 Games!



On Tuesday, November 19th, 2019, we organized some programs for the Coventry Young Ambassadors, elementary-school-children volunteers learning about Tokyo 2020 who were visiting Japan in an Olympics study tour, to interact with other students in Yokohama.

The first destination of the Young Ambassadors was the Yokohama stadium located at Naka-ku, Yokohama, which will be the Games venue for Baseball and Softball at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

A friendship festival with the Japan Women's National Softball team and 6th graders from Tateno Elementary School was held on that day, which the British children also participated in.

At the festival 10 high school students from the Yokohama Commercial High School, who are part of the International Course and Sport Management Course, helped the Coventry children in pairs as language support volunteers.



Warm Welcome by the children from the Tateno Elementary



Introducing each other

The children from Coventry were slightly tired after the long trip from Tokyo in the early morning, but looked very happy to receive such a warm welcome.

They soon stepped onto the field and warmed up to each other with the high school volunteers, and the Japanese National Softball Team then entered the stadium!



It commenced with a demonstration by the athletes, and which was then followed by the children having a try. Some of the children actually stepped up to the batter's box and experienced the speed of the blazing fastballs thrown by the professional pitchers. They were too fast and some of the kids froze up!



Impressive pitching by a professional athlete.



A Young Ambassador also stepped up to the batter's box.

Everybody was then divided into 4 teams and enjoyed playing Tama-ire, a beanbag-toss game which is popular at Japanese school field days.



The Young Ambassadors, too, enjoyed themselves!

The program ended with a group photo shoot. It must have been an unforgettable experience for the Coventry Young Ambassadors.



Q&A Time! Representing everybody in Coventry



Photo shoot with the National Team

After the program with the National Team the Coventry Young Ambassadors had a special venue tour of Yokohama Stadium.



On the roof garden with a fabulous view of Yokohama



Everyone was happy to get into the BAYSTARS Car.

All the children were starving after the exercise provided by Tama-ire. They then moved to the Shin-Yokohama Ramen Museum for lunch. 9 junior high school students from Shinohara and Otsuna were then paired up with the Coventry children and supported throughout lunch and a tour of the museum.



Seriously choosing the restaurant!



Let's eat!



With the language support volunteers.

The children with full stomachs now headed out for the last program of the day, a tour of the Yokohama International Stadium. The Yokohama International Stadium will be the stage for Football at the next Olympic Games. It is also famous for being the final venue where the England team played in the recent Rugby World Cup. The Coventry children also watched the finals on TV and thus were all very excited to be standing on the same field as the players did.

This is a behind glimpse of the facilities that is usually closed to the public. Some of the children became very engrossed in taking photos. They were also able to sneak into the changing rooms that were actually used by the athletes during the Rugby World Cup and which were often seen on TV.



Did you take a good one?



Players' changing room. Looks like a comfy place to sit down.

From the field they were able to enjoy the magnificent scale of the stadium as they competed with the teachers and even had a chance to sit in the VIP seats.



Coventry Young Ambassadors will also support Team GB!



A group photo on the field.

Although it was a very busy day from the early morning on there were still opportunities to interact with the Japan Women's National Softball Team and the children of Yokohama City, and also experience tours of the venues that will be the stages for the Olympic Games. The 10 children and 7 teachers who visited Japan from Coventry were very happy and appreciated the opportunity before leaving Japan for home.

Language support volunteers' impression

Before participating in this event I was very anxious whether my English would be good enough for British elementary school students to understand, but as it turned out all the children were very cooperative and actively attempted to start conversations. By the end of the program I was able to be friends with them. It was a really great opportunity for me. (Yokohama Commercial High School)

I was glad to be able to support the British school children as an interpreter and tell them about Japan and some of our sightseeing spots. It was good to have had such a special experience.

Even with the language barriers I realized that I could communicate with people through sport. The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games are approaching and we don't have much time left, but hopefully the Olympic Games will provide more opportunities to use my English. (Yokohama Commercial High School)

I learned how fun it is to speak English through this program. I would therefore like to assist anybody who needs help as a guide at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. (Shinohara Junior High School)

This program was a great experience for me because I usually do not get the opportunity to communicate with people from other countries. (Shinohara Junior High School)

I was really nervous at the beginning, but the student who paired off with me actively started a conversation, and we became good friends. I hope I get another opportunity like that again. (Shinohara Junior High School)

I got to learn the various differences we have, for example Japanese culture and British culture. It was good feeling to tell the students who paired off with me about some of the aspects of Japan. (Otsuna Junior High School)

24.01.2020 News | Yokohama City

【募集終了しました】英国事前キャンプ横浜市ボランティア「横浜ホストタウンサポーター」



英国事前キャンプ横浜市ボランティア「横浜ホストタウンサポーター」の募集は終了しました！たくさんのご応募ありがとうございました。

横浜市は、東京 2020 オリンピック・パラリンピックにおける英国代表チーム事前キャンプを円滑に実施するため、英国事前キャンプ横浜市ボランティア「横浜ホストタウンサポーター」を募集しました。

令和元年 12 月20 日から令和 2 年 1 月21 日の応募期間に、募集人数の 100 人程度を大きく上回る 1,431人の皆様にご応募いただきました。英国代表チームにとってベストな準備環境を作れるよう、またサポーターの方々がいきいきと活躍いただけるよう、引き続き準備を進めていきます。

【今後のスケジュール（予定）】

令和 2 年

- 1 月末 応募者へ抽選結果を通知、個別オリエンテーション（説明会・面談等）案内通知
- 2 月下旬 個別オリエンテーション実施
- 3 月上旬 「横浜ホストタウンサポーター」決定通知
- 3 月下旬 英国代表チームによる全体オリエンテーション実施
- 5～6 月頃 役割別研修・リーダーシップ研修、ユニフォーム等受取
- 7 月初旬 英国代表チームによる全体研修
- 7 月 活動実施

◆横浜ホストタウンサポーター 募集概要

1. 活動期間

英国事前キャンプ中の主要期間を中心とした、2020年6月下旬から9月上旬

<主要期間：英国オリンピック代表チームキャンプ期間（7/5～8/5）の32日間>

2. 活動日数・活動時間

上記、主要期間のうち最低5日以上、休憩時間を含み1日あたり8時間程度

※ 事前キャンプの時間帯・役割によっては、活動が早朝・夜間となる場合もあります。

3. 活動場所

横浜市内ホテル、横浜国際プール（都筑区）、移動のシャトルバス内、その他市内施設や空港など

4. 活動内容

ホテル等での受付・総合案内、横浜国際プールでの設営・運営、誘導、通訳 など

5. 募集人数

100人程度

6. 応募期間

2019年12月20日（金）～2020年1月21日（火）

7. 応募方法

「横浜市スポーツボランティアセンター」WEBサイト内の応募用ページ（12月20日開設予定）にアクセスし、応募いただきます。応募にあたっては、事前に「横浜市スポーツボランティアセンター」への会員登録が必要です。

会員登録はこちらから↓

<https://sports.yokohama-volunteer.jp/spo-v/>

<「横浜市スポーツボランティアセンター」とは>

横浜市スポーツボランティアセンターは、スポーツボランティアの募集・登録をはじめ、横浜市内で開催されるスポーツイベントのボランティア情報、スキルアップにつながる研修会の開催情報の提供などを行っています。

8. 応募可能な方

次の7つすべてにあてはまる方が応募可能です。

（1）2002年4月1日以前に生まれた方

（2）日本国籍を有する方または日本に居住する資格を有する方

（3）日本語によるコミュニケーションができる方

（4）以下のような英語での日常会話が可能な方

- ・ 英国代表チームによる英語での研修や活動内容の説明を通訳なしで理解できる。
- ・ 英国代表チームによる英語での活動指示が理解でき、内容を第3者へ伝達できる。
- ・ 英国代表チームの選手から質問を受けた際、すぐに理解でき、応答できる。

（目安として TOEIC700点以上程度を想定しています。スコアの有無は問いません。）

（5）電子メール、携帯電話での情報伝達が可能な方

（6）「横浜市スポーツボランティアセンター」にご登録いただける方

（7）上記主要期間(7/5～8/5)のうち5日以上活動可能な方、かつ下記にすべて出席できる方

- ・ 個別オリエンテーション（2月下旬）
- ・ 全体オリエンテーション（3月下旬）
- ・ 英国代表チームによる研修（2020年7月を予定）

※フランス語の日常会話ができる方は応募の際にお知らせください。

(英国以外のホストタウン登録国のサポートを行っていただく可能性があります。)

<募集要項>

詳細は、募集要項をご覧ください。

募集要項 (こちらをクリック)

<お問合せ先>

英国事前キャンプ横浜市ボランティア「横浜ホストタウンサポーター」運営事務局

TEL 045-661-1558 (受付時間: 平日 10:00~18:00)



31.03.2020 Events | Yokohama City

A panel exhibition on GO GB 2020 and “Story-telling of British picture books” were held at Naka Library.



At Yokohama Naka Library in Honmokuhara, Naka-ku, a panel exhibition on the Olympics and Paralympics called “The British Olympic and Paralympic teams are coming to Yokohama!” was held from Friday, 17th January to Sunday, 16th February.



The Panel Exhibition “The British Olympic and Paralympic teams are coming to Yokohama!”

The panel introduced the British Olympic team and the connections between the UK and Yokohama, and we also collected and displayed books related to the UK for lending out. In addition to books for adults, we also prepared children’s books, which many visitors picked up to read.



A display of British picture books

In addition, we held a story-telling session to introduce British picture books and old tales. On Saturday, 18th January, 2020, we held a story-telling of British stories by a volunteer group, called Kotori no Kai, at which storytellers read old tales and stories aloud for the visitors. Everyone from children to adults listened to the stories and enjoyed the world of old tales and stories from Britain.



Story-telling of British tales and stories by a volunteer group, Kotori no Kai

On Saturday, 1st February, 2020, we again held a story-telling of British stories by another volunteer group, called Megumi-za.



Story-telling of British tales and stories by another volunteer group, Megumi-za

Including “Winnie-the-Pooh” and “The Tale of Peter Rabbit” which are well-known also in Japan, we read picture books aloud and introduced books on the theme of Britain. Everyone greatly enjoyed the world of British stories.

31.03.2020 Events | Yokohama City

On Monday, 20th January, we held a forum on “The Impact of Amplifying Creativity on the City – Welcome to Creative Dundee” in Yokohama.



To boost momentum toward welcoming the British Olympic team to the Tokyo 2020 Games, Yokohama City is actively preparing for the British preparation camp and host town program in various ways.

In this forum, we welcomed Ms. Lori Anderson, director of “Creative Dundee”, which is a key player in the creative industry in Scotland. The forum was held on the theme “The Impact of Amplifying Creativity on the City” along with guests such as creators, organizers, and editors who are active both in and outside of Yokohama.



First, Ms. Lori introduced the approach of Creative Dundee. Their efforts were very interesting, such as publishing a city guidebook that lists sightseeing spots selected by citizens and holding a networking event where presentations and competitions were held in a competition style. In addition, through the idea that “creativity can be a positive catalyst,” she explained that her business focuses on conveying information, networking to connect people, and collaborating with other fields.

In the following Lightning Talks in the first half, a presentation was delivered on similar creative activities being conducted in Yokohama and Japan. In order to make social issues known to many people, activities on applying creativity in various fields were introduced, such as a project in which an artist creates a work such as an illustration that depicts greenhouse gas reductions and then shares it, and an architect-led residence support site for single-parent families.



In the latter half, the discussion focused on questions from participants. Ms. Lori appreciated the potential and vision in Yokohama, saying, “People in Yokohama understand creativity and show their involvement through effective networking,” and added, “To define a vision for urban policy, we need to seek what the city’s needs are and what to do about it.”

- Click here to read more (external website, Japanese language only)

<http://yokohama-sozokaiwai.jp/special/20247.html>

- Click here for more information about the guest speakers (external website, Japanese language only)

<https://acy.yafjp.org/news/2019/15575.html>

23.04.2020 News | Yokohama City | Kawasaki City | Keio University

Joint Statement from UK Sport, the British Olympic Association and the British Paralympic Association on the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.



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2020
FRIENDS OF GREAT BRITAIN

On Tuesday, March 24, The International Olympic Committee and The Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee announced the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games will be postponed by the summer of 2021 in the wake of the Global Pandemic of COVID-19.

On the same day, the British Olympic Committee, the British Paralympic Committee and UK Sport issued a joint statement.

JOINT BOA, BPA AND UK SPORT STATEMENT

The British Olympic Association (BOA), British Paralympic Association (BPA) and UK Sport welcome the news of the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Chief Executive of the BOA, Andy Anson, said: "It is with profound sadness that we accept the postponement, but in all consciousness it is the only decision we can support, in light of the devastating impact COVID-19 is having on our nation, our communities and our families.

"Alongside UK Sport and the BPA, we have consulted with the National Governing Bodies of summer Olympic and Paralympic sports and with athlete representative groups, including our Athletes' Commissions and the British Athletes' Commission. It is with their input and support that we have a unanimous view that the impact of COVID-19 on athletes' training and preparation means their regimes are now compromised irreparably. It is time for them to stop thinking about Tokyo 2020 for now and be home and safe with their families.

"It would have been unthinkable for us to continue to prepare for an Olympic Games at a time the nation and the world no less is enduring great hardship. A postponement is the right decision.

"We have incredible sympathy for the Tokyo 2020 organising committee and indeed our colleagues at the IOC, who are working tirelessly to seek a positive outcome to this difficult scenario. The Olympic Games is a symbol of hope for us all and we are sure that we will be in Tokyo at the right and appropriate time as the world re-emerges from this dark period."

Sally Munday, CEO of UK Sport said, "We welcome today's decision from the IOC, IPC and Japan that the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games will be postponed. Given the unprecedented global challenge we face, today's news means that athletes, their coaches and support staff can now fully focus on what really matters at this terribly difficult time, keeping themselves and their families safe.

"We are working closely with government to ensure we can effectively support sports and their athletes through this distressing period. I'd like to take the opportunity to reassure sports that our guidance from last week remains in place that we will not seek to recover any financial performance investment or Athlete Performance Awards due to disruption caused by COVID-19. We also realise that today's decision has significant financial implications for our high performance system and we are working hard to identify the wide ranging impacts and scenarios and are in close contact with government to establish how best to support our summer Olympic and Paralympic sports and athletes to be ready for the Games when they do take place.

"I'd like to thank all our athletes who are playing a role in so many different ways in these challenging times, from supporting their local communities to inspiring us to stay active in our own homes. I'd also like to reassure the public that whilst the games are postponed, we strongly believe the power of sport will inspire the nation again."

Mike Sharrock, CEO of the BPA, added: "The British Paralympic Association fully supports the decision to postpone the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Stemming this global public health crisis and doing everything possible to safeguard the health and wellbeing of people should clearly take priority in these unprecedented times.

"We welcome the clarity this now gives Paralympic athletes throughout the world who have had their training and qualification plans severely disrupted but also recognise it will still be a deeply unsettling time for athletes who have worked for years focussed on delivering their best possible performance in Tokyo this summer.

"The British Paralympic Association is already implementing contingency plans to ensure ParalympicsGB athletes have everything in place to be best prepared for the Games when they are staged in 2021.

"We recognise that there are a huge range of factors to be considered when looking to postpone an event at this scale and we acknowledge the scale of the challenge for our friends at the Tokyo organising committee, the IOC and IPC in addressing these.

"Now is the time for us all to work together to overcome this global threat. Sport has a unique power to inspire and bring people together and we are certain that the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games can be that beacon of hope for the whole world to focus on to show what the human spirit can achieve."

We wish to state that this decision – to postpone the Games – should in no way be a reflection on the excellent organisation of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games by the IOC, the Tokyo Organising Committee and the Government of Japan.

Our thoughts remain with the families and individuals affected by COVID-19, as well as the front-line workers – including many health care professionals from the UK sports' network – who are working to keep our communities safe and well.

We also sympathise with the many hundreds of athletes, both in the UK and globally, whose careers and personal ambitions are being impacted after many years of hard work and training.

We remain committed to taking our Olympic and Paralympic athletes to Tokyo for the next edition of the summer Games, at the appropriate time, in the hope that it will be a celebration of the world re-emerging from this unprecedented time.

The British Olympic Association (BOA) website

<https://www.teamgb.com/news/boa-bpa-and-uk-sport-statement-on-tokyo-2020>

UK Sport website

<https://www.uk sport.gov.uk/news/2020/03/24/tokyo-games-statement>

British Paralympic Association (BPA) website

<https://paralympics.org.uk/articles/joint-statement-on-postponement-of-tokyo-2020-olympic-and-pa>

27.04.2020 Yokohama City | Kawasaki City | Keio University

Get some exercise at home! Team GB releases workout videos!



We're all doing our part to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus by spending more time at home. However, do you feel like you aren't getting enough exercise, and that your stress is growing?

If you do, then why not get some exercise with Team GB? They have released videos of workouts that you can do at home!

In the Team GB videos, top athletes introduce workouts that range from simple to do exercises that can be followed by those who do not engage in regular exercise, all the way to training for advanced exercisers.

The videos can be found here. (Link to another site) →

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLar7mrt65NAjwEW4aBZdbdxWBqkyeDW1_



There are 29 videos of different types of routines (as of April 2020). The time it takes to complete one workout is about 15 to 20 minutes.

For beginners, try starting with snowboarding athlete Aimee Fuller's video, in which she provides instruction on a mobility workout of light exercises that will increase your body's range of motion and flexibility. Also try diving competition athlete Leon Taylor's video on yoga. Your body will feel much lighter.

For those who are confident in their physical condition, try taking on one of the high-intensity interval training (HIIT) routines, in which you'll alternate between periods of all-out exercises and short periods of rest. It's a real challenge!

Also, there are training videos that target the core, the upper body, and the lower body. Feel free to search for the right video that meets your needs.

If you're feeling sluggish and want to get your body moving, get in a good workout and say goodbye to stress with the Team GB videos! If you keep it up, perhaps you'll find yourself with a body like an athlete!

Please take a look at the Team GB official channel! (Link to another site) ↓

<https://www.youtube.com/user/teamGBtv>

※Japanese articles only

2020.07.28 ニュース | 横浜市 | 川崎市 | 慶應義塾大学

‘Dear Tokyo’ 東京 2020 オリンピック 1 年前～ Team GB からメッセージが届きました



Team GB から東京へ、「オープンレター」という形のメッセージ

東京 2020 オリンピックまであと 1 年となった 2020 年 7 月 23 日、英国オリンピック代表チーム Team GB が、東京に向けた最新の動画を公開しました。「Dear Tokyo」で始まる動画のナレーションを担当するのは、テコンドーでオリンピック 2 度のメダリストとなった、ルタロ・ムハンマド (Lutalo Muhammad) 氏です。

動画では、1964 年にアジアで初めて開催された東京オリンピック競技大会が、復興と平和の祭典として世界をひとつにした様子を紹介するとともに、現在の困難の中において、来夏に延期となった東京 2020 大会が「世界の人々にとって希望の礎となり、東京が私たちを再び団結させる」と、ムハンマド氏が静かに熱く語りかけています。

‘Tokyo is What Makes Us’

<https://youtu.be/BQ79CiIrKtc>

Dear Tokyo,

We first met in October 1964;
the weather was warm, and the colours of autumn
were starting to push their way through.

We travelled to see you in all your beauty
for an event that would symbolize re-emergence and peace.

You united the world, bringing live images into
our homes and pictures of moments we'd never forget.

Since then, you've held a very special place in our hearts.

Decades have passed but the memories live on.

We were due to meet again this summer,
but nothing could have prepared us for what happened.

The world is hurting right now, and it needs time to heal.

We'll be apart for another year,
but they say that absence makes the heart grow fonder,
and this much we know is true.

When the time comes, we'll be ready to return – to your bright lights,
your captivating culture and your warm and passionate people.

23 July 2021 stands as a beacon of hope to the world.

An unparalleled celebration of unity,
It will be you who brings us all together once again.

Until then, we'll keep preparing, keep improving and keep building.

Because Tokyo is What Makes Us.

With love,
Team GB

東京 2020 大会 1 年前に際して Team GB の最高経営責任者および選手団長（シェフ・ド・ミッション）からの言葉

また、動画の公開に際し、Team GB のアンディ・アンソン CEO とマーク・イングランド選手団長もコメントを寄せています。

アンディ・アンソン CEO

「これまでとまったく違った状況のもと、我々はもう一度、東京 2020 オリンピック大会の 1 年前を迎えることとなりました。誰にとっても困難であった 4 か月の期間、Team GB の全てのアスリートと、Team GB に関わる全ての人々が示した態度や取組について、我々は非常に誇らしく思っています。アスリートには国民の心を一つにする力があります。彼らの姿を見ることで、人々は再び来年の夏の東京を待ち望むようになるに違いありません。」

マーク・イングランド選手団長

「今日は、本来であれば、東京 2020 オリンピック大会の開会式前夜であるということは、とても信じ難いことです。我々が目指すのは、常に Team GB が東京で最も準備が整ったチームになることであり、大会が延期されたとしてもそれは変わりません。ロックダウン以前のチームは、申し分のない状態にあり、貴重なパートナー、関係者、そして舞台裏で辛抱強く取り組んできたチームのおかげで、依然として、同じ状態を保っていると言っても過言ではありません。何よりもまず、この期間に Team GB とその競技のアンバサダーを務めたアスリートに感謝したいと思います。来年の夏、彼らは国民の誇りとなるでしょう。」

英国オリンピック代表チーム(Team GB)のページ (英語)

<https://www.teamgb.com/news/team-gb-demonstrates-its-support-for-tokyo-with-one-year-to-go>

22.10.2020 News | Yokohama City | Kawasaki City | Keio University

A documentary film starring Jonnie Peacock, a sprinter of the ParalympicsGB, is now available on Netflix



ParalympicsGB



He's one of the para-athletes expected to win the gold medal at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Game

The Netflix original documentary film "Rising Phoenix" was released one year before the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, which has been now postponed to next year, features the Paralympics' history with stories of Paralympians in their prime from across the world and their enthusiasm for the Games.

This film features one of the Paralympic superstars of the United Kingdom in his prime, Jonnie Peacock (an athletics athlete in 100m T44). When he was 19 years old, he won a gold medal in front of a massive audience at the London 2012 Games, and another at the Rio 2016 Games four years later. Peacock, who runs 100 m in the 10 second level, is expected to win his third consecutive gold medal at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.



Jonnie Peacock won a gold medal at the Rio 2016 Games

For more details, visit the ParalympicsGB's Website.

<https://paralympics.org.uk/articles/watch-netflix-release-trailer-for-rising-phoenix-the-story-o>

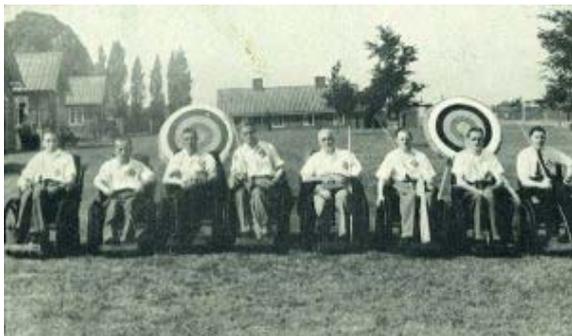
Looking back on the history of the UK's Stoke Mandeville Games with video

The Paralympics originated from injured war veterans engaging in sport using wheelchairs, referred to as the Wheelchair Games held in Stoke Mandeville Hospital in London in 1948.

Dr. Ludwig Guttman, who encouraged the sport with goal of rehabilitation for veterans injured with spinal cord paralysis in World War II, is called the 'father of Paralympics'. In the 'Rising Phoenix', his daughter appears and recounts her father's memories.



Dr. Ludwig Guttman giving a speech at the opening ceremony of the Stoke Mandeville Games



Wheelchair athletes who took part in the Games

Watch the Official Trailer: Rising Phoenix, Netflix

動画スタート画面 (<https://youtu.be/7XdNSAQeR2I>)

<https://paralympics.org.uk/articles/watch-netflix-release-trailer-for-rising-phoenix-the-story-o>

05.11.2020 News | Yokohama City | Kawasaki City

The message from the British Paralympic Association was posted on Information Guide Website of Host Towns.



Secretariat of the Headquarters for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Cabinet Secretariat launched an exclusive website to “Light up” the activities of Host Towns, “WE ARE ALL, ONE WORLD Light up HOST TOWN Project”. (an external link) for many people both inside and outside Japan to learn about Host Towns.

It also introduces videos from the athletes and supporters in other countries, and please take a look the heartfelt message from Ms. Anneli MacDonald, Preparation Manager for the British Paralympic Association’s pre-Games preparation camp.

<https://youtu.be/h0Wm6WRck1I>

You can also find the webpage to introduce Yokohama City and Kawasaki City, the Host Town for the UK.

https://host-town.jp/hosttowns/search_result

【Yokohama City Event Report】 Message photos were taken to send to Team GB at Autumn Rose & Garden Market 2020



Luckily blessed with a clear autumn sky, we set up a PR booth for our host town program and Team GB preparation camp at Autumn Rose & Garden Market 2020 which was held on Nihon-Odori St. on Saturday, the 31st October and Sunday, the 1st November.

With the messages saying "Let's get through this together for Tokyo 2020 Games next year!", "We can't wait to see you!", "GO GB!", we had a great photo shoot with "Shaun the Sheep", our PR ambassador to connect the UK and Yokohama.

Many thanks to the over 300 visitors who joined us in 2 days, it ended with a big success.



The photos will be edited now to upload a message movie for Team GB. We'll upload it on GO GB website once it has been completed. Don't miss it!

20.11.2020 News | Yokohama City

Online Lecture by Head of Marketing at Team GB held at Yokohama Shogyo High School



Yokohama City is promoting activities in various fields related to the Team GB pre-camp and host town program in order to create an atmosphere to welcome Team GB during Tokyo 2020.

On Wednesday, November 18, 2020, Mr. Edward Jones, Head of Marketing of Team GB, gave an online lecture titled “An introduction to the Brand and Team GB’s campaigns” for the students on the Sports Management Course and International Course at Yokohama Shogyo High School.



Mr. Jones, Head of Marketing of Team GB, giving the online lecture

Mr. Jones first explained how BOA has been working on brand development and their approach. BOA has been taking various approaches to unite and inspire the nation through the power of Team GB and the values of the Olympic movement.

He also shared how Team GB makes British people interested in the team and the history of the team, which has become the most popular sports team in the UK under its vision for sustainable success and brand for good. One of their approaches is promotion through social media channels.

The team has 3 million followers across six different social media channels and tries to find ways to drive deeper engagement outside of the Games in order to increase engagement during the Games.

BOA approaches fans through social media channels by posting fewer, bigger and better stories, then aligning consistent themes that build up toward their purpose to inspire richer levels of engagement. BOA does this across all channels, but takes a bespoke approach to each and focuses on where they can have the most impact and on high growth areas. To make this approach successful, they create digital environments through content, platforms, products and events.

In the latter half, he introduced the education program that BOA has been working on as the legacy of London 2012 and the campaign run for Tokyo 2020 to sustain their brand development.

To ensure Team GB is supported by the nation and well regarded by partners, peers and prospects and to make the team more valuable in future, BOA aims to enhance their performance, and attract and increase investment.

Q & A

Q. I would like to start my own business in the next few months. How should I promote it effectively on a small budget?

A. It is good to focus simply on the digital channel. Then you should think about your target audience, because they will be powerful promoters for your branding. Please remember why you started the business and do not hesitate to ask for help from anyone who can provide it.

Q. I would like to know the difference between Japan and the UK in how to inspire the nation for the Olympics and about Team GB's approach.

A. In my opinion, we seek better opportunities to boost momentum. We tend to capture key moments that will have an impact, rather than promote something on a daily basis.

Q. I think the most effective marketing for sports is to gain more spectators watching the games, but we are now in a difficult situation due to the COVID-19 pandemic and spectators cannot come to games. Have you tried any new approaches amid the restrictions?

A. We do not take as much time as in the past. The number of spectators could be the number of digital fans which is a very interesting opportunity, so both the team and I work on how to win more spectators. However, we always take this approach whether there is a pandemic or not.

There is a time difference during the Games, and it will be very late at night in the UK, so we must think how to access digital fans and how to feel the success of Team GB which is actually in Tokyo. I focus on these issues and try to practice this approach via social media and various other digital channels.



Q & A

Feedback from the students

What was the most impressive story?

-Telecommunications and related networks are expanding around the world and it is important to take advantage of anything we can use to inspire the world through sports.
(1st grader)

-It was impressive that he focuses on every moment of athletes' journey instead of hot topics.

I agree that spreading the moment ends up involving more and more people in the Olympics.

(2nd grader)

-In marketing, it is important to approach from different perspectives consistently and narrow down a target that will be supported by the nation.

(2nd grader)

-It was impressive that the team tries to find a way to keep deep engagement and attract the nation constantly outside of the Games, even though the Olympics is held every four years. Competing is the main part of the Olympic Games, and I never realized that it is important to attract the nation constantly, not only during the Games but also before and after the Games. But I learned that it is important to do so to increase engagement during the Games.

(2nd grade)

What was new to you or surprised you?

-Using digital tools is always important.

(3rd grader)

-BOA verifies various data to inspire the team and boost momentum.

(3rd grader)

-The BOA promotion approach is broad compared to Japan, and they use athletes in their advertising campaigns.

(2nd grader)

What is your overall impression of the lecture?

-It was interesting and new to me that BOA uses digital tools to attract and increase investment and advertise campaigns to inspire the nation.

(3rd grader)

-It was interesting to know his background before he started working in sports marketing at Team GB.

(2nd grader)

-I learned a lot about business and marketing. I also learned about the approach and background to increase brand awareness of athletes and the team. I want to apply what I learned today.

(3rd grader)

-I think Team GB is the best supported and the most popular sports team in the nation. This does not exist in Japan. I want to learn more about sports and management.

(3rd grader)



Commemorative photo with Mr. Ed Jones on the screen



Students in the lecture



Taking a screenshot

2020.11.24 ニュース | 横浜市 | 川崎市 | 慶應義塾大学

東京 2020 パラリンピックを目指す英国選手たちの日常を映し出す『Paralympics+1』



英国パラリンピック委員会による動画が月 1 回配信されます

英国パラリンピック委員会では、来夏に延期された東京 2020 パラリンピックに向け、パラリンピアンたちがどのような日々を過ごしているかを、インタビューを交えた動画で紹介しています。

「ParalympicsGB+1」と題されたこの動画シリーズは、東京 2020 大会の延期により更なる 1 年の期間を得たアスリートの舞台裏を映したもので、今まで以上にパラリンピアンを身近に感じることができます。動画は毎月配信されます。

シリーズ第 1 弾として公開された動画では、カヌー競技のシャーロット・ヘンショウ選手が登場しました。彼女の練習現場から、当然訪れたニューノーマルな日々で体験した苦労や練習における工夫などを振り返るとともに、コロナによる大会延期と向き合う自身の心情を語っています（約 8 分）。

<https://youtu.be/JDWs-h3J4bk>

さらにシリーズ第 2 弾には、**川崎市で事前キャンプを行う可能性のある、陸上競技のステフ・レイド選手**（走り幅跳び T64）が登場しました。彼女は、ロンドン 2012 大会で銀メダル、リオ 2016 大会でも銀メダルを獲得しています。大会出場時のクラスは、日本人の中西麻耶選手（リオ 2016 大会 4 位）、高桑早生選手と同じ T44 クラスです

英国パラ陸上のステフ・レイド選手（走り幅跳び T64）が登場

ロックダウン中の練習も楽しく前向きに

春から夏にかけて英国では、コロナ感染拡大防止策として、ロックダウンという日本よりも厳しい措置が取られました。選手たちも公式練習はできず、自宅でトレーニングをする日々が続きました。

レイド選手は、2017年のロンドン世界選手権で金メダルを獲得した後、怪我や事故が重なり、リハビリを経て、東京2020大会を目指していましたが、そこにコロナ禍が襲いました。

走り幅跳びに必要な砂場がないため、ロックダウン中はトレーニング用のラダーを購入し、毎週新しいステップを覚えて、楽しみながら身体を鍛えてきました。動画の中でも素早く複雑なステップを披露しています。

東京2020大会の延期を知った時は、「すごく残念だった」けれど、彼女は「人生なんて何の保証もないことは分かっていた」と、あくまで明るく語ります。「私の場合、完璧なプランが台無しになった経験は、これが初めてではありません」。

15歳の時に知った「人生に絶対なんてことは何もない」という真実

彼女は、15歳まではラグビー選手として活躍していました。当時はプロになることが目標だったのですが、ボートの事故で片脚を失いました。

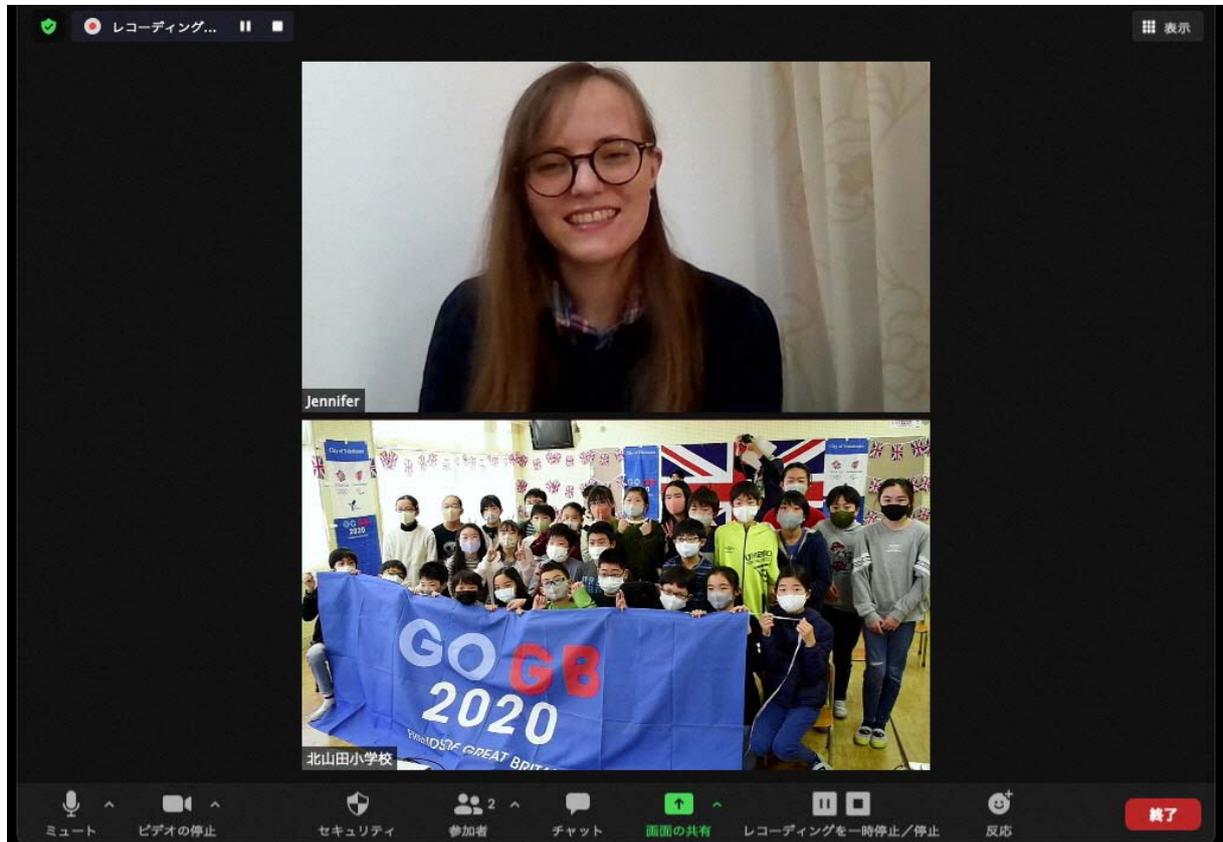
「その時学んだことは、人生は何が起きるか分からない。常に変化するものであり、絶対ということは何もないということです。人生のプランを手放すことは辛いけど、順応すること。それが人生だから」と、話します。

英語のみの動画となりますが、彼女の明るい笑顔と、競技に取り組む姿は、パラスポーツの素晴らしさを言葉よりも雄弁に語っています。ぜひご覧ください（約10分）。

<https://youtu.be/INXJh6s31R0>

18.12.2020 News | Yokohama City

Online Exchange Program to learn more about Great Britain held at Yokohama Municipal Kita-yamata Elementary School



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After the video message from Aimee, Ms. Jennifer introduced herself and a little about her country, the UK. She told us about popular sports in the UK and about how they also hosted the Olympic Games in London in 2012. She is from Manchester, which has two famous professional football teams.

Her introduction was followed by a quiz game about the UK. There were four questions in total, which included "What is the capital of the UK?", "Which sports originated in the UK?" and "What is 'soccer' called in the UK?" It looked like the students learned some English words and enjoyed guessing the answers.

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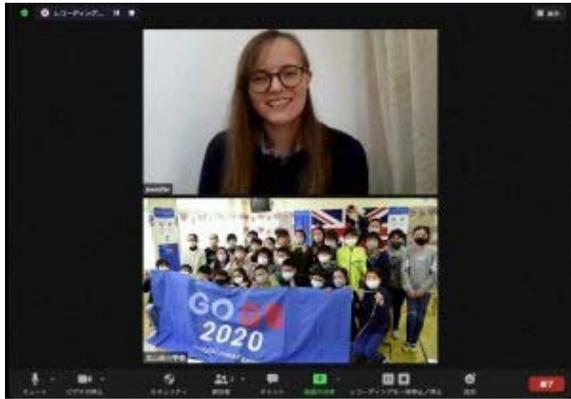


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After the quiz, we enjoyed Charades, the main activity of the program. Again, we learned some new words and simple sentences in English, and students tried to use the new vocabulary immediately in the activity.

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At last, we took a commemorative photo with Ms. Jennifer on the screen. The students gave a thank you message to her at the end of the program, and she replied “I hope you learn more about the UK.”

All the students at Kita-yamata elementary school who joined the program this time will welcome the British National Teams at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games and support them using English words they learned in this program.

05.01.2021 News | Events | Yokohama City

An online seminar, themed Inclusive Design, learning from the British model and expertise, is now Posted on YouTube.

～共生社会ホストタウン事業～

インクルーシブデザイン・オンラインセミナー



■ 日 時: 2020年12月11日(金)
18:00～19:00

■ 講演者: イアン・マッキノン 氏

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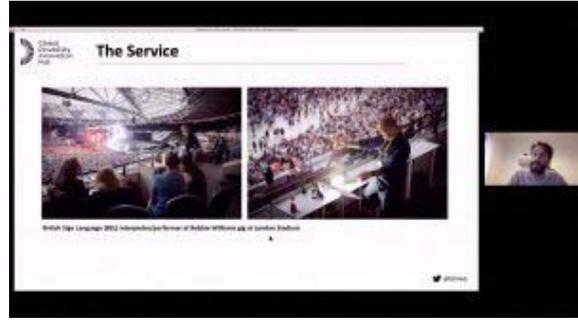
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GREAT PARTNERSHIP

As the host town for the GB National Teams in the Tokyo 2020 Games and an inclusive-society city promoting urban development based on universal design and programs for barrier-free minds and hearts, Yokohama has been taking various approaches in this area.

As a part of our approaches, in cooperation with The British Council, a British public body specializing in international cultural and educational opportunities, and the Global Disability Innovation Hub (GDI Hub), which is a legacy of the London 2012 Paralympics, we held an online seminar given by a British lecturer for sports-related organizations and sports facility officials in Yokohama in December 2020.

We invited Mr. Iain McKinnon, director of Operations & Inclusive Design at the GDI Hub, to serve as the speaker for the seminar titled “Inclusive Design at sports facilities” via Zoom. He introduced the design method called Inclusive Design and barrier-free models based on the experience of the London 2012 Games. He also gave his ideas and advice about universal design at sports facilities in Yokohama during the Q&A session. It was a fruitful opportunity for all participants.

The video of the seminar is now available on YouTube. Please take this opportunity to think about Inclusive Design, which is not well-known in Japan, and a diverse society. Enjoy it!



★Please visit the URL below depending on your preferred language.

[YouTube Yokohama Official Channel for Tokyo 2020 Games]

- Japanese version

https://host-town.jp/hosttowns/search_result

- English version

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WljEKtqd0Zs>

● Iain McKinnon

Director of Operations and Inclusive Design at the Global Disability Innovation Hub. As a member of the National Register of Access Consultants, he works on creative and innovative solutions in a wide range of projects such as the basic planning of complex facilities, both historical and modern buildings, products, and operations at venues and live events. He leads Inclusive Design as an advisor.

*GDI Hub: The GDI Hub is a key part of the London 2012 Paralympic legacy, established with the vision of making a positive difference to the lives of the one billion disabled people around the world. Based at UCL Here East on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, the GDI Hub works with local communities, academics, experts and disabled people to drive innovation, co-design and creative thinking.

Yokohama, Friends of Great Britain! Yokohama brings a smile with photo messages to the GB National Teams.



As the host town for the GB National Teams in the Tokyo 2020 Games, Yokohama has been taking various approaches to connect the UK and Japan. However, this year it has been difficult to have face-to-face communication due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Yokohama hopes to bring a smile to everyone on the GB National Teams to boost their morale as they continue to prepare for the Tokyo 2020 Games! With that in mind, we took photos of visitors to the PR booth for our host town program and Team GB preparation camp at the Autumn Rose & Garden Market 2020 which was held on Nihon-Odori St. in Yokohama on Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1.

Blessed with blue skies on the day and thanks to the over 300 people who joined us, we got many nice photos and the event was a big success.

The photos were edited into three slideshows with messages to send to the GB National Teams.

We look forward to deepening our friendship in various fields.

[YouTube Yokohama Official Channel for the Tokyo 2020 Games]

To watch the slideshow, please visit:

- Yokohama, Friends of Great Britain! Photo messages Vol 1.

<https://youtu.be/jEHi4UB3-6k>



- Yokohama, Friends of Great Britain! Photo messages Vol 2.

<https://youtu.be/xPHYJ7VwLS8>



- Yokohama, Friends of Great Britain! Photo messages Vol 3.

<https://youtu.be/CILRZTbHdII>



08.03.2021 News | Yokohama City

Online Exchange Program to learn more about Great Britain held at Yokohama Municipal Higashi-yamata Elementary School



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15.03.2021 News | Events | Yokohama City

Live distribution of an online seminar titled "Thoughts on the Diverse Society – Message from a British Paralympian –"

"Thoughts on the Inclusive Society - Message from a British Paralympian -"



■ **Time:** 17:30 - 18:30,
March 19 (Fri.), 2021

■ **Speaker:** Susie Rodgers MBE

Olympic & Paralympic Promotion Division, City of Yokohama
Cooperation: The British Council

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As the "host town" for Team GB in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and a symbiotic-community city promoting urban development based on universal design and programs for barrier-free minds and hearts, Yokohama has thus far been taking various approaches in this area.

While direct exchange with British personnel has become difficult due to the spread of COVID-19 this fiscal year, we have been developing programs for online exchange.

As part of this online exchange, we are going to make a live distribution of an online seminar presenting thoughts on symbiotic societies. Based on her experience, we have invited Susie Rodgers MBE, a British Paralympian who won a gold medal at the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, to serve as the speaker. This will be a precious seminar in which viewers will be able to hear the message of a British Paralympian who has been energetically pursuing activities related to symbiotic societies, through a live distribution directly from the United Kingdom. Don't miss it!

Time: 17:30 – 18:30 (tentative), March 19 (Fri.), 2021

Viewing procedure: By live distribution on YouTube (free of charge)

* The distribution will be available in both Japanese and English, through simultaneous interpretation services. Please click the URL for the language of your choice.

– If you want to view the seminar in Japanese, click this URL:

<https://youtu.be/LD8ny2s8OqY>



– If you want to view the seminar in English, click this

URL: <https://youtu.be/ee4jAyJwvHQ>



Cooperation: The British Council

* We plan to make a video of this online seminar for subsequent storage in our archives, and to upload it on the same channel. We shall inform you of the related details through this website.

Notice

We are also distributing the archive video of the online seminar titled “Inclusive Design – Learning from Great Britain,” which was held on December 11, 2020. To view it, [click here](#).

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●Susie Rodgers (スージー・ロジャース) 氏のプロフィール

スージー・ロジャース氏は、2度のパラリンピック大会出場を経験している元水泳選手です。ロンドン2012パラリンピックで、3つの銅メダルを獲得し、リオ2016パラリンピックでは、金メダルと2つの銅メダルを獲得しました。

現在では、英国の外務・英連邦開発省で経済的エンパワーメントにおけるディスアビリティ・インクルージョン*1に関する顧問を務めています。

また、インクルージョンについてグローバルに講演活動を行っており、英国の海洋保護協会の大使も担っています。さらには、世界経済フォーラムの若きグローバルリーダーであり、ブリティッシュ・カウンシルの障害者諮問委員会のメンバーでもあります。

2017年には、女王陛下から水泳競技への貢献に対して MBE*2 を授与されました。

*1 障害のあるすべての人びとが教育、訓練、雇用、社会のあらゆる側面に参加することを促進し、確保し、そうした参加が十分できるように必要なサポートや便宜を提供するという考え方であり、障害のある人もない人も共生し、包摂するという考え方である。

*2 Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire の略。大英帝国勲章

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<https://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/city-info/koho-kocho/press/shimin/2020/0310kyousei.html>

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2021.06.23 ニュース | イベント | 横浜市

【横浜市】英国パラトライアスロンチームからのメッセージが届きました！ ～英国と横浜 映像でつながる絆～



5月15日（土）、16日（日）に2021ワールドトライアスロン・パラトライアスロンシリーズ横浜大会が、徹底した新型コロナウイルスの感染防止対策のもと、2年振りに無観客で開催されました。横浜市は、英国の事前キャンプ地・ホストタウンとして、2018年より横浜大会に出場する英国トライアスロン、パラトライアスロンチームと市内小学校との交流を行ってきましたが、今回は残念ながら直接の交流は実現しませんでした。

そこで、少しでも応援の気持ちを伝えるべく、市民の皆様にご協力いただき制作した、「Yokohama, Friends of Great Britain! Photo 応援メッセージ」を英国トライアスロンチームへ映像をお届けしたところ、とても喜んでいただきました！

さらに、横浜大会に出場した英国パラトライアスロンチームのコーチと、見事メダルを獲得した選手よりお礼のビデオメッセージをいただきましたのでご覧ください。

【Youtube 横浜市東京2020関連情報公式チャンネル】

<https://youtu.be/3zpxlHckTrc>

- ・GOGB トライアスロンチームからのメッセージ動画は次の YouTube URL よりご覧ください（英語）
* 冒頭録音状況により、音声小さくなっております。ご了承ください。

<https://youtu.be/3zpxlHckTrc>

映像の参考和訳は以下のとおりです。

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[Jonathan Riall] ジョナサン・ライアル コーチ



こんにちは！ジョナサン・ライアルです。英国パラトライアスロンのヘッドコーチをしています。横浜市の皆様、また英国パラリンピックムーブメントと英国パラリンピックチーム、とりわけ毎年ここ横浜を訪れるトライアスロンチームをサポートして下さる横浜の皆様に深く感謝いたします。

我々は、2014年以來、毎年この地を訪れており、もちろんここが大好きです。今日は、ジョージとマイケルがレースに参加し、大変喜ばしいことに、両名とも非常に素晴らしいレースを行い、ジョージが優勝、マイケルが2位という結果になりました。皆様にサポートいただくことはいつも喜ばしく、また、横浜に戻ってこられることも、いつも嬉しく思います。8月にまた戻ってこられるようお願いしており、もちろん来年も同様で、皆様に直接お会いできることを願っております。

本当にありがとうございました。また近いうちに会いましょう。

[Michael Taylor] マイケル・テラー 選手



皆さんこんにちは。マイケル・テラーです。英国から来ました、パラトライアスロン選手です。今回、このような素晴らしい大会にお招きいただき、横浜市にお礼を申し上げます。この大会は非常に素晴らしいもので、皆さまからのとても温かい歓迎の気持ちを感じることができ、十分楽しむことができました。

また、お陰様で、いただいた応援メッセージ動画でモチベーションを維持することが出来ました。そして結果、銀メダルを獲得しました。本当にありがとうございます。また近い将来、戻ってこられることを願っています。

[George Peasgood] ジョージ・ピースグッド 選手



今週送っていただきました応援メッセージ動画ですが、横浜市の皆さんに深く感謝します。動画は本当に感動的で今回の試合に臨む上で、とても勇気づけられました。また、ワールドトライアスロン・パラトライアスロンシリーズ横浜大会を開催して下さったことに深く感謝いたします。競技が再開できることは非常に喜ばしく、とても素晴らしい雰囲気の中で行われました。僕もレースを非常に楽しむことができました。本当にありがとうございました。

※Japanese articles only

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東京 2020 オリンピック・パラリンピック英国代表チーム 横浜市・川崎市・慶應義塾大学で事前キャンプを開始 -事前キャンプの概要-



東京 2020 オリンピック・パラリンピックに向けた英国代表チームの事前キャンプが、横浜市・川崎市・慶應義塾大学でスタートします。今回の事前キャンプは、英国と横浜市・川崎市・慶應義塾大学の3者が平成 28 年より数年にわたる調整準備を重ねた結果、実現するものです。

事前キャンプの実施にあたっては、大会組織委員会や国等から示された「プレイブック」等に基づき、英国代表チームと横浜市・川崎市・慶應義塾大学が連携し、事前キャンプ期間中の感染症対策を徹底し、安全・安心な事前キャンプを運営します。

＜事前キャンプの概要＞

【英国代表チーム全体の規模】 約 600 人（オリンピック）、約 200 人（パラリンピック）

横浜国際プール（横浜市）



キャンプ期間 令和3年7月12日～8月5日（オリンピックのみ）

人数 約50人（オリンピック）

競技 ●水泳 ・競泳 ・アーティスティックスイミング ・飛込（ダイビング）

等々力陸上競技場、補助陸上競技場（川崎市）



キャンプ期間 令和3年7月9日～8月2日（オリンピック）

8月14日～9月2日（パラリンピック）

- 人 数 約 200 人 (オリンピック)、約 100 人 (パラリンピック)
- 競 技 【オリンピック】
- 陸上競技 ●サッカー ●7人制ラグビー
- 【パラリンピック】
- 陸上競技

慶應義塾大学日吉キャンパス



キャンプ期間 令和3年7月8日～8月7日 (オリンピック)、
8月13日～9月1日 (パラリンピック)

人 数 約 400 人 (オリンピック)、約 100 人 (パラリンピック)

競 技 【オリンピック】

- アーチェリー ●ボクシング ●柔道 ●ウエイトリフティング
- バドミントン ●フェンシング ●ホッケー ●テコンドー
- バスケットボール ●体操 ●近代五種 ●卓球 ほか

【パラリンピック】

- アーチェリー ●テコンドー ●パワーリフティング ●柔道
- 車いすフェンシング

前述の3施設のほか、次の2施設も使用予定です。

横浜カントリークラブ

【利用方法】 一般客が利用していないゴルフコースをランニング

【利用期間】 令和3年7月16日～7月31日 (早朝、夕方)

【競技及び人数】 陸上競技 (ロード) ほか、約 30 人

パシフィコ横浜ペDESTリアンデッキ

【利用方法】 デッキの一部を市民等との接触がないよう区分し、ジョギングや
トレーニングなどの軽い運動

【利用期間】 令和3年7月9日～7月28日 (午前のみ)

【競技及び人数】 ボクシング、サッカー、ホッケーほか、約 50 人

- ※ 7月1日から各施設で順次、英国オリンピック委員会（BOA）スタッフによる事前準備を実施。
- ※ 複数施設で練習する選手がいるため、各施設の人数は重複していることがあります。
- ※ 上記の内容は現時点の情報であり、今後、変更となる可能性があります。

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安心・安全な事前キャンプ運営に向けた感染症対策



英国代表チームの皆様が安心して事前キャンプを実施し、市民の皆様も安心して英国代表チームの皆様をお迎えしてもらうため、三密の回避、社会的距離の確保、マスクの着用、手洗い・消毒などの基本的対策を徹底するとともに、「プレイブック」（IOC、IPC、大会組織委員会）や国からの指示等に基づき、主に次の対策に取り組みます。

なお、昨年末以降の変異株の発生・流行など、日々刻々と変化する状況や求められる対策等に適切に対応してまいります。

（下記の対策は令和3年6月30日時点の内容です。）

(1) 英国代表チームの出入国時における感染症対策

- ・ 出発 2 週間前から隔離措置を始め、隔離生活期間中に合わせて 5 回検査を実施する。
- ・ 出国前 3 日間、毎日検査を実施し、陰性証明を取得し、検疫又は入国審査時に提出する。
- ・ 入国前 14 日間の健康モニタリングを提出する。
- ・ 入国時、空港にて検査を受検する（検査結果判明まで指示した待機場所に留まる）。

(2) 英国代表チームの事前キャンプ期間中の感染症対策

ア スクリーニング検査

- ・ 事前キャンプ地に滞在中の選手等に対し、毎日検査を実施する。

イ 選手等の行動管理

- ・ 選手等の行動は、宿泊施設と練習会場等の用務先の往復のみに限定する。

ウ 市民等との接触を避けるための対策

- ・ 公共交通機関は利用せず、専用車両で移動する。
- ・ 宿泊施設において、他の宿泊客との接触を避けるため、宿泊フロアや動線を分離する。
- ・ 食事は他の宿泊客等との接触を避け、宿泊施設内の専用会場で摂ることを原則とする。
- ・ 練習会場は、貸切を原則とし、関係者以外の立入りは不可とする。

(3) 事前キャンプ関係者の感染症対策

- ・ 事前キャンプに関わる市職員や宿泊施設・練習会場などの関係者には、ワクチン接種（任意）や、活動に従事する 14 日前から検温・体調チェックを実施する。
- ・ 英国代表チームとの接触の度合いに応じて、定期的に検査を実施する。

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東京 2020 オリンピック・パラリンピック英国事前キャンプに向けて 英国オリンピック・パラリンピック代表チーム団長がコメントを発表



横浜市・川崎市・慶應義塾大学で行われる英国代表チームの事前キャンプに向けて、英国オリンピック代表チーム団長のマーク・イングランド氏、英国パラリンピック代表チーム団長のペニー・ブリスコー氏がコメントを発表しました。

英国代表チームの皆様が、大会で最高のパフォーマンスを発揮していただけるよう、横浜市・川崎市・慶應義塾大学で連携し、感染症対策を徹底して事前キャンプを運営します。

【英国オリンピック委員会 参考和訳】

東京 2020 オリンピック英国代表チーム選手団長、マーク・イングランド (Mark England) 氏からのコメントです。

「大切なパートナーである横浜市・川崎市・慶應義塾大学のご支援のおかげで、オリンピック開催前に英国代表チームの選手にとって重要な事前キャンプを実施できることになり、心より御礼申し上げます。」

「私たちは市民、選手、選手団の健康と安全を最優先に考えております。また、私たちはこの後訪日しますが、全員の安全を守るために事前キャンプ関係者の皆様が準備を重ねてこられたことに感謝いたします。」

東京 2020 組織委員会と日本政府によって共同製作された東京 2020 大会の公式「プレイブック」と「ホストタウン等における選手等受入れマニュアル」（内閣官房）に基づいて、新型コロナウイルス感染症対策を徹底し、英国との協力のもと、安全・安心な事前キャンプを運営します。オリンピック・パラリンピック英国代表チームと市民の全員の健康と安全を守るため、「プレイブック」等に基づいて、次のとおり新型コロナウイルス感染症対策を徹底します。

① 選手団の出入国時における感染症対策

- 入国前に 14 日間の自己隔離を実施し、新型コロナウイルス検査を計 5 回実施する。陰性結果証明書を取得し、検疫または入国審査時に提出する。
- 入国前に 14 日間の健康観察を実施し、その記録を提出する。
- 空港到着時、新型コロナウイルス検査を受ける（検査結果が判明するまで専用の場所で待機する）。

② 事前キャンプ期間中の感染症対策

- a. スクリーニング検査 - キャンプ地に滞在している選手等は、事前キャンプ期間中を通じて毎日スクリーニング検査を受ける。
- b. 選手団の行動管理 - 選手等の移動は、宿泊施設と練習会場などの用務先の往復のみに限定する。
- c. 市民との接触を避けるための対策 - 選手等の移動には、公共交通機関ではなく専用車両を使用する。他の宿泊客との接触を避けるため、チームの宿泊フロアや動線を分離する。食事は専用の食事室のみで行う。

③ ホストタウン関係者の感染症対策

ホストタウンの事前キャンプに従事する市職員、宿泊施設や練習会場の関係者は、ワクチン接種を受け（任意）、従事前 14 日間の健康観察を実施する（毎日の検温を含む）。接触の度合いに応じて、定期的にスクリーニング検査を受ける。

以上

【英国パラリンピック委員会 参考和訳】

東京 2020 パラリンピック英国選手団長、ペニー・ブリスコー（Penny Briscoe）氏からのコメントです。

「選手の事前キャンプを運営するため、パートナーである横浜市・川崎市・慶應義塾大学と緊密に連携・協力してきました。また、英国と日本のチーム全体で、選手団や市民の健康と安全を最優先に考え、入念な計画を立ててきました。」

『プレイブック』に基づき、チーム全員の安全を守るために、検査を含むさまざまな感染症対策を徹底します。パートナーの皆様との緊密な協力のおかげで事前キャンプを実施できることになり、心より御礼申し上げます。選手たちは、皆様が私たちのためにご尽力いただいたことに感謝しており、訪日を心待ちにしております。」

【原文】

Team GB Chef de Mission for the Tokyo Olympic Games, Mark England, said: “We are extremely proud and grateful for the ongoing support that we have received from our valued partners in Yokohama, Kawasaki and Keio University in ensuring that we can provide the optimum Preparation Camp for Team GB athletes before they compete at the Tokyo Olympic Games. ”

“The health and safety of the Japanese public and of the athletes and our delegation remains our number one priority and we know that our Preparation Camp partners have gone above and beyond to guarantee the safety of everyone when we arrive in country later this month.”

We will fully comply with all COVID-19 Countermeasures pertaining to the official Games ‘Playbooks’ produced by Tokyo 2020/Japanese government and ‘Host Town Acceptance Manual’ to deliver safe and secure preparation camps in cooperation with the UK.

To safeguard all members of the Team GB and Paralympics GB and the local residents in Japan, we will fully comply with COVID-19 Countermeasures upon the official Games ‘Playbooks’ (IOC, IPC, Tokyo 2020) and ‘Host Town Acceptance Manual’ (Cabinet Secretariat) as follows;

① Measures upon entry into and departure from Japan imposed on the delegation

- All delegates need to self-isolate 14 days prior to the departure and have five COVID tests in total. They must obtain negative test certificate and submit it to the Quarantine Officer and/or at immigration control when they arrive in Japan.
- All delegates need to do 14 days of health monitoring prior to departure and submit the record.
- All delegates need to complete COVID-19 testing on arrival of the airport. (They will wait at the designated waiting area to get their test results).

② Measures during the Preparation Camps

- a. Screening Test – All delegates who stay at camp sites will complete screening tests every day during their preparation camps.
- b. Behavioral Management of the delegation – All delegates are restricted to travel only between their accommodation venues and their business destinations such as training venues.

c. Measures to avoid contact with the local residents – All delegates will use dedicated Games vehicles and do not use public transport. Any floors with Teams' rooms booked will be blocked and separate flows to avoid contact with other hotel guests. The delegation also use their private dining room

③ Measures for Host Town staff

All staff members, who engage the preparation camps, in local governments, accommodation venues and training venues at Host Towns will be vaccinated (optional) and do 14 days of health monitoring including taking daily body temperatures. Also, they will have regular screening tests, depending on how close they get.

Ends

ParalympicsGB Chef de Mission for the Tokyo Paralympic Games, Penny Briscoe, said:

“We have been working closely and collaboratively with our partners in Yokohama, Kawasaki and Keio University to ensure that we can deliver successful Preparation facilities for our athletes. There has been a lot of planning across our teams in the UK and in Japan to prioritise the safety of our delegation and the health and safety of the Japanese public.”

“We will go beyond the measures outlined in the playbooks in a number of areas including testing to deliver a safe environment for the team. We are very grateful to our Japanese partners for working so closely with us to achieve this and our athletes are very aware of how hard everyone is working on their behalf and are looking forward to arriving in Japan.”

12.07.2021 News | Events | Yokohama City

[Yokohama City] Kohoku Ward Office, Hiyoshi Shopping District and KEIO2020 Project release a video message to cheer on Team GB.



“Welcome to Yokohama!” Rooting for you!

The pre-Games training camp of Team GB has finally started! Kohoku Ward Office, in compliance with Covid-19 countermeasures, has made a video message to cheer on Team GB with KEIO2020 Project, the project team run by Keio University students who support Team GB (at Keio) during the camp period.



photo : Shooting a video in front of a flower shop at Hiyoshi Shopping District

On June 24, the season of chirping cicadas, we filmed a video at Hiyoshi Shopping District. Together with local residents in Yokohama, we deliver our message, “Welcome to Yokohama” and “GO GB!” with our love and friendship.

video : Hiyoshi Shopping District



★Please visit the URL below

<https://youtu.be/QAMId2nYENU>



photo : Shooting a video at Hiyoshi Shopping District

Delivering messages in relay-style

The video message filmed by Hiyoshi Shopping District, Kohoku Ward Office and KEIO2020 Project is now on our Instagram page in relay-style, with 15 seconds each.

Please check it out at the official website of KEIO2020 Project:

<https://ipe.hc.keio.ac.jp/keio2020project/>

The City of Yokohama continues to deepen friendships with the UK and sincerely hopes to stay in touch in various fields.

14.07.2021 News | Yokohama City

[Yokohama City] Welcome to Yokohama! The GO GB manhole covers are placed around the square in front of Kita-yamata Station



The pre-Games training camp of the British National Swimming Team for Tokyo 2020 Olympics is currently being held at Yokohama International Swimming Pool.

Eleven manhole covers specially designed with GO GB logos have been placed around the square in front of Kita-yamata station.

We are cheering on all of the British Swimming Team who are training hard for Tokyo 2020.



A GO GB manhole cover placed in the square of Kita-yamata station

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the British National Team cannot use public transport and so cannot see the actual manhole covers, but we are exhibiting a replica cover in the training area at Yokohama International Swimming Pool for the team to see.



A replica of the manhole cover exhibited at Yokohama International Swimming Pool



Description of the manhole cover in English for the team to read

[Yokohama City] Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Education Program Authorized Schools in Tsuzuki ward participated in an online exchange with the British National Swimming Team.



The Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games are around the corner, and the British National Swimming Team has been holding their pre-Games training camp at Yokohama International Swimming Pool since July 12.



Yokohama City hosted some exchange program, and students at Higashi-yamata Elementary School, Kita-yamata Elementary School and Ushikubo Elementary School joined the program such as online exchange. The students also wrote lively messages on the flags including GO GB flags to be conveyed to the team.



■ Online Exchange

The online exchange between the children at elementary schools in Yokohama and the British National Swimming team was held, and 5th graders at Kita-yamata Elementary School and 5th & 6th graders at Ushikubo Elementary School participated in the program.



All the students had a valuable opportunity to ask questions to the athletes directly and cheer on the team.

■ Flags with children's messages

5th & 6th graders at Higashi-yamata Elementary School, 1st to 6th graders at Kita-yamata Elementary School and 5th & 6th graders at Ushikubo Elementary School wrote welcome messages to cheer on the team on the flags. There were three kinds of flags: GO GB, Union Jack and Tsuzuki ward, and we prepared 14 flags in total.



During the camp, we displayed the flags in the team training area, and the children's messages surely gave the team more power. The flags were sent to the team when they left for the Olympic Village.



[Yokohama City] Students at Higashi-yamata Elementary School organize a surprise send-off for the British National Swimming Team who had their pre-Games training camp at Yokohama International Swimming Pool!



On Tuesday, July 20, the British Swimming Olympic Team, who have had their pre-Games training camp at Yokohama International Swimming Pool, left for the Olympic Village in Tokyo. On the last training day at the pool, students in the 5th & 6th grade at Higashi-yamata Elementary School sent off the team as a surprise at their school playground.



Children cheering on the athletes at their school playground

All athletes and staff of the British Swimming Team who were about to leave by the shuttle bus were so surprised at the unexpected send-off by the children.



Athletes waving back before getting on the bus

Students waved at the athletes, shouting "GO GB!!" by the fence, and the athletes smiled and waved back.



Children sending off the team with GO GB flags in their hands



Athletes reacting to the children's send-off

It was a short time, but all the students were excited by this valuable opportunity to see Olympic athletes up close.

30.09.2021 News | Yokohama City | Kawasaki City | Keio University

We have received a message from Mr. Andy Anson, CEO of British Olympic Association.





Andy Anson CEO, British Olympic Association

The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games will be remembered as a Games like no other – one of sheer human endeavour and extraordinary sporting prowess.

They were always going to be a highly complex Olympic Games to deliver and that was before the Covid-19 pandemic, which complicated further the task of delivering on all of Team GB's ambitious targets.

At the heart of our operation was a comprehensive and world-leading performance environment that we delivered with the integral support, enthusiasm and commitment of our partners at Keio University and the cities of Kawasaki and Yokohama. The support, expertise, diligence and positivity that their teams brought to every task and challenge we faced was vital to the ultimate success of Team GB at Tokyo 2020 – we couldn't have done it without them.

It is not just the time and effort from our partners in Tokyo that was so important but we will be forever grateful for the friendships that have been formed that will last well into the future. We hope that it is a future inspired by the memories of Tokyo 2020.

Arigato gozaimasu,

Andy Anson
CEO, British Olympic Association

30.10.2021 News | Yokohama City | Kawasaki City | Keio University

We have received a message from Mr. Mike Sharrock, CEO of British Paralympic Association.



The British Paralympic Association is incredibly proud to have worked with Keio University and the cities of Yokohama City and Kawasaki City to deliver our pre-Games Preparation Camp. This camp was an essential part of our Games time operations and vital to the success of our team at the Games. Our partners embraced the complexity that the pandemic posed and delivered world class facilities and the best possible environment for our athletes and staff to prepare in.

More than that though, they embraced our vision to use sport to inspire a better world for disabled people. Through accessibility modifications to facilities and engagement events with local citizens both in person pre pandemic and now virtually we have inspired change and learnt from each other. We are very grateful for the warmth and enthusiasm of everyone we worked with and look forward to continuing our work together in the future.

Arigato gozaimasu

Mike Sharrock
CEO, British Paralympic Association

Yokohama City received commemorative items for Tokyo 2020 Games from the British National Teams as a token of their appreciation.



As the pre-Games preparation camp is now over, Yokohama City received various commemorative items including autographed photo panels of athletes and uniforms from the British National Teams (Team GB and ParalympicsGB) as a token of their appreciation for the camps held in Yokohama.

The commemorative items and decoration items, which were used to decorate spaces at training venues and accommodation venues by the National Teams, were displayed for citizens to see at the exhibitions at Atrium, an event space in Yokohama City Hall, Yokohama International Swimming Pool and Tsuzuki Ward Office from September to October, 2021. The banners and message boards carried not only athletes' autographs but also all the thoughtful words of appreciation from athletes, including even some messages in Japanese saying "Arigato". The exhibitions included photos of some scenes of the preparation camps, and it was a good opportunity for our citizens who visited the city hall and ward office to learn more about the preparation camp.

Some of the items were presented to training venues such as Yokohama International Swimming Pool and Yokohama Country Club, accommodation venues and elementary schools where the exchange programs with the National Teams were held. At Yokohama International Swimming Pool, the autographed photo panels of the British Swimming Team members are on permanent display – please take a look when you next visit!



01.12.2021 News | Yokohama City

[Yokohama City] A Thank-You Party for Yokohama Host Town Supporters, volunteers in Yokohama for the British pre-Games Preparation Camp, was held!



On Sunday, 31st October, a "Thank-you Party for Yokohama Host Town Supporters" was held. We displayed all the flags with autographs and thank-you messages from the athletes which had been exhibited at Yokohama City Hall and Tsuzuki Ward, decorations actually used during the preparation camp, placards handmade by supporters, and so on at the British House in Yokohama, which is known as a historical place linking Yokohama with the UK since the opening of Yokohama Port. Amid a very British atmosphere which reminded us of the preparation camp, supporters reunited again wearing volunteer official uniforms for the camp, and the party began in a relaxed mood like a school reunion.

The party started with a slide presentation on screen, looking back at the volunteer activities, which brought back many good memories. This was followed by a presentation of commemorative gifts from the British National Teams and Yokohama City. Gifts from the BOA included posters and neck lanyards used during the camp, gifts from the BPA included certificates of appreciation with each volunteer's name on, and the City of Yokohama presented reusable bags made from the Team GB flag banner which had been displayed at Yokohama International Pool during the preparation camp. Each supporter also made a speech in front of everyone and shared their memories and anecdotes.

Finally, video messages lasting over 10 minutes from six staff members of Team GB and Paralympics GB were shown on the screen, in which they expressed their sincere gratitude to the supporters who greatly assisted the British preparation camp during the two months. After the video message, we took a commemorative photo while holding the GO GB flag, bringing the party to an end.

The time (1.5 hours) flew so fast, but everybody left the British House with a smile and looking forward to the next reunion.



19.05.2019 What's the Pre-Games camps? | From Kid Reporters

500 Days To Go! Festival



The City of Yokohama receives assistance in writing reports from members of the Tsuzuki Junior Editorial Board, located in Tsuzuki Ward, home to Yokohama International Pool and site of the British Olympic Team's preparation camp.

This article covers 500 Days To Go! Festival held in March, 2019.
Please check it out!

It's now less than 500 days to go until the Tokyo 2020 Olympic & Paralympic Games. Accordingly, there are a variety of Games-related events held in Japan. We, junior reporters joined "500 Days to go!" Festival, an event related Tokyo 2020 Games which was held around Shin-Yokohama Park. It was on a wide scale, and we found the booth which introduces about our host town program with the UK.

Junior reporters showed their interests in one of the mini concerts which were held at the main stage. "Alchemist", Japanese duo and children from Okamura Elementary School performed "Ano Sora" composed by the duo and Japanese school children. Reporters also enjoyed the show by Games Mascots and "Foorin", the group of 5 elementary schoolers who are popular with "Paprika", the fight song for the Games used on NHK.



Reporters also had a chance to get the hands-on experience mainly related to Para sports, and they tried a wheelchair basketball and wore prosthesis for sports. It was a valuable experience which enabled kids to get familiar to Paralympic sports and warm to cheering at Tokyo 2020 Games.



Here are some feedback from junior reporters

I enjoyed some performances at the stage in Nissan Stadium. The first performance was the special live show by "Alchemist" with school kids from Okamura Elementary School. It was so impressive. The vocalist of Alchemist is physically impaired, however, he did not hide his disability and performed with his head held high and it touched my heart. The next one was the show which allows the audience to join the stage to sing and dance "Paprika" together. After the show, I challenged wheelchair basketball. It was so hard to hit the shot with my hands due to using a wheelchair. But, it gradually became easier to hit the shot once I got the hang and made it more fun. It looks so easy when I watch TV showing top athletes hitting a shot, but I realized how hard it is when I actually tried it.

Risa Sogo

I got a chance to ride on two-seated bike for visually impaired athletes to sit on the back. I sat on the back, and an event staff pedaled a bike. I was told to close my eyes halfway through to experience how it feels like and it was so scary especially when we made a turn with my eyes closed. It's so amazing that para athletes are in sync with their guides at races even they are blind.

Mirei Katai

I didn't have much chance to watch para sports before. But I had many para-related experiences like wearing prosthesis and playing a wheelchair race and a wheelchair basketball at this event. It was hard to walk with prosthesis because it felt like my leg was bouncing. At the try-out area for a wheelchair race, I tried how fast I can pedal the wheel with sitting on the sports-specific wheelchair and the staff took my time. It was very tiring to pedal the wheel to be fast. I recorded 13.7km/h at the beginning but I got tired and gradually slowed down so it was only 7km/h at the end.

Shota Suzuki

The most interesting experience of the day was to time the speed when I shoot the ball. I have tried 3 times and my best record was 48km/h. The best record of all of the day was 87km/h. I wish I could kick the ball faster to beat the record. They also have a lot more activities like a wheelchair basketball and marathon with blinders on.

Rintaro Fujie

So many booths were lined up. The most attractive experience for me was to wear prosthesis. It was very heavy and brought a little discomfort. It is incredible that the handicapped athletes with their legs walk and run with that much weight. I also tried the wheelchair basketball. It was hard to hit the goal with sitting on a wheelchair and could not make a goal, so I was so happy when I made a goal. I will give my best to support not only the Olympic athletes but also the Paralympic athletes.

Mashiro Yamada



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British Swimmers Meet Yokohama! ~ 2018 Japan Para Swimming Championship



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This article covers 「2018 Japan Para Swimming Championship」 held on September, 2018. Please check it out!

British Swimmers Meet Yokohama! ~ 2018 Japan Para Swimming Championship

2018 Japan Para Swimming Championship was held at Yokohama International Swimming Pool in Kitayamata, and 12 young reporters were there to cheer all the swimmers. First, they checked the program schedule which was handed out at the game venue to see who are participating from the UK in the game. Once a British athlete appeared, everyone shouted "GO GB!" with the British flags in their hands, and the rest of time, they enjoyed the cheering with the calls of "Nippon cha-cha-cha!". Their shouts have surely reached the athletes.

Here are some reporters' voice.

I was surprised many of the British swimmers made a new record as they performed. I would like to deepen our friendship with England toward Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Shinnosuke Kubo

All the handicapped swimmers have performed brilliantly at the Japan Para Championship. Every swimmer was making effort to do their best. I was impressed to see them work hard with never-give-up spirit even some of them finish in last place and everyone never stop challenging even with their disabilities. I would like them to keep challenging.

Sayuki Yamada

As I watched the Japan Para Swimming Championship, I was strongly impressed by one athlete with only one arm. He (or she) finished swimming 100m, and what is more, his (or her) record was about the same as mine. It was a great experience to watch this competition.

Akari Shikata

It was the first time for me to watch handicapped athletes' sports competition. I thought it was a valuable experience to watch the live game so I have already been excited before the game began.

The United States, Canada, Mexico, Columbia, the United Kingdom, Spain, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan all participated in the Championship. I was so surprised that the athletes in every country swam so fast. Furthermore, I was amazed that there were many athletes who made the new championship record or new Japan record. Their swimming form were very nice that completely inspired me to learn by watching.

I especially focused on the British athletes (I, of course, cheered for Japan too!) because one of the British pre-games camps for Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games will take place in Tsuzuki-ku.

I hope all Japanese will support the British athletes as well Japanese athletes with the "GO GB! (=GREAT BRITAIN)" slogan to make our friendship closer and stronger.

Kiyori Tanaka

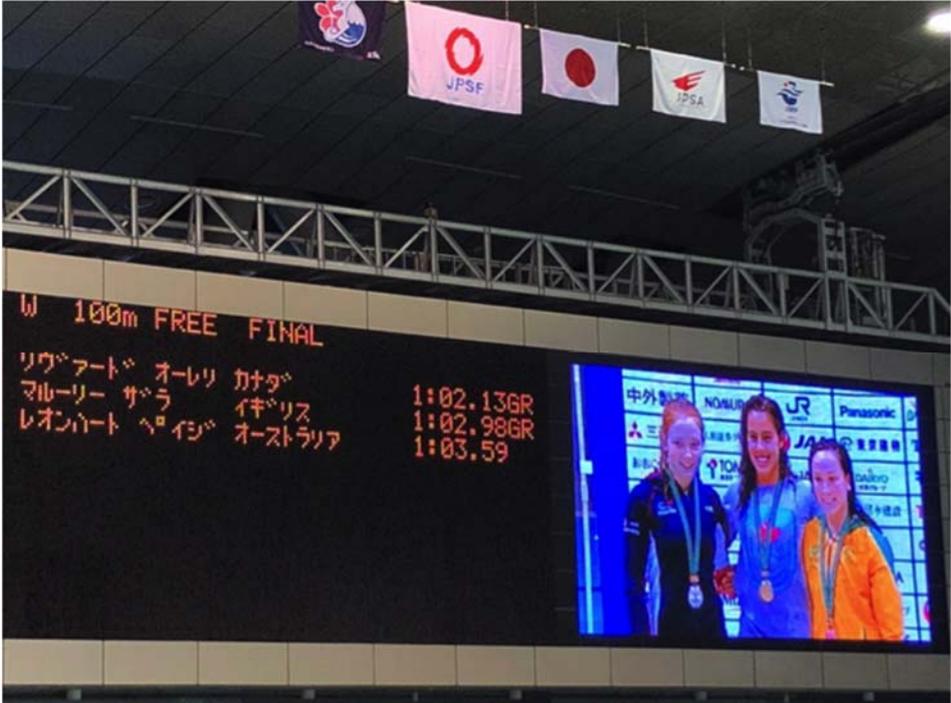
I watched the final race in the afternoon. The first thing surprised me was that there were so many people here to watch the game.

On one side of the seats, all the business people from the various organizations were watching, and the other side was filled with the public of all ages.

The photo introduces the awards ceremony for S6 100m Freestyle (Women). Maisie Summers Newton reached the podium with the powerful swimming even she is petite, and she made us a big fan of her.



Another photo introduces the awards ceremony for S10 for the same category. To my surprise, Zara Mullooly is a high school student and is only a year older than me. In 50m Butterfly (Men), a wide range of swimmers like elementary schoolers and middle schoolers participated while middle-aged swimmers performed brilliantly.



The photo below introduces the awards ceremony for S12 100m Freestyle (Men). Stephen Clegg won the first prize and set the new record. He is visually impaired but his pace was as fast as the non-handicapped swimmers. At the first game of the same category, some swimmer performed with backstroke, not crawl which reminded me the idea of thinking outside the box.



Most of the audience was Japanese since the competition was held in Japan, however, everybody supported all athletes regardless of their countries. I think it is one of the good aspects of Para sports.

Many foreign athletes won the first prize at this Championship while many Japanese also reached the podium. I expect the swimming might be the one of the sports that Japanese can win the medal at Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. There are many more remarkable swimmers across the world which makes the games tough for Japanese athletes, however, I would like to support not only the Japanese swimmers but also the foreign swimmers from all over the world.

Maka Nakajima

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Team GB Came to Yokohama International Pool (YIP)! GO GB!



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We visited the Yokohama International Pool for the open training session held by the British athletes (Team GB) who participated in the 2019 FINA World Aquatics Championships, held in Gwangju, South Korea from July 12th to 28th, 2019. We also joined them at their send-off ceremony where local students had the chance to interact with them on the last day of their training camp.

Please enjoy our reports!

[Team GB Preparation Camp on the 13th of July: Open Training Session]

We, Junior reporters observed their training by the pool. Many junior high school students in the neighborhood including athletes from local school swimming clubs were also there for the open session and enthusiastic to learn from professionals like them.

The manager at YIP explained to us that they adjusted the pool condition as to the international level competitions wherein water temperature was as low as 27°C, and pool depth was deeper than usual. In this preparation camp, the athletes had 2-hour trainings in the morning and afternoon, for nine consecutive days.



We had the time to observe the training from the audience seats. Trainings included swimming 1500M back-to-back, freestyle with one arm up, and flutter kick practices where four athletes got in sync.

They were mainly swimming at a slow pace, but once the coach timed a race, it seemed like the athletes doubled their paces than usual. When they had the time, they waved their hands at us making us very happy.

After the training, some athletes and staff took the time to answer some of our questions. Junior reporters asked questions in English they worked hard to prepare. The interpreter translated the athletes' answer for us, and the athletes gave compliments on our English, and said "You speak good English."



Q: What do you think about the pool at Yokohama International Pool?

A: Thanks to all the excellent staff of the facility, the pool condition was very nice and perfect for swimming.

Q: How much do you swim a day?

A: On daily trainings, I swim for about 12-14km a day.

Q: What made you start swimming?

A: When I was 12, a certain swimming athlete inspired me.

Q: What is the interesting thing part of swimming?

A: I have a lot of chances to travel around the world for competitions. It is nice and fun to see the world.

Q: How do you move on when you fall into a slump?

A: I review my swimming to find out what is bad and restart from the beginning.

Q: What do you eat before a competition?

A: It is different for each athlete. I try to have lots of vegetables and protein.

Reported by: Naoki Kikuchi, Sara Kobayashi, Yuri Mori, Hitoha Shimizu, Mao Shimizu,
Aika Ishijima, Ayako Adachi, Ami Hasegawa, Kiyori Tanaka and Shota Suzuki

[Send-off ceremony on 16th July]



The ceremony began with the song, "Believe," sung by the YIP Choir, which is also used for their practice. The athletes and staff were welcomed afterwards. The song was chosen to let the athletes know that they are being believed of the results of their hard work and that they can yield their best performance.

After everybody was seated, students from Kitayamata Elementary School handed message cards written for each athlete. The cards were decorated with dried flowers from Yokohama which were prepared by students from Shikinomori Elementary School. Messages for the team were then written by students of Kitayamata Elementary School. The giving of message cards was then followed by the recorder performance, "The Promise of the World," by Higashiyamata Elementary School.

They chose this song to convey the message of achieving world peace through sports. Lastly, the athletes gave words of gratitude and presented a framed message board. The ceremony ended with a group photo. The children made a runway where they sent the team off with high fives. Their hands were as big as our faces, and we were also surprised at how tall they were.

**Reported by: Yuina Tsukioka, Sara Kobayashi, Risa Sogo, Ami Hasegawa,
Kokoro Tanaka, Asumi Noguchi and Kokono Hirota.**



[Junior reporters' impression]

I was impressed that the athletes showed no sign of tiredness even though they swam long distances. I thought to myself, "These guys are really professional athletes." The team looked happy when they received farewell gifts from students at the ceremony. I hope that they show results of their hard work at the World Championships.

Ami Hasegawa, 6th grader

We welcomed the team with a song at the send-off ceremony. All athletes were tall that the folding chairs prepared for them appeared smaller than actual. I wondered if the taller the athletes were, the faster they could touch the goal panels. I want to support the British athletes, as well as the Japanese athletes. I wish they keep trying and keep doing their best.

Yuina Tsukioka, 5th grader

It was impressive that the athletes showed me a gentle smile when they passed through the runway made by the students, even though they were tired from the training that lasted until just before the ceremony. I really wish them the best in World Championships.

Asumi Noguchi, 5th grader

They showed us their fine play as a team. The best moment that showed their bond as a team was during their dive into the pool. If a diver makes a mistake, the athlete who supports the training would get injured. After seeing that, I thought, "They trust each other." I, again, realized how important it is to support one another during trainings.

Ayako Adachi, 6th grader

At the end of the send-off ceremony, British athletes passed by and I shouted, "GO GB!" from behind. Then, they replied, "Oh, Thank You!" It was a happy moment.

Risa Sogo, 6th grader

I think it was a really good experience to participate in a program where I could interact with British athletes. I found the joy to communicate with people beyond language barriers, and it gained my interest for Britain. I would like to make more opportunities to learn about Britain through the World Championships and Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Kiyori Tanaka, 6th grader

At this opportunity, I was very impressed by the British team. As I observe their training, it was evident that they have been swimming for a very long time, yet they were so nice to wave at us and answer our questions kindly. They were also friendly to give small children athletes' card and a high five. It was a great opportunity to support the British team's training with a GO GB flag in hand. At the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics next year, I want to support the British team and contribute to the team.

Naoki Kikuchi, 6th grader

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07.10.2019 What's the Pre-Games camps? | From Kid Reporters

A Real Taste of Britain in Japan ~ the tour for British Embassy, Tokyo



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This article covers "A Real Taste of Britain in Japan" held on August, 2018.

Please check it out!

Tsuzuki-ku was the place selected for the British pre-games preparation camps for Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games. All junior reporters at Tsuzuki Junior News Office gained their interests for UK and visited British Embassy in Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo to seek for the opportunity of how they can support for British athletes as a host city in 2020.



Once we entered the building, we were deeply impressed by its size. We surely get lost without a guide. Inside, we found an acorn tree and a cute house straight out of a fairy tale. In its garden, we saw many cherry blossom trees and heard that some (one) of them were (was) planted by Queen Elizabeth. In addition, the swimming pool is for the staff. The tour brought us endless surprises.

The guide asked us "Is there anyone who ever visited UK?" Nobody raised his/her hand, but he said "Actually this is the territory of UK and you are all now in the UK". His answer made everyone surprised, but it surely is like the UK to see all the British-styled building and scenery.



At the ambassador's residence, the floor is all covered by red carpet, and the gorgeous chandelier is sparkling above. In the guest room, you can see the British government collection of paintings and a huge fireplace which made the building just like a castle. The beautiful furniture and mysterious decorations also impressed us.

The 1st floor is mainly used for the guests, and the gatherings take place every day. British Embassy supports our diplomacy between Japan and Great Britain and assisting British citizens who currently live in Japan. The ambassador's residence was established in this place in 1875 and was rebuilt in 1931. Also, the ambassador actually lives there.



We were welcomed with afternoon tea in the beautiful room, and began our interview with English black tea and biscuits.

Here are some reports from their interviews;

Interviewee: Mr. Greg Mulheirn, Counselor for Olympic and Paralympic Affairs

Atsuyuki Miyashita (6th grader)

Q: "What made you inspired to work at the British Embassy in Japan?"

A: I had many chances to visit various countries by working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the British Government. Among the many countries in the world, it is very attractive to work especially in Japan which has a deep bond with our nation, UK. So far, I enjoy having Japanese dishes every day.

Akari Shikata (6th grader)

Q: "Please tell me your impression of Japanese people."

A: It is wonderful that many of Japanese are very detail-orientated and perform their tasks (follow the direction) perfectly.

Kiyori Tanaka (5th grader)

Q: "Is there any plan that someone from the British Royal Family visit Japan for Tokyo Olympic or Paralympic game?"

A: It is not officially announced yet, however, there is a former athlete for Equestrian in the Royal family might visit Japan.

Maka Nakajima (9th grader)

Q: "In 2020, how would you introduce Japan to British athletes who participate in the Olympic Games?"

A: We will tell them about Japanese culture, and we would like to add that Japanese are very shy.

Shinnosuke Kubo (6th grader)

Q: "What kind of impression do your people have for Japan?"

A: Japanese martial arts, comics and dishes are very popular in the UK. Japan has advanced technology and a traditional culture. It is also attractive that the traffic is accurate which makes out travel very convenient.

Rintaro Fujie (5th grader)

Q: "It is planned that the British Pre-Games Preparation Camp for 2020 Olympic takes place in Yokohama International Swimming Pool. Is there anything we can help at the time?"

A: It's very nice to hear that! All the British athletes would appreciate your friendship. Please support the UK as well as Japan.

Mao Shimizu (5th grader)

Q: "What is the most famous sightseeing spot in the UK?"

A: Lake District is very famous for tourists. It is known as the birthplace of Peter Rabbit story. Of course, we have many more famous tourist spots. I would recommend you to visit and see.

Naoki Kikuchi (5th grader)

Q: "Would you continue an international exchange with Tsuzuki-ward after 2020 Olympic Games?"

A: We do not have any specific plan at this point, however, I am sure that will increase the chances to exchange our cultures and deepen our friendship as many British athletes will visit Japan toward the year of 2020. And I hope we can keep our friendship after Olympic Games.



Junior reporters' impression

After the interview with the counselor in this tour, I found that we have a deep connection with the UK. I would like to study more about the British culture and hope we can help introducing Japanese culture as a host town.

Maka Nakajima

I was surprised to know that the premises are the territory of the UK. Also, many of embassy staff were very nice and their guide was very simple and easy to understand. It was nice to exchange the business cards with the counselor.

Naoki Kikuchi

I found out that Japanese dishes and comics are popular in the UK. I am also happy to know that Japan is popular because Japanese technology is advanced and its combination of culture, festivals and technology. I will support British athletes at Olympic Game.

Shiho Komori

I was impressed that the size of the garden was huge and beyond my expectations. It has a swimming pool and a tennis court. I wish I could live there.

Mao Shimizu

This tour gained my interest, and I want to visit the UK. I have a friend who had lived in London so I was interested in the UK. And this tour expanded my image about the UK. I am sure many British athletes will play in Rugby World Cup 2019 and Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. I hope I can support not only the British athletes but also the British tourists who visit Japan.

Shinnosuke Kubo

I was surprised when I found out it was highly guarded and it's beyond my expectations. And it also impressed me because the site is as big as a school and the ambassador actually lives there.

Koki Kuwano

I was happy to visit British Embassy, which is actually the UK. The English biscuits and black tea were very tasty. I did not give any question because I was too shy, but it was nice to hear others' interview and answers. It was a so valuable experience.

Mirei Katai

I was impressed by the ambassador's residence. It was so wide and gorgeous, but he (she) lives a simple and plain life just like ours. At the interview, I was served with black tea and biscuits. It was fancy and I felt like a princess.

Risa Sogo

This interview gained my interests for the UK. I hope many Japanese will have a chance to know more about the UK.

Atsuyuki Miyashita

It was a big advantage to take a tour in the embassy because it is limited for the public. Both inside and outside were gorgeous and it brought endless surprises. I hope our friendship will be deeper and stronger for the time of Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Akari Shikata

At the interview, I had black tea and chef-made biscuits. It was really fantastic inside. Thank you for the chance to have such valuable experience.

Kiyori Tanaka

I did not know much about the UK, so I studied about the details on Internet and asked my friends before the interview. The most surprising thing was its size, because I could see the Embassy when I arrived at the station, but it took 5-10 minutes to get there. And inside of the facility is so huge and fancy.

Rintaro Fujie

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“Shaun the sheep” panel exhibition and Yokohama International Swimming Pool



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This article covers the Shaun the sheep panel exhibition and Yokohama International Swimming Pool.

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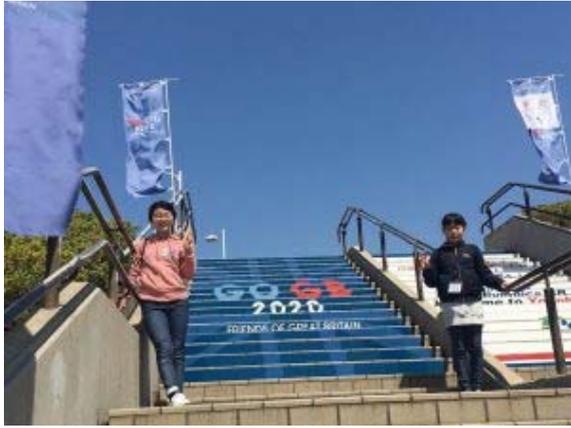
Yokohama City is the official host town for the UK for Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Shaun the sheep, a British animated TV character has become our PR ambassador to set the mood for the Team GB pre-Games training camps in Yokohama. The city has prepared 6-different-designed display panels and placed 1 at Tsuzuki Ward Administration Office and 1 at Yokohama International Swimming Pool (hereinafter referred to as YIP). We visited the ward office and YIP to see how they promoting the pre-camp.

At the Ward Office, the panel is usually displayed by the information desk of Community Promotion Division at 5th floor but the staff moves it to the main hall at 1st floor in case they have the special events for Ward-related exhibition.



The other one for YIP is displayed at the wide lobby area between the main entrance and the main pool. The display is very cute and good for the photo spot. We also found the UK-themed quiz style display panel and the brochures in the building.

And the stairs to the Pool outside the building are also decorated with GOGB paintings and the GOGB banners at the side. You can see them when you walk from Kitayamata Station. Shaun the sheep has also brought additional excitement at the local fest last year. I was so excited to hear that many more lectures and events are planned in the future to strengthen our friendship with the UK.



YIP is planned to be used as the training venue for Team GB preparation camp. We're not sure if we have the chance for engagement programs with the athletes who are busy for the training. However, we would like to interview them if possible. We have interviewed the staff of YIP about the water temperature when they have big competitions like International Championships. The answer was that they try to keep the water temperature lower than one for the public and they also change it seasonally. It was unexpected, and surprised us because we thought it was constant through the year. We gained our interests in the UK after our visit. We would like to set the mood for the Olympic and Paralympic Games as one of the Tsuzuki-Ward residents.

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26.12.2019 What's the Pre-Games camps? | From Kid Reporters

We visited the Nippon Foundation Para Arena in Tokyo and met with Prince Harry!



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This time, we visited the Nippon Foundation Para Arena in Tokyo, which is known as the base of Japan para-sports.

Britain's Prince Harry, who was visiting Japan to watch the final match in the Rugby World Cup (held in International Stadium Yokohama on November 2nd) happen to be there to interact with Japanese para athletes. Junior reporters that did not know Prince Harry's visit were so surprised by the unexpected show-up, but they did a great job to cover Para Arena. Now please check it out!

Does anyone have a plan to watch Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games to be held next year? We, junior reporters, visited the Nippon Foundation Para Arena in Odaiba this time.

The Nippon Foundation Para Arena was built to provide the place for para-athletes to strengthen their abilities, and also to allow many people to learn about para-sports in preparation for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics. The arena is used not only for the training of Japanese national para-athletes but also for those of club teams. It is one of the few valuable facilities which also allow athletes from overseas to learn about Japanese language and culture.

When you first step into the building, you will find a giant artwork on the wall. This piece was designed by Shingo Katori and made from Legos. You can see Tokyo Skytree and Tokyo Tower in the work that expresses a wish to bring the world as one which including all the town.



The arena incorporates universal design principles and made it easy for to understand. It is fully wheelchair accessible that the walkway is wide enough for wheelchair users to pass each other, and also braille blocks and slopes are equipped. Most doors are also wide and sliding-typed for sports-specific wheelchairs. In fact, we did saw wheelchair users passed through a doorway so smoothly.

We walked in the gymnasium called 'Arena' and saw some athletes were having the training of Boccia and Wheelchair Rugby.

Boccia involves throwing, rolling or hitting six red and six blue balls toward a white target ball called jack and compete as close as possible. All the athletes were taking careful aim and rolling balls. We could see how earnest they were.

It was also the first time to watch Wheelchair Rugby. It seems that there are some other detailed rules, such as teams have just 40 seconds to score a try. When I look carefully, the wheelchairs which the athletes use are different from ones we usually see, the angle of the wheels is inverted V-shaped. And the structure of wheelchairs is different between attack and defense. When athletes clashed, the echo in the Arena was so loud. I thought this is a bit of dangerous sport. I wondered if athletes were not afraid or hurt to clash and fall.

And as we were watching their training, Britain's Prince Harry has walked in the Para Arena!
And he talked to us!

Prince Harry is the patron of the Rugby Football Union. He is very passionate about sports promotion and visited Japan this time to support the match in the Rugby World Cup final.



Reporters' impressions

My image of Prince Harry is uptight in a suit and goes everywhere with a bodyguard, but the prince surprisingly showed up in casual clothes with no bodyguard. He sat diagonally forward of me and talked to everybody with a smile. He also asked me "Can you speak English?" and I answered "I can speak just a little.", but he gently replied, "That's enough." It was so impressive to see the prince nearby whom I usually watch on TV.

After a while, the prince walked towards athletes of Wheelchair Rugby and Boccia. I thought he was nice that he talks to every athlete.

I met Prince Harry face-to-face, and now I feel the closeness. At the Olympic and Paralympic Games, I wanted to support both Japanese and British teams. The attraction of sports is boundless! I'm looking forward to the next year.

Naoki Kikuchi, 6th grader

Prince Harry watched Wheelchair Rugby and Boccia enthusiastically. During the tour, he smiled and talked to the athletes who were practicing and also us who were reporting about Para Arena. I was impressed by his kind attitude and his friendly smile. He was gentler than I expected.

Asumi Noguchi, 5th grader

Prince Harry was tall and politely talked to us. The Prince asked me, "Is there a swimming pool in your school?" When I checked about it later, I found out that most schools in Britain do not have swimming pools. I was surprised because it is usual to have swimming pools in Japanese schools. I couldn't talk to Prince Harry this time because I cannot speak English. I want to study English from now on to communicate with people from all over the world.

Yuina Tsukioka, 5th grader

When the Prince walked in the Para Arena, the atmosphere changed suddenly, and my heart was pounding, but when he talked to us, he squatted down to our eye level. I felt like talking with one gentleman rather than talking to the Prince, and it was very touching!

Sara Kobayashi, 5th grader

Prince Harry was a very friendly and said "hello!" to us, the junior reporters from Tsuzuki Junior Editorial Board. I replied to him questions such as "Which country will win the final in the Rugby World Cup tonight." and "Is there a swimming pool at my school." I look forward to seeing British athletes coming to Yokohama next year.

Rintaro Fujie, 6th grader

I had a chance to introduce myself to Prince Harry. The Prince spoke to me very friendly with a smile. He was also talking friendly to Boccia and Wheelchair Rugby athletes.

I was thrilled and impressed by the unexpected opportunity to meet Prince Harry. It was a valuable experience.

Kokono Hirota, 5th grader

Prince Harry observed the training of Boccia and Wheelchair Rugby with us, which are Paralympic sports. After that, he approached to all the athletes and enjoyed talking with them. Prince Harry was tall and kind, and he spoke to many people friendly. I spoke to him a little. I was very happy, but I wish I could talk to him more.

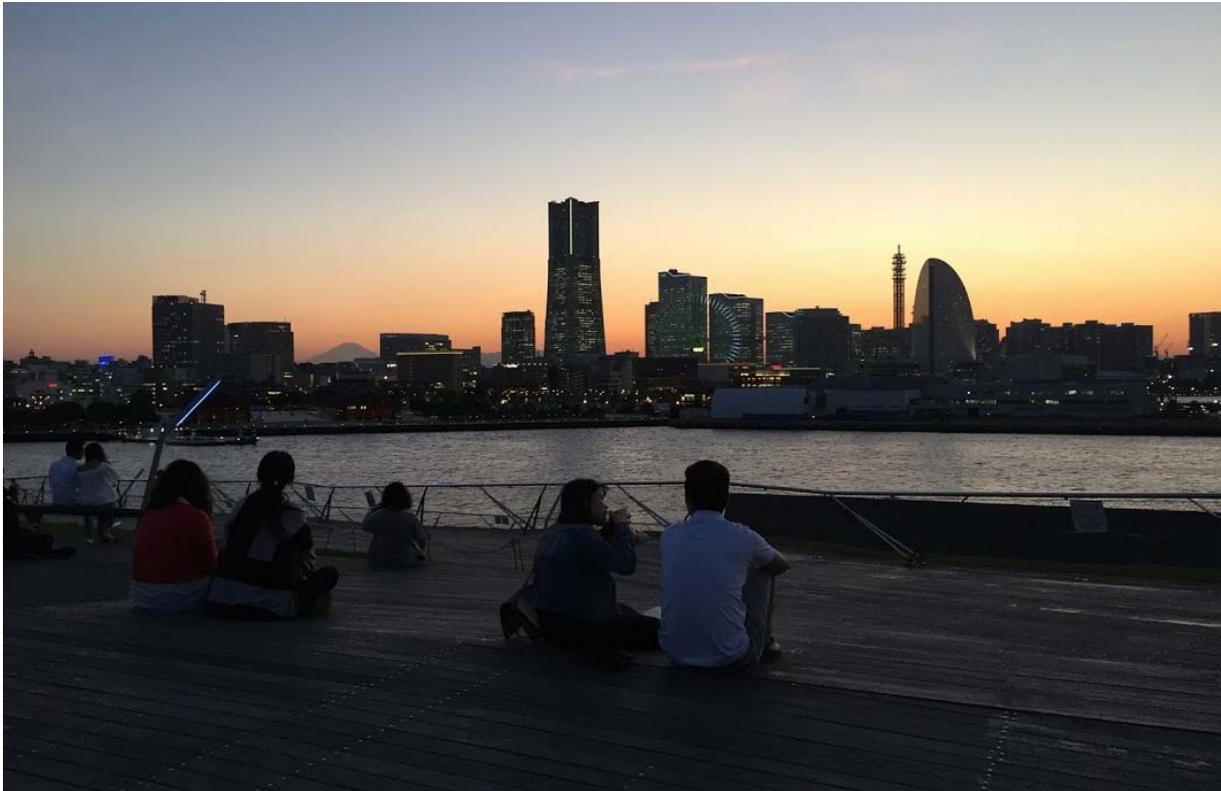
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Please check it out!

Cup Noodles Museum – Jotaro Yamamoto

So, what do you do when you feel hungry after a long day? Do you cook something just for yourself or do you ignore the hunger and go to bed? Here's what I do. I eat instant noodles, which are quick and easy. Today, I want to tell you about the Cup Noodles Museum where you can have fun learning about instant noodles.

Cup Noodle was originally a brand of instant noodles and rice sold by Nissin Food Products Co., Ltd., which is a Japanese food-processing company. The Cup Noodles Museum commemorates the invention of the world's first instant noodles by the company's then president, Momofuku Ando.



When you first step into the museum, you will find a giant artwork of a Cup Noodle, and lots of visitors take photos here first. Then, when you go up to the second floor, you will find many exhibits on cup noodles up to the present day, clearly showing how instant noodles were invented after President Ando came up with and developed the idea.

As you go on to the upper floor, there is a hands-on experience area where you can actually make your own Cup Noodle. This is very popular, and you can start from the basics including kneading and stretching the dough, and choose flavors and ingredients to make your own Cup Noodle.

There is also an indoor attraction called Cup Noodles Park, which offers a virtual experience of being a noodle and going through the entire manufacturing process (for 12 and under only), as well as a gift shop where you can find original items. People of all ages can enjoy and learn, so why not visit the Cup Noodles Museum and appreciate a cool aspect of Japan?

All about Nippon Maru Memorial Park – Moko Matsuyama



Nippon Maru Memorial Park is a park in front of the Yokohama Landmark Tower where there is also a huge ship called Nippon Maru. It's a hilly park, so it's good exercise to run around the area. In addition, by going up the hill you can enjoy wonderful views of beautiful trees like oaks, and also a Ferris wheel. It is a unique and breathtaking sight which can be seen only in Minatomirai. Please go and visit Nippon Maru Memorial Park. It's my favorite place!

Dockyard Garden, from the past to the future – Mirai Yamamoto



My hometown, Yokohama, is a beautiful city which has both historical and modern buildings as well as lush greenery and flowers. The symbol of Yokohama is a building called Yokohama Landmark Tower, which is located on a former dockyard.

This dockyard, known as the 2nd Yokohama Dock, is the oldest extant stone-built dock in Japan for merchant vessels. This historic dockyard was restored to preserve it for the future.



The Dockyard Garden is now surrounded by many restaurants, and it's a lively area and great place to visit with family and friends.

Moreover, a show with projection mapping is held at night. I once saw the show with "STAR WARS" projection mapping with my family, which was dramatic and impressive. It was also interesting to see the show using the latest technology set in a dockyard that has a long history. You should go there!

The view from Osanbashi Pier – Riko Hiraishi



As an attractive spot in Minatomirai I recommend Osanbashi Pier. This Pier is both a domestic and international passenger terminal in Yokohama Port. Completed in 2002, the original steel pier was constructed about 130 years ago and has undergone renovation and reconstruction six times.

The best thing about the pier is that the passenger terminal has a roof garden which is open to the public 24/7. It features an eco-friendly wood deck and also a lawn area. It is popularly known as “Whale Back” because of its image of a giant whale in the ocean, and it gets busy with people when huge cruise ships arrive and leave. Because Osanbashi juts out into the bay, it provides outstanding views of all the tourist spots which symbolize the Minatomirai area such as Cosmo Clock 21, the giant Ferris wheel, Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse, Yokohama Landmark Tower, Intercontinental Yokohama Grand Hotel which is designed like a sail, and Yokohama Bay Bridge on the other side.



I especially recommend visiting to see the views around sunset. Mt. Fuji rises up behind the Minatomirai area and is lit by the fading sun; it’s a breathtaking sight that will revitalize you. If you would like to get everything in Minatomirai into one picture, Osanbashi is the best place. Please visit and take photos as a memory of Yokohama.

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Please check it out!

Yuina Tsukioka



Let me introduce some nice spots in Tsuzuki, Yokohama today. We have a wide variety of attractions here, from sports facilities to refreshing spots such as Yokohama International Swimming Pool, which is the most popular place in Tsuzuki, and a strawberry picking farm. There is also a huge shopping mall with many shops, where you're sure to find some favorite items or shops.



I particularly recommend the beautiful views everywhere. For example, there is a hill in Yamada Fuji Park located near Yokohama International Swimming Pool where you might be visiting around the time of the Games. Climb up the hill for an unforgettable view of the entire town of Tsuzuki.

The footbridge in Nakagawa Street is elaborate and is sometimes used as a film location. We have many other beautiful, fascinating and attractive places, so please visit when you have time. Please do your best during the Games in Japan and good luck in the Olympics and Paralympics. You can do it!

Naoki Kikuchi



Thank you for the opportunity to see your impressive and cool training at the open training session in July 2019! All of you were so kind and entertaining, and it was nice and fun to spend time together.

By the way, do you have any favorite place in Tsuzuki? While there are many shopping malls, I think Tsuzuki is a great place to live with lots of greenery such as rice paddies, fields and roads set in nature.

I was surprised to learn there is a Chinatown in the UK. We also have a very big Chinatown in Yokohama where we live, so please visit it.

Through the open training session and the interview with you, I now want to support not only Japanese teams but also the British teams at the Olympic and Paralympic Games! GO GB!

Kiyori Tanaka



I was able to learn a lot about the relationship between the UK and Japan by joining the interview for GOGB Website (Open Training Session?). In 2019, I watched the Japan Para Swimming Competition and visited the British Embassy, and this year I joined the open training session to cover the Team GB pre-camp and write news articles. Over the past two years, I greatly enjoyed interacting with people involved in the Olympic and Paralympic Games beyond the barriers of language and country.

I have never been to the UK, and there were many things I didn't know about the culture and sports. However, I learned a lot by experiencing British culture. We explored our cultural differences and similarities and discovered new things.

I haven't had many opportunities to meet people from overseas, but having joined the open training session, I now feel more familiar with British athletes, and seeing them working so hard really inspired me. I hope all the British athletes do their best at the Olympics and Paralympics.

Mao Shimizu

I love swimming and have been taking lessons since I was in kindergarten. Swimming is a big part of my life. In the summer of 2019 at Yokohama International Swimming Pool, I had a great opportunity to see British athletes who will participate in the next Olympic Games do their training, and to learn what's important for them as professional swimmers. I learned that they swim 12-14 km a day in their training and also monitor what they eat depending on their condition. I learned that's what it takes to be a true professional athlete.

I visited the British Embassy in Tokyo as a junior reporter and learned about British hospitality and culture. This visit made me feel an affinity with and interest in the UK. I look forward to seeing the British athletes compete in various sports including swimming and athletics and deliver outstanding performances. We hope Team GB will win many medals after their hard training!

Yukiteru Tsukide



Tsuzuki is the top producer of Komatsuna, or Japanese mustard spinach, in Japan. What is special about Komatsuna is that it goes well with any dish. For example, it's good for Aglio e Olio, stir-fried with dried young sardines and dried shrimp or stir-fried with pork and wood-ear (Kikurage) mushrooms. Komatsuna is rich in nutrients such as calcium, iron and beta-carotene, and contains more calcium and iron than most other vegetables.

In addition, people in Tsuzuki are very kind and helpful, so if you need help, just ask! I take swimming lessons at Tsuzuki Swimming Pool, so I would like to see a swimming race at the Olympics. I wish you all the best.

Kokono Hirota



There are many recommended attractions in Tsuzuki, Yokohama where we live. I especially recommend all the vegetables grown in Tsuzuki and the green parks. The best seasons for vegetables harvested in Tsuzuki are cabbage in spring; cucumber, potato, tomato and eggplant in summer; cabbage and eggplant in autumn; and komatsuna, spinach, radish, taro and carrot in winter.

I particularly recommend Komatsuna, Japanese mustard spinach. In 2003, Tsuzuki was the top-producer in Japan. Try our Komatsuna, it's so good!

The next thing I recommend is the many parks in Tsuzuki, which are green and beautiful. Especially, Tsuzuki Central Park has many cherry trees, which are so beautiful when they are in full bloom in spring. You can enjoy walking around the park while viewing the beautiful cherry blossoms. I also recommend Yamada Fuji Park, which has plum trees with their own beauty. The plum trees feel so Japanese. I hope you all enjoy walking in the park while appreciating the beauty of Japan, and that the Olympic Games will be a great success. I look forward to seeing you all here in Tsuzuki.

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06.11.2020 What's the Pre-Games camps? | From Kid Reporters

We interviewed Mr. Gerald Muirhead who performed at Hotch Potch Music Festival 2020, and listened to the sound of bagpipes, a traditional Scottish instrument, and saw the pipers' dress. [October, 2020]



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Coming from the host town that welcomes the British National Teams, junior reporters have had many opportunities to learn about British culture and sports and meet people, and up to last year, had published articles on what they learned. However, this year it has been difficult to have face-to-face communication due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Nevertheless, the Hotch Potch Music Festival was held at Atrium, an event space on the first floor of the New City Hall in Yokohama, on 18th October.

This time, junior reporters interviewed Mr. Gerald Muirhead from the UK, who performed at this festival. He plays the bagpipes which is a traditional Scottish instrument.

Please check it out!

■ Gerald Muirhead, a bagpiper

Morrow Princess

We interviewed Mr. Gerald Muirhead, a bagpiper.

He said the reason why he became a bagpiper is because his grandfather was a bagpiper, and so bagpipes were familiar to him. He also said that when he went to a concert using a ticket he had won as a prize in a painting contest, he was fascinated by its traditional and cool sound.

When I asked him how many types of bagpipes there are, he said that there used to be 30 types around the world, but nowadays, just four of them, which are from Ireland, England, Scotland and Spain, are famous and have been passed down.

The Scottish bagpipes that he uses are very heavy, weighing more than 4 kg. I was so impressed to hear that he has been highly active and has had various experiences such as playing for Queen Elizabeth and also playing a part of the film music for "Tales from Earthsea" by Studio Ghibli.

I want to be a respected person like him in the future.



Mr. Gerald Muirhead with junior reporters

■ Bagpipes are fascinating!

Aisa Miyashita

We listened to Mr. Gerald Muirhead, a Japan-based bagpiper, playing the bagpipes and interviewed him. The bagpipes are a woodwind instrument using enclosed reeds fed from a constant reservoir of air in the form of a bag.

We asked him many questions in the interview.

Q: Why did you start playing the bagpipes?

A: There were two reasons. One was because my grandfather was also a bagpiper. And the second was because I was fascinated by its sound when I went to a concert using a ticket I had won as a prize in a painting contest.

Q: I've read on the Internet that you played film music for Studio Ghibli in 2006. Could you tell me which film it was?

A: It was Tales from Earthsea.

Q: What is the hat you are wearing made of?

A: It's made of ostrich feathers. It makes you look taller, so it was used by the (British) army.

Q: Is it difficult to play the bagpipes?

A: Yes. It's not like the piano where each key matches a specific musical note. It is difficult because the bagpipes are played by controlling your breathing.

Q: Are there any female bagpipers?

A: There used to be no female bagpipers, but there are now. Some 95% of all bagpipers are male. The female pipers use slightly smaller bagpipes.

There are not only Scottish bagpipes but also Irish, English, and Spanish ones. And the deer buckle on the belt and hat, which are part of a bagpiper's uniform, symbolizes "big and powerful" men. I think it is one of the country-specific cultures of Scotland where there are many wild deer.

■ Elegant Scottish culture

Minami Hashimoto

I heard Mr. Gerald Muirhead playing the bagpipes at Hotch Potch Music Festival which was held at Atrium, an event space of the New City Hall in Yokohama, on 18th October.

He showed up wearing a kilt, which is traditional Scottish Highland dress. He was wearing red tartan check plaid on a gold-edged black jacket which was gorgeous and chic.

He played five songs while explaining how bagpipes work and a bagpiper's traditional dress. "Scotland the Brave," a Scottish patriotic song, sounded brave and elegant. He told us that it was actually played on the battlefield. I was lucky to hear the well-known song "Amazing Grace." The entire space was filled with its beautiful sound, and it made me feel calm as if I were in a Scottish meadow.

He plays the bagpipes at Hotch Potch Music Festival every year with a black feather bonnet and full Highland dress. Please come to the festival next year and experience Scottish culture.



Mr. Gerald Muirhead, playing the bagpipes in traditional dress

■ The importance of passing down traditions

Airi Hayashi

I heard Mr. Gerald Muirhead playing the bagpipes at Hotch Potch Music Festival on 18th October and interviewed him. The reason why he started to play the bagpipes is because his grandfather was a bagpiper, and so bagpipes were familiar to him. He was very good at painting when he was a child and won a painting contest, winning a ticket for a bagpipe concert. After seeing the bagpiper's performance, he wanted to try playing.

After a while, he was awarded the Best Performance Award at the International Bagpipe Contest and became so famous that he performed for Queen Elizabeth. In addition, he played part of the film music for "Tales from Earthsea" by Studio Ghibli and said he would also like to perform at the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games.

Let me tell you about bagpipes. Bagpipes are roughly divided into the following four types. It is said that there used to be 30 types in the past. The Scottish bagpipes are best known and weigh more than 4 kg. The second is Irish bagpipes, which are always played sitting down and keeping the bags inflated via arm pressure. The third is English bagpipes, which are very small and relatively quiet. The fourth is the Spanish type.

By the way, the pipes which Mr. Gerald Muirhead plays are the best-known Scottish ones. I asked him if there are female bagpipers because my image is that pipers are usually men. He said there were no female pipers in the past, but nowadays, 95% of bagpipers are male and the other 5% are female. Recently, female pipers have been attracting attention because their fingers are thinner and more flexible for playing. I learned about their tradition through the interview and would like to pass down the tradition.



The junior reporters, showing deep interest in Mr. Gerald as he talked about the bagpipes

■ What I felt about the Bagpipe Show

Risa Minegishi

It was my first time to see a performance by a bagpiper and I was amazed by its power. I would like to try playing if I have a chance.

I like music so I enjoyed his performance very much.

It was a great opportunity for all of the audience in Japan, and I appreciate everybody who supported this festival.

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12.11.2020 What's the Pre-Games camps? | From Kid Reporters

[Yokohama City] We interviewed Mr. Mark Chapman, a British gardener who played a major role in Japan at the Rose & Garden Market 2020. [November, 2020]



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Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, various events in Yokohama were canceled. Nevertheless, the Autumn Rose & Garden Market 2020 was held on Nihon-Odori in compliance with infection control guidelines under a clear autumn sky. The Yokohama Olympics and Paralympics Promotion Division set up a PR booth for our host town program and Team GB preparation camp. Thanks to our many visitors, photos were taken for a video message to be sent to Team GB.

This time, junior reporters helped with running our PR booth and interviewed Mr. Mark Chapman, a British gardener who designed the Welcome Garden with Shaun the Sheep and Garden Bear.

Please check it out!



Shaun the Sheep, the PR ambassador to connect the UK and Yokohama, showed up.



Junior reporters with Garden Bear, the official mascot character for Rose & Garden Market

Autumn Rose & Garden Market which helps us to build an emotional connection

Mirai Yamamoto (6th grader)

The Autumn Rose & Garden Market 2020 was held on Nihon Odori on 31st October. The street was lively, with many booths. First, we helped out at the PR booth of Yokohama City for the host town program and Team GB preparation camp. The main purpose of the booth was to take photos with visitors and hold the message board, wishing Team GB good luck.

We were so busy with welcoming visitors, ranging from children to elderly, to the booth and arranged souvenirs for visitors to take home. I was a bit tired, but it made me happy to see everybody smiling.



Setting up the PR booth for the host town program and Team GB preparation camp



Seeing what the picture for the photo message looks like

We had a chance to interview Mr. Mark Chapman, who is a garden designer. The Welcome Garden he designed was so beautiful with a wonderful balance of plants of various sizes and colors. Shaun the Sheep, the PR ambassador to connect the UK and Yokohama, and Garden Bear, the official mascot, were there and looked great.

He had been taking care of a garden in the UK with his grandfather since he was 4 years old. He studied to be a designer at university, and came to Nagano, Japan for business 23 years ago. He is a head gardener, which means a leading garden designer. He taught us a lot about gardening and it was very interesting. To learn about Japan's climate, he keeps track of his garden every day.

He records various information such as the weather and temperature each day and reviews it later to produce a better garden. He sounded like a scholar. He said, "Garden design cannot be expressed by words, but can build an emotional connection. It's just like Shaun the Sheep." When I helped at the booth and saw visitors smiling, I thought his words are true, that we sometimes can understand each other's feelings without words.

What a great Head Gardener!

Kazuaki Tsunoda, 8th grader

We visited the Autumn Rose & Garden Market 2020 held at Nihon Odori, Yokohama Park and interviewed Mr. Mark Chapman. He works as a Head Gardener. It is a wonderful job as he looks after flowers even after gardening. He was born in the UK and has been using his experience of gardening built up since he was four years old and his knowledge of design acquired at university in the UK to become a Head Gardener. He has lived in Japan for 23 years, so he speaks Japanese very fluently.

I was surprised to hear that he tracked the weather every day for the first few years after starting to live in Japan. Since the climate of Japan is totally different from that of the UK and he needed to know it well, he recorded the weather day after day.

Another interesting thing is his favorite plant. It is Gunnera, known as Oibuki in Japanese. It started growing naturally about 150 million years ago and is known as the plant with the world's biggest leaf. When I heard about it, I thought there is no one like him who has been gardening for years.

In this interview, I learned about gardening and a gardener, about which I knew nothing. I found it is a very important job and would like to introduce this gardener.

We interviewed Mr. Mark Chapman, a gardening expert from the UK.

Kokono Hirota (6th grader)

In covering the Rose & Garden Market for the GOGB website, I helped the PR booth for the host town program and Team GB preparation camp and interviewed Mr. Mark Chapman, who was very impressive.

He is a garden designer and has been involved in gardening since he was a child. A garden designer must have a lot of knowledge such as the best soil for each plant, the environment, and the climate of each place. He said he can guess where plants come from when he hears their name.



He first came to Japan for business, and has lived here ever since, for 20 years. I asked him what the most memorable work in Japan was. He said it was designing the garden at the Hakuba Village ski resort in Nagano. The things he values most are learning about plants and thinking about our future, which he clearly explained with gestures. I did not know much about plants, but I learned some things in this interview and I now want to learn more about plants. This interview has also motivated me to continue looking after plants.

Mr. Mark Chapman has continuously recorded the climate in Japan since he started designing gardens after moving here. For example, he has written things like “there’s a huge difference in temperature” or “it drizzles a lot in Japan” in his weather journal. I was impressed that he gathers various information as a gardener in his journal.

I found that he tries hard to maintain a garden to make it better and increase his knowledge. I was also impressed that he thinks about landscaping for the garden in the future and plants flower bulbs to enjoy for a long time.

Yuina Tsukioka

I saw the Rose Garden and thought Mr. Mark Chapman is really talented. He decorated Shaun the Sheep and Garden Bear with flowers. I never thought flowers could be used to make mascot characters more attractive.

Morrow Princess



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25.12.2020 What's the Pre-Games camps? | From Kid Reporters

[Yokohama City] "A city tour to create an Accessibility Map of Yokohama as the Inclusive Host Town" – Being a friendly city for everyone



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This time, junior reporters of the Tsuzuki Junior Editorial Board and MM (Minatomirai) Junior Editorial Board joined us to research and gather information to create an Accessibility Map of Yokohama, covering the area around Yokohama Baseball Stadium, the Games venue in Yokohama, and The Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse, the celebration site for the Olympic Torch Relay. This was one of our efforts to learn more about being an inclusive society taking the opportunity of the Tokyo 2020 Games.

Please check it out!



Junior reporters tried out the wheelchair to research about accessibility in the city.

On December 13, 2020, we junior reporters joined in the research to create an Accessibility Map of Yokohama, covering the area around The Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse, one of the celebration sites for the Olympic Torch Relay. Before creating the map, we listened to a talk online by the disabled people who work at NTT Claruty, about psychological barrier-free movement from the viewpoint of the disabled people.

Two people, one visually impaired and the other physically impaired, talked about their experiences, and all the stories were new to us. We found out that one in every thirteen people in Japan has some kind of disability and that there are different types. For example, some are totally impaired while others are partially impaired. Some people use a read-aloud function when reading text on their PC screen, but the speed of the voice was surprisingly fast when we tried it. We also learned it's helpful to refer to a clock face when giving directions for the visually impaired, and the person told us to talk first when going to help someone with visual impairment.



Everyone listened intently to the talk on psychological barrier-free.

In the afternoon, we were divided into four groups, Zou-no-hana area, Bankoku Bridge area, Shinko Pier area and Bashamichi area, to walk and research using MaPiece. MaPiece is an app used to create an accessible map. The app lets you measure angles and slopes of crossings with your tablet PC: wheelchair users can go up slopes of 2-3 degrees, but over 5 degrees is hard for them, while a height difference of over two centimeters is also a barrier for them.

We added information to the map on our tablet PC such as the existence of traffic lights, acoustic traffic lights, one-way streets and yellow braille blocks.



They toured the city using the MaPiece app.

We shared roles and took turns to check the accessibility from the viewpoint of a wheelchair user, to assist a wheelchair user, to write down everything the group notices and to input information into the MaPiece app. After the research, we tried to use a wheelchair. We covered all the area to be researched and finally completed our tour with no troubles. After the tour, we gave a presentation to everyone about what we had found in our research. We hope the finalized map will help all the people in the world.

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Comments and feedback by junior reporters++++++

I tried a wheelchair for the first time and found that climbing and descending height differences with a wheelchair is very difficult, even if it's so low that you don't notice it. And I got motion-sickness, just like being carsick, after using a wheelchair for a long time. Joining the research tour to create a map brought lots of discoveries, and I learned how the disabled people feel.

Marina Yamada, 6th grader

I learned a lot in this tour for making an accessibility map. One lesson was that pay-phone booths are too narrow to get into with a wheelchair. Some of them have no slopes but steps, while others are too narrow to squeeze in. Since pay phones are important in an emergency, they should be made wheelchair accessible.

Atsuki Sawada, 6th grader

I had an opportunity to use a wheelchair in this tour and found that things which are natural to me can become barriers to the disabled people. For example, bulletin boards in the city are positioned at normal eye level, but that's too high for the disabled people, and the reflection makes the boards hard to read during the day. I also checked traffic lights and whether they're acoustic or not. I hope our study will help at the Olympics.

Rinka Asaya



Junior reporters learned a lot in this tour with the disabled people.

This tour was a really valuable experience. I realized how hard it is for the disabled people to go out and learned about the current city surroundings. I also learned that garbage and fallen leaves could sometimes be barriers. I would like to pick up garbage to make our city barrier-free.

Airi Hayashi, 5th grader

Can you see any barriers in the streets and crossings you usually take? We joined the tour to create an accessibility map.

I tried using a wheelchair. It was easy to move forward when someone pushed the wheelchair, but it was hard to go up a slight slope when I tried it on my own. In addition, vending machines are too high for wheelchair users to reach. You might think the city is well-designed for the disabled people, but, through the eyes of them, I felt it is still not good enough and there is lots more to do. I hope the city will be more accessible in the future.

Aisa Miyashita, 5th grader



Measuring the slope by MaPiece with the smartphone placed on the ground.

I tried using a wheelchair and researched the accessibility and inaccessibility between Bashamichi Station and The Red Brick Warehouse. During the tour, one of the staff showed us an area designed to be accessible and it certainly was better compared to other areas, but it was not good enough: there were stairs and crossings without acoustic traffic signals. I hope the whole area in Yokohama will be made accessible and safe for all kinds of the disabled people so they can go out comfortably.

Michiaki Hasegawa, 5th grader



At the review after the tour. Each group gave a presentation about what they had learned.

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06.03.2021 What's the Pre-Games camps? | From Kid Reporters

[Yokohama City] We introduced our activities under the "GO GB" slogan at the Junior Media Symposium 2021 in Yokohama [February, 2021]



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This time, junior reporters covered their presentation and panel exhibition at the Junior Media Symposium 2021 in Yokohama organized by members of the Tsuzuki Junior Editorial Board and Minato Mirai Editorial Board.

Please check it out!

The Junior Media Symposium 2021 in Yokohama was held at Atrium, an event space inside the new Yokohama City Hall, on February 28th.

This Symposium aimed to introduce people to the appeal and value of the junior members' various activities by junior members and introducing our work at Tsuzuki Junior Editorial Board and Minato Mirai (MM) Junior Editorial Board was also another major goal. On the day of the Symposium, children in Ishinomaki, Chiba, Iwate and the U.S. also joined in the Symposium as guest speakers via Zoom.

At the Symposium, we exhibited some panels including our newspapers published in the past, local papers, our work materials and GO GB panels which introduced Yokohama, the host town for the U.K. We also displayed an Accessibility Map, covering the area around the Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse, one of the celebration sites for the Olympic Torch Relay, which junior reporters also helped to create.

The Symposium limited the number of participants due to COVID-19, but about 80 people joined us at the Atrium, and our YouTube live stream got 300 views.

The Children played a key role at the Symposium, and the MC were Minami Hashimoto, one of the junior reporters at Minato Mirai Junior Editorial Board and Yu Momozaki, a 21-year-old businessman who is a former junior reporter. Please check out some of their presentations about their Olympics and Paralympics related articles as below.



At the Media Symposium

We, junior reporters helped out at the PR booth of Yokohama City at the Autumn Rose & Garden Market 2020 that was held on Nihon-Odori. We asked visitors to hold message cards with good luck messages in photos to be sent to Team GB. Many people were looking forward to the Olympics and Paralympics and joined our photo shoot.

We also interviewed Mr. Mark Chapman. He designed the Welcome Garden and decorated Shaun the Sheep and Garden Bear with flowers. I was impressed by how he made mascot characters so attractive with flowers.

Morrow Princess, Speaker



Junior reporters are interviewing Mr. Mark Chapman.

I am really looking forward to the Olympics and Paralympics. I will cheer for both Japan and the U.K. at the Games. And I would also like to cheer for the U.S., where my father works.

We, junior reporters joined in the research to create an Accessibility Map of Yokohama, covering the area around The Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse, one of the celebration sites for the Olympic Torch Relay.

We were divided into four groups and researched using MaPiece. MaPiece is an app used to create an accessible map.

The map is finally completed, and we brought them today. Please check it later.

We hope this map will help all the people in the world.

Airi Hayashi, speaker



Panels which introduce junior reporters' activities in GO GB and approaches to Inclusive Society.

Furthermore, junior reporters at the Ishinomaki Children's Newspaper (Ishinomaki Hibi Kodomo Shinbun) and Yotsukaido Kodomo kisha Club introduced their activities followed by the survey results report related COVID-19 pandemic. We've had such great feedback, and it was picked up by major newspapers such as the Tokyo newspaper, the Yokohama Economic Times, the Asahi Shimbun and the Yomiuri Shimbun.

The following are the comments by junior reporters about the Junior Media Symposium.

I participated in this Junior Media Symposium and found something in common after the presentation by junior reporters in each community. It is that everybody is trying to spread the appeal of their town through their activities. I was reminded of that the junior reporters' activities are so valuable. After our presentation, the real journalists asked us some questions at the press conference. I tried my best to answer all the questions. I would like to learn more about Tsuzuki ward and for everybody to know about Tsuzuki ward.

Yuki Ogawa



Session at the Symposium. Former junior reporters attended the Symposium online

At the Symposium, the real journalists asked some questions to us after our presentation. Through the Symposium, I felt like it is important to have a varied viewpoint.

Yuzuki Taoka

At Junior Editorial Board, we've been taking various approaches to cover and interview people online via Zoom while taking COVID-19 countermeasures in these difficult times. We would like to continue being creative to cover and report, no matter the circumstances.

Fumika Hirose

I was happy to be able to give a presentation even in these difficult times. My presentation went as I had hoped, and it seemed all the junior reporters also enjoyed the Symposium.

Risa Minegishi

In the presentation by Mr. Ota at Ishinomaki Hibi Kodomo Shinbun, he told us that the reason why Kodomo Shinbun started is that children who experienced the Great East Japan earthquake wrote "death" in their pieces of artwork at a workshop. I learned children's hearts are also deeply hurt after the earthquake. I would like to report on things like this.

Morrow Princess



A junior reporter, giving a presentation online.

It was really fun to give a presentation in the situation like real press conference at the Symposium this time. I also made new friends there and had a great time with them. We all worked together and prepared for the Symposium, and I felt fulfilled at the end of the Symposium.

Rinka Asaya

I am happy that many people now know about junior reporters. And it was also a good opportunity for myself to improve my presentation. I enjoyed a lot.

Airi Hayashi

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24.03.2021 What's the Pre-Games camps? | From Kid Reporters

Being a supportive and caring society for everyone – Our impression after viewing an online seminar titled “Thoughts on the Diverse Society – Message from a British Paralympian”

"Thoughts on the Inclusive Society - Message from a British Paralympian -"



■ **Time:** 17:30 - 18:30,
March 19 (Fri.), 2021

■ **Speaker:** Susie Rodgers MBE

Olympic & Paralympic Promotion Division, City of Yokohama
Cooperation: The British Council

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On March 19, we held an online seminar titled “Thoughts on the Diverse Society” in cooperation with the British Council and invited Ms. Susie Rodgers, a British Paralympian, as a speaker for the seminar. Here are some of comments and feedback from junior reporters who participated in the seminar.

Please check it out!

I participated in an online seminar titled "Thoughts on a Diverse Society" by Ms. Susie Rogers, a British Paralympic gold medalist. It was just an hour, but her talk covered a wide range of fields and was a valuable experience.

Ms. Susie Rogers is Paralympian who competed in the butterfly and the freestyle. She made splendid achievements such as winning three bronze medals at London 2012 Paralympics and not only a gold medal but also two bronze medals at the following Rio 2016 Games. After her retirement, she speaks globally on "Inclusion" and also advises and supports the disabled people as an adviser for the Disability Advisory Panel of the British Council. In the meanwhile, she, as a swimmer, works as an Ocean Ambassador for the Marine Conservation Society to protect the ecosystem.

"Inclusion" is the idea to ensure that every disabled person takes part in every field such as education, employment, leisure and society and to provide support and system necessary to realize that, and it means to embrace and coexist with all people, both those with and without disabilities. Ms. Rogers often used the word "Inclusion" in her talk which inspired me to think we should remove the barriers not only for the disabled people but also for the injured, the sick, the elderly, children and expectant mothers including ourselves.

She also mentioned it is important to promote barrier-free minds in addition to physical accessibility and functionality. To practice this, it is important to interact with more and more disabled people to learn about them. And to watch cool athletes at Paralympics would be the good start to know more about the disabled people. Ms. Rogers hopes that we apply the positive attitude of the Paralympic Games, where many different people come together and work together for its success, as a role model for our daily lives.

Unfortunately, I am not eligible to work as a volunteer for the Tokyo 2020, Paralympics, however I would definitely join the volunteer activity for the Paralympics if I have a chance.
Minami Hashimoto

We junior reporters had a chance to ask some questions.

Ayaka Hirose

Q. What inspired you to be a Paralympian?

A. I used to watch the Paralympic Games on TV and felt there are great opportunities for the disabled people. When I found out London would stage the Paralympic Games, I wanted to compete in the Games in my own country. So, I worked hard to make my dreams come true.

Q. What did you do to win a gold medal? And what was the thing that you struggled with to win a gold medal?

A. It was hard to recover from many injuries and illness. I completely thought my training was going well, but hard training sometimes caused sudden illness and interrupted my training. Over four years between the Games, I did everything I could to leave a legacy. In that situation, my family was always there for me and supported me all the time. I was not alone; I was competing as a team. I could not have done this without the support from my coach and other staff members.

I was thinking too hard about how I can support disabled people when I see them, and I ended up staying away because I did not know how to help them.

The most impactful thing Ms. Susie said was to focus on the people themselves, instead of focusing on their disabilities. This message inspired me to interact more with the disabled people and make efforts to realize a fair world with no racism or prejudice.

Michiaki Hasegawa

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02.08.2021 What's the Pre-Games camps? | From Kid Reporters

We interviewed Mr. Tim Jones, camp director of the British National Swimming Team and Mr. Yoshida, director of Yokohama International Swimming Pool.



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This time, junior reporters interviewed Mr. Tim Jones, camp director of the British National Swimming Team and Mr. Yoshida, director of Yokohama International Swimming Pool, the training site for the British Swimming and Diving Olympic Teams.

Please check it out!

■ “Olympism” practiced at Yokohama International Swimming Pool

Jotaro Yamamoto

“GO GB” is the slogan of Yokohama City, Kawasaki City and Keio University, the host towns of the British National Team for Tokyo 2020. “GO” means “Good Luck” and “GB” is the abbreviation for Great Britain, which is the name of the island that belongs to the UK. The message is intended to cheer on the teams.

Today, we visited Yokohama International Swimming Pool in Tsuzuki ward. Yokohama City is the host town of the British National Team, and the pool is the training site for the British Swimming and Diving Olympic Teams.



Online interview with Mr. Tim Jones, camp director

First, we interviewed Mr. Tim Jones online. He visited Japan with the team as camp director. His main responsibilities are spotting young talent and designing the perfect schedule for the athletes. The team including athletes is staying at Hiyoshi Campus in Keio University. One of the interviewers asked him about the meals for the athletes, and his answer surprised me because he said it is a mix of half Japanese and half British. I thought the team would prefer their usual meals to maintain performance. But his answer reminded me that Olympic values encompass not just human development through sports, but also world peace. Of course it is important for the athletes to deliver their best at the Games, but I found that respecting multiple cultures is one approach toward peace.

Incidentally, Tim told us that his favorite Japanese food is dumplings.

In the second half, we interviewed Mr. Yoshida, director of Yokohama International Swimming Pool. He is more cheerful and friendly than I had imagined. Preparations for the camp at YIP began five years ago, and the staff at YIP work together with employees of Yokohama City, Tsuzuki Ward and travel agencies to support the Olympic team. It is already hard enough to provide the best possible environment to meet the athletes’ requests, but extra precautions for Covid-19 countermeasures were needed due to the pandemic this year. However, Mr. Yoshida said with a smile that he feels honored to support the British National Swimming Team and hopes YIP will be a lucky place where they will win medals. Amid such difficult times, the staff supporting the team must remain positive like Mr. Yoshida.

Yokohama International Swimming Pool is the site of the pre-Games training camp for the British National Swimming Team. On July 28, in the middle of the Olympic Games, we interviewed Mr. Fumio Yoshida, director of the Pool, and Mr. Tim Jones, camp director of the British Swimming Team.

Yokohama International Swimming Pool is the largest swimming pool in Japan. The floor height is adjustable, and the water depth can be increased to 3.5 meters deep.



A venue tour of the Yokohama International Swimming Pool

It has seating capacity for 4,000, and the 50-meter main pool is used as a sports arena in the fall and winter by placing panels on the floor. Mr. Yoshida said the staff must check carefully not to miss any tiny cracks on the floor when it is converted to an arena.

There are also a 5-meter-deep diving pool and a 50-meter sub pool in the facility, and the sub pool can be divided into two 25-meter pools.

Yokohama International Swimming Pool is taking strict Covid-19 countermeasures including health management, body temperature measurement, hand sanitizing, disinfection of equipment, ventilation and the 3Cs.

Mr. Yoshida said, "If a British athlete wins a medal, I will be so happy, as if I had won it!"

Tim is a retired swimmer and used to swim 6 kilometers, 6 hours a day. He travels around the world through swimming, but said it was hard to come to Japan due to the pandemic.

By the way, his favorite Japanese food is dumplings.

I was surprised when I first learned that the floor of the main pool is adjustable.

Unfortunately, I could not interview any athletes, but I talked with the director and was impressed by how much they train every day. I really hope the British athletes win medals at Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Today, I interviewed two people who closely support the Olympic team.

The first one is Mr. Tim Jones who visited our hometown, Yokohama, for the pre-Games training camp as camp director.

One role of the camp director is to discover young talent, and the most important role is to support athletes so they can perform their best at the Games. Tim is a retired swimmer of the British National Team and used to support the Olympic team as a coach. I think he is able to bring out the best of athletes because he knows what to do from his experience as both an athlete and as a coach.

The Olympic swimmers of the British Team train up to 6 hours a day. Tim and all the other staff who support the athletes work very hard to help the athletes do their best, such as by providing a well-balanced diet and practicing infection control against Covid-19 by creating "bubbles" and communicating with the locals online. It sounds very tough.

At the end of the interview, he said it is important to believe you will win and focus on the race. I learned that it is also important to keep a positive attitude in life and move forward.

The other person we interviewed was Mr. Yoshida, director of Yokohama International Swimming Pool, one of the sites for the pre-Games training camp of the British National Team.



Interview with Mr. Yoshida, director of Yokohama International Swimming Pool

Mr. Yoshida also supports the British Olympic athletes like Tim and provides the best possible environment where all the athletes can make final preparations at Yokohama International Swimming Pool.

For example, staff at YIP have been making preparations and arrangements for five years and arranged the pre-Games training camp for the FINA World Championship two years ago. Regarding Covid-19 countermeasures, they use the latest technology including circulators to create a safe and secure environment. Thanks to their efforts, YIP earned an excellent reputation as the camp site. Mr. Yoshida himself said it was a great honor to host the British training camp.



A venue tour of the Yokohama International Swimming Pool

In addition, Yokohama International Swimming Pool has a lot of secrets. There are three swimming pools here: the main pool, the depth of which can be adjusted up to 3.5 meters deep; the sub pool, where a wall can be placed to divide the pool into two 25-meter pools or one 50-meter pool; and the diving pool with a depth of 5 meters. All of the pools are adjustable to meet respective requirements. Between May and September, it is used as a swimming pool, and between October and April, it is used as a sports arena by adjusting the floor height and placing panels on the floor. In summer, aquatic classes such as swimming, artistic swimming and diving are held, and in winter, other sports classes such as soccer, dancing and tennis are held. As a result, the facility is used by many people all year round.

At the end of our interview, Mr. Yoshida revealed some special news: he is planning to exhibit the autographs of the British swimmers who participated in the camp and show some photographs of the training camp. I will definitely come back to see them.

Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics – The Olympic Games were held in a completely new format after the one-year postponement and with no spectators due to the pandemic. And now the Paralympic Games will begin.

Around the world, various negative opinions about the Olympics and issues with the government were reported on the Internet. And the Games itself faced many hardships. But after I interviewed two people who supported the British Team's camp, I learned that supporting someone warms everybody's heart and makes the world a better place.

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28.09.2021 What's the Pre-Games camps? | From Kid Reporters

It was so impressive to see all the athletes try their best in each stage at Tokyo 2020!!

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This time, junior reporters wrote about how they enjoyed Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics which were held with no spectators and amidst recommendations to stay home to watch the Games on TV.

Please check it out!

I cheered the team on with my family!

Seika Uchino

My family and I started making glass art at a local center in Kita-yamata to cheer the athletes who had their training at the British National Swimming pre-Games training camp at Yokohama International Swimming Pool in Tsuzuki ward. These decorated the pool side windows for the athletes to see, showing some popular tourist spots in Japan and expressing people cheering the team on. I drew the pictures of the Great Buddha of Nara and children cheering the team on.

I actually saw the glass art decorating the windows when I visited Yokohama International Swimming Pool for the interview. The window, of course, caught the athletes' eyes and gave them strength.

At the Olympic Games, I watched the Men's 100m Breaststroke final, in which Rio 2016 gold-medalist Adam Peaty participated.

Right after the race began, all the swimmers were neck and neck, but after the turn, he conquered the race with incredible speed. His powerful swimming was so cool.

Team GB Swimming won four gold medals at the Olympics and eight gold medals at the Paralympics!

My father applied for the volunteer staff for Tokyo 2020 and supported the Games as one of drivers. He drove around the city for Mr. Kipchoge, the athlete from Kenya who won the gold at Tokyo 2020, and officials from El Salvador. We could not go out for fun due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but my family and I enjoyed Tokyo 2020 during both the preparation and the Games.

Men's Wheelchair Basketball – Great match between Japan and Great Britain

Jotaro Yamamoto

It's been 11 years since I started playing basketball at the age of eight, and I am still playing as a club activity at my high school. I usually watch the games of Japanese Professional Basketball "B. League" and NBA on TV, but this year, we had Olympic and Paralympic Games which are held only once every four years, so I watched the Olympics and Paralympics rather than B League and NBA.

I was especially fascinated with the Wheelchair Basketball. The reason why is not only that Japan reached semi-final but also that everything was new, impressive and respectable because I usually watch only the games by non-disabled athletes.

Japan competed against Great Britain in the Men's Semi-Finals. The British Team is the one of the powerhouses in Wheelchair Basketball and was even a world champion in the past. Passing was so quick by all the athletes of the British team and with their excellent performance, they easily managed to score back the points Japan put a lot of effort into scoring.

Japan, in the end, managed to win the Semi-Finals, but Great Britain had beat Spain in the Bronze Medal Match prior, and Spain had beaten Japan at the group stage game. So, the Semi-Finals could have gone either way.

I only focused on the Wheelchair Basketball, but both Olympics and Paralympics had fascinated many of us this year. Thank you for sharing the impressive moments with us! I'm also looking forward to see the British team at the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games!

The Unique Paralympics

Minami Hashimoto

After the Olympics, the Paralympics began with the opening ceremony on August 24. Ms. Yoshie Kris, who was responsible for all four opening and closing ceremonies of Tokyo 2020 as a creative director of the comprehensive planning team, is a director of SLOW LABEL, based in Zou-no-Hana Park, which facilitates disabled people and artists working together and develops collaborative products. Zou-no-Hana Park is a place that I often go to for a walk, so the ceremonies felt familiar to me. All the participants performed freely, making full use of their unique talents. It was more splendid and impressive than that of the Olympics and ended in the blink of an eye.

I was so proud because one artist from Yokohama was involved in such an honorable ceremony. And it made me to cheer on all the athletes who were in the venue.

Now, I would like to introduce a great athlete that caught my eye at the Paralympics. That is Ms. Sarah Storey, a UK para road cyclist. She was born without a functioning left hand. She is a former para swimmer and now compete as a para cyclist and has won 12 medals at 4 Games. I was impressed by her brave and ambitious attitude. She switched to cycling when she was 27 and has continuously worked hard. She now even competes in able-bodied cycling races. She might compete in both Olympic and Paralympic Games in the future. Her go-getter and powerful attitude is so respectable.

At the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics, many athletes competed with a great and unique style, and it was pleasant news during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I would like to thank to all the athletes who competed in Tokyo 2020 for sharing the impressive and exciting moments with us.

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GO GB 2020 Team GB Exhibition



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This article covers the GO GB 2020 Team GB Exhibition which was held at Tsuzuki Ward Office. Please check it out!

At Yokohama International Swimming Pool in Tsuzuki Ward, the pre-Games training camp of the British National Swimming Team for Tokyo 2020 Games was held. In October, I visited the GO GB 2020 Team GB Exhibition which was held at the public hall on the 1st floor of the Tsuzuki Ward Office after the Olympics and Paralympics.

All the flags, sofas, and other decorations that had been used at the training venues, the Games venues, or the Olympic Village were on display in the hall. The staff of Yokohama City explained that all these decorations had been brought from the UK, and were probably used to motivate the athletes. The Union Jack rug was so cool.



There were also pictures from the training camp and official uniforms on display, which brought back a lot of memories of this summer.



I am glad to know that these decorations will be stored and carefully protected at the Museum of Yokohama Urban History on Nihon-Odori. It was a pity I could not meet the British athletes face to face due to the pandemic, but I was happy to see the decorations that had been actually used by the team.

Seika Uchino



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A Thank-You Party for Yokohama Host Town Supporters at the British House Yokohama



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This article covers the Thank-You Party for volunteers who supported the British National Olympic and Paralympic athletes.

Please check it out!

We joined the Thank-You Party for volunteers ("supporters") who supported the British National Olympic and Paralympic athletes recently.

We headed to the British House Yokohama, which is located up the hill from Motomachi-Chuukagai Station. It has many rooms, and one of them on the 2nd floor is renovated like a bedroom, which we used on the day.

Many decorations were on display on the 1st floor, and some of them had been signed by athletes. The Thank-You Party was held in the room next to the exhibition room, and was attended by 28 supporters.

Some of them were university students, and others were older than our parents. Some had applied for the position because they lived close to Yokohama International Swimming Pool, while others had lived in England for a few years and wanted to give back.

At the party, there was a slide presentation on a screen about the volunteer activities, followed by a lottery and a video message from a staff member of Team GB and Paralympics GB. According to the presentation, the supporter activities lasted for 52 days, including orientation sessions and online seminars.

For the lottery, each supporter made a speech in front of everyone in order of the lottery drawn in advance, and received a gift, which was placed in a bag made from the Team GB flag banner.

The following are some of the supporters' comments:

"I gained a lot of experience."

"I learned a lot of English."

"I had a lot to learn."

Other comments included:

"I didn't know if I was much help, but now I feel proud."

"I was glad that no one from the team became infected with Covid-19."

Further comments included:

"I realized there are no borders in sports."

"It was fun to cheer for both the British and Japanese teams."

"One of the British gold medalists said in his interview that he won the gold medal thanks to the supporters, which made me feel so happy."

Another person said that the most impressive thing was that some athletes climbed stairs two or three at a time like a true athlete!

In the video messages from Team GB and Paralympics GB, the athletes expressed their gratitude, such as "The training camp was great" and "We really appreciate your support."

I heard that they had taken various countermeasures against Covid-19 for the camp, and at the hotel where the team stayed, some areas were closed to other hotel guests to prevent contact with other people.

The training camps were held at Yokohama Stadium, International Stadium Yokohama, Yokohama International Swimming Pool, Kawasaki Todoroki Stadium, and Yokohama Country Club. I was especially surprised to hear that the marathon runners had trained at Yokohama Country Club.

All their comments made me want to become a volunteer for the Olympics and Paralympics. There are lots of different kinds of competitions, so I hope to become a supporter when I turn 18.

Reported by Shintaro Inoue, Aisa Miyashita, and Momone Akatsu

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A look back on the activities as junior reporters by members of the Tsuzuki Junior Editorial Board

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This is the last report by junior reporters; they wrote about their impressions of their activities as junior reporters over the last four years.

Please check it out!

The Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games postponed to 2021 were finally held, giving MM junior reporters opportunities to interview people and report on the Games. Especially, Yokohama was a host town for the pre-Games training camp of the British National Teams, so we could report various news including interviewing PR and venue staff and their strategies under the "GO GB" slogan, learning about British culture and creating an Accessibility Map of Yokohama.

Due to the Covid-19 global pandemic, it was not possible to host 'complete' Olympics and Paralympics. However, both the athletes who tried to achieve their personal best even amid the restrictions and all the staff who supported the Games with ideas and creativity were outstanding. It was a valuable experience for us to feel directly the energy of people who worked at the actual site.

I realized once again that the Olympics and Paralympics were a great opportunity for people who were born and raised in Japan to experience different cultures and interact with people from around the world.

Cross-cultural understanding is the first step toward world peace. I was able to talk with people from overseas (via a translator), which gave me a sense of tension which is hard to express, and I was thrilled. It was a pity the Games were held without spectators although it was a great chance to meet people from around the world. I would like to interview people and report about live, dramatic Olympics and Paralympics again when I grow up.

Jotaro Yamamoto

I joined in the research to create an Accessibility Map of Yokohama, covering the area around The Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse, one of the celebration sites for the Olympic Torch Relay.

This allowed me to learn about disabled people and to see the city, which I usually walk around without thinking, from a totally different perspective. Also, I have become more interested in Paralympic sports and impressed by the power of para-athletes which exceeds that of non-disabled people.

Yuki Ogawa

My experience as a junior reporter made me more interested in the Olympics and Paralympics and watching the Games. I wish I could have talked more with the British athletes.

Michiaki Hasegawa

I learned about British culture by interviewing Mr. Gerald Muirhead, a bagpiper. His performance was amazing. Having become more interested in it, I now want to learn more about British culture and special things.

Aisa Miyashita

I covered the Olympics and Paralympics as a junior reporter and learned about lots of sports which I didn't know before. Para-athletes are grouped into many different categories, and I never got tired of watching the Games with so many exciting events.

Mei Hashimoto

It was a pity that the interview with the British team was held online, but I was happy to feel so close to them.

Hiryu Orishimo

I interviewed Mr. Tim Jones, camp director of the British Swimming Team, and learned about meals and training programs during the camp. It was a valuable experience.

Momone Akatsu

I had joined some interviews and reported on the Tokyo 2020 Games and the British National Teams. At the "500 Days To Go Festival – 500 days to go until the Tokyo 2020 Games" which was held about three years ago, I experienced wearing a prosthesis and playing wheelchair basketball. I learned how to walk with a wobble with the prosthesis and how difficult it is to move around a narrow space in a wheelchair. I also had a chance to see a live show of "Alchemist" singing "Ano Sora" and "Foorin" singing "Paprika" which really cheered me up.

Also, I was lucky to see Britain's Prince Harry. We joined the exchange program between Prince Harry and the wheelchair basketball athletes aiming to compete at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. Prince Harry kept good eye contact with everyone and smiled while talking, and I was impressed with his gentlemanly manner.

The experience of interviewing Mr. Gerald Muirhead, the Scottish bagpiper, also left a deep impression. The beautiful melody of "Amazing Grace," which he performed in traditional dress with black and red tartan check plaid, was captivating.

Tokyo 2020 was held with no spectators due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and we had to watch the Games on TV, but when I saw the British athletes competing, I felt an affinity with them because they had visited Yokohama for their training camp, making me realize that the Olympics were really being held in Japan. By serving as a junior reporter, I directly learned the power of sports and fascinating British culture. I really appreciate the valuable opportunity.

Minami Hashimoto

About Tsuzuki Junior Editorial Board

Tsuzuki Junior Editorial Board started out life in 2009 as a commemorative project in Tsuzuki Ward to mark the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Port of Yokohama, and the 15th anniversary of the creation of Tsuzuki Ward. Today, junior reporters ranging in age from the 5th grade of elementary school to high school students go out and collect news materials, which they use to write articles. They cover not only Tsuzuki Ward but the City of Yokohama as a whole, giving full play to their perspectives and abilities as children.

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A Real Taste of Britain in Yokohama: A UK-themed Walking Course Guide (Kannai – Motomachi Edition)



The City of Yokohama is set to host the pre-Games preparation camp of the British Olympic and Paralympic teams for the Tokyo 2020 Games. Take a quick look back through history, though, and you will soon discover how the relationship between Yokohama and the United Kingdom goes back much further, to the end of the Edo period (mid-19th century), around the time when the Port of Yokohama first opened up.

So why not take this opportunity to find out about the history of interaction between the United Kingdom and Japan while enjoying a stroll through the streets of Yokohama. In this guide, the GOGB Column Editing Department introduces a recommended walking course that will give you a real taste of Britain in Yokohama, featuring a route beginning in Kannai and ending Motomachi.

Nihon Odori Street



Our walking tour starts from Nihon Odori Street in the Kannai area. This area sustained heavy damage during a major fire which broke out in 1866, including not only Japanese residential areas but also foreign settlements. As such, urgent steps were taken to redevelop the area, such as putting in place modern street plans and coming up with measures to prevent fires. Japan's first ever Western-style roads were constructed here as part of this work, designed by Richard Henry Brunton, a British designer who also designed Yokohama Park. You can find a bust of Brunton on a corner of this street.



The tiles embedded into the street also give a sense of Yokohama's history from around the time of the port's opening.

This street, which leads to the Port of Yokohama and is lined with buildings including Kanagawa Prefectural Government's Office, Yokohama Archives of History, and Yokohama District Court and Yokohama Summary Court, offers picturesque scenery all year round, including rows of beautiful ginkgo trees in autumn and stunning illuminations in winter. The street is broad and spacious, steeped with an atmosphere reminiscent of a British movie.



Address: Nihon Odori Street, Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture

Nearest station: 1 min. walk from Nihon-Odori Station on the Minato Mirai Line / 15 min. walk from JR Kannai Station

Yokohama Archives of History



Yokohama Archives of History consists of two buildings: a new building facing Kaigan-dori Street, and a small old building surrounded by a courtyard. The old building was originally constructed to house the British Consulate General. This building was designed by the British government and all of the materials used in its construction were brought all the way from the UK. As such, both the exterior and interior give the appearance of a quintessential British building. The museum features easy to understand displays on the history of the Port of Yokohama, charting its growth as a port town through the use of photos, contemporary newspaper cuttings, models etc., making it a fun place for even children to come and learn. There is a camphor tree in the courtyard, a symbol of the Yokohama Archives of History.



One cannot help but feel a sense of awe at how this dignified tree has been standing in the same place since the Edo period, witnessing the course of Yokohama's history from the opening of the port to the present day.

3 Nihon Odori Street, Naka-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture

TEL: 045 (201) 2100

Opening hours: 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Closed: Mondays (the following day in the event Monday falls on a national holiday),
end of year New Year holiday season, other days

Nearest station: 2 min. walk from Nihon-Odori Station Exit 3 on the Minato Mirai Line /
15 min. walk from JR Kannai Station

URL : <http://www.kaikou.city.yokohama.jp/index.htm>

Café: Au jardin de Perry



Au jardin de Perry, a café located on a corner of Yokohama Archives of History, is housed in a building that was once used as guardhouse for the former British Consulate General. The café faces Kaiko Hiroba Park, a square commemorating the opening of the Port of Yokohama.



This was also the place where the Convention of Kanagawa was signed, a peace treaty reached between Japan and the US in 1854, and is the perfect place to sit back and unwind with a cup of tea in a historical setting.

Yokohama Archives of History, 3 Nihon Odori Street, Naka-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture

TEL: 045-662-8345

Opening hours: (Tue. – Fri.) 8:00 am – 5:00 pm;

(weekends and national holidays) 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Closed: Mondays, end of year New Year holiday season, other days

Silk Center (Silk Museum)



Following the opening of the Port of Yokohama in 1859, many foreign merchants came to the port area to set up shop.

The Silk Center is located at the former site of the Yokohama branch of Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited, a major British conglomerate that was involved in the silk trade at the time of the port's opening.





The Silk Museum opened in 1959 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Port of Yokohama. In addition to learning about the history of silk, which contributed to Yokohama's development as a port city, you can also enjoy workshops, searching for silk items in the museum shop, and other fun events.



The museum also boasts stunning views of the port, another reason why it has been included on this recommended walking itinerary.

Silk Center 2nd floor, 1 Yamashita-cho, Naka-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture

TEL: 045-641-0841

Opening hours: 9:30 am – 5:00 pm (final entry: 4:30 pm)

Nearest station: 2 min. walk from Nihon-Odori Station Exit 3 on the Minato Mirai Line /
15 min. walk from JR Kannai Station

URL: <http://www.silkcenter-kbkk.jp/museum/>

NYK Hikawa Maru (Yamashita Park)



Walk alongside the port from the Silk Center and you will find Yamashita Park. This park was created as a part of a reconstruction project following the Great Kanto Earthquake in 1923, using the rubble left by the earthquake for landfill.

The Hikawa Maru, an ocean liner floating in the port alongside Yamashita Park, was once nicknamed "The Queen of the North Pacific," and is now permanently berthed alongside Yamashita Park.

The Hikawa Maru was built in 1930 for use on a regular liner route between Yokohama and Seattle. Prior to the breakout of the Pacific War, the ship's famous passengers included English comedian Charlie Chaplin, and Prince Chichibu and his wife, who were returning to Japan after having attended King George VI's coronation in the UK.

The Hikawa Maru, now decommissioned, has been preserved as an Important Cultural Property, a floating museum which retains the glory of its heyday. Visitors can look around the ship's interior and gaze over the port steeped in an opulent atmosphere of sea voyages from days gone by.

Yamashita Park. Yamashita-cho, Naka-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture

TEL: 045-641-4362

Nearest station: 3 min. walk from Motomachi-Chukagai Station Exit 4 on the Minato Mirai Line
/ 15 min. walk from JR Negishi Line Ishikawacho Station or Kannai Station

URL : <https://hikawamaru.nyk.com/>

British House Yokohama



If you carry on past Yamashita Park and keeping walking in the direction of Motomachi, you will arrive at British House Yokohama, located adjacent to Harbor View Park. This house is the former British consular residence, where the British consul general lived with his family.



The nameplate with royal insignia beside the front gate and copperplate beside the front entrance testify to the building's long and prestigious background. Also, the small gate to the left of the front gate served as an entrance for servants, giving insights into the history of Britain's class society. From the moment you enter, you will feel as if you have stepped back in time to a bygone Britain, with the building's chalk white walls, furniture and interior décor hearkening back to life in those days.

115-3 Yamate-cho, Naka-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture

TEL: 045-623-7812

Nearest station: 8 min. walk from Motomachi-Chukagai Station on the Minato Mirai Line

URL : <http://www.hama-midorinokyokai.or.jp/yamate-seiyokan/british-house/>

Yokohama Christ Church on the Bluff



Yokohama Christ Church on the Bluff is a church belonging to the Anglican Church in Japan, which shares many of the traditions and practices of the Church of England. Built from oya tuff stone, this church is a landmark of the Yamate area of Yokohama, an imposing building constructed in the style of a Norman church from medieval Britain.

The current building is actually the third church building. The second building, which was constructed at the current location, was destroyed during the Great Kanto Earthquake. A temporary building was set up in the aftermath of the earthquake until construction of the third building was complete. This impressive building lends the surrounding area a profound air, giving a sense of history and the ongoing faith of those who have continued to come here to worship over the years.

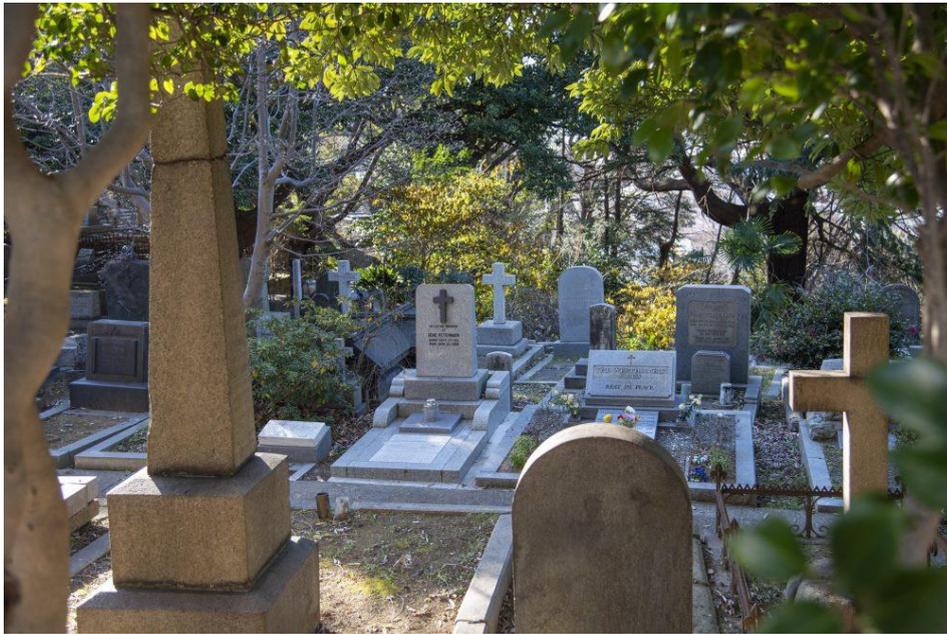
235 Yamate-cho, Naka-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture

TEL: 045-264-8156

Nearest station: 7 min. walk from Motomachi-Chukagai Station on the Minato Mirai Line

URL: <http://anglican.jp/app-def/S-102/yamate/>

The Yokohama Foreign General Cemetery



Many foreign nationals who passed away while in Japan are buried here in this cemetery, including many people from the United Kingdom, such as soldiers who died during the First World War on the way to battlefields from Japan. The Yokohama Foreign General Cemetery Museum is located next to the cemetery.



In addition to providing an overview of history from the end of the Edo period (mid-19th century), this museum uses explanatory panels and photographs to introduce the lives of some of the people buried here, including British engineers and other notable people who contributed to Japan's modernization during the Meiji period. For museum lovers, the Yokohama Foreign General Cemetery Museum is certainly worth a visit.



96 Yamate-cho, Naka-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture

Museum opening times: 10 am – 5 pm

Closed: Mondays

Nearest station: 3 min. walk from Motomachi-Chukagai Station on the Minato Mirai Line

URL : <http://www.yfgc-japan.com/index.html>

Yokohama Motomachi Shopping Street



Walk down the slope from the Yokohama Foreign General Cemetery in the direction of Motomachi-Chukagai Station, and you will find Yokohama Motomachi Shopping Street. During the days when Yokohama was first opening up as a port, this shopping street developed through the appearance of shops aimed at foreigners at a location linking foreign settlements in Yamashita-cho and the Yamate area.

Unusual for the time, shops here formed sister partnerships with shopping streets in other countries to enable direct imports from famous stores overseas. Sister partnerships with London's Strand and five other shopping streets in 1967 have served to promote further growth in this area of town. With rows of stores selling everything from fine pottery to antique import goods, just browsing through the huge range of products on offer here will put you in the mood for shopping. Benches are located throughout the shopping street, providing the perfect place to stop for a rest with views over town.

Nearest station: 0 min. walk from Motomachi-Chukagai Station on the Minato Mirai Line

Uchiki Pan



The last point of call on this walking course is Uchiki Pan, a long-standing bakery that has been in Motomachi Shopping Street since 1888.

This bakery is particularly well known for its English style bread, which it has been baking for over a century since its foundation.



This bakery also provides a range of other kinds of bread, including French bread, donuts, anpan sweet red bean buns, and others. So what better way to remember your stroll through Yokohama's streets than with some freshly baked bread for breakfast the next morning?

1-50 Motomachi, Naka-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture

TEL: 045-641-1161

Nearest station: 2 min. walk from Motomachi-Chukagai Station on the Minato Mirai Line

Closed: Mondays

So, how did you enjoy this UK-themed Walking Course Guide?

This walking course really gives a great sense of just how many historical connections there are between the United Kingdom and the City of Yokohama, which is set to host the pre-Games preparation camp of the British Olympic and Paralympic teams for the Tokyo 2020 Games, from the end of the Edo period when the Port of Yokohama first opened up to modernization during the Meiji period and beyond. We hope you take this opportunity to enjoy not only history but also the many sights of cosmopolitan Yokohama.

Text: Mie Hirao, GOGB column writer

Photography: Osamu Sueyoshi, GOGB cameraman

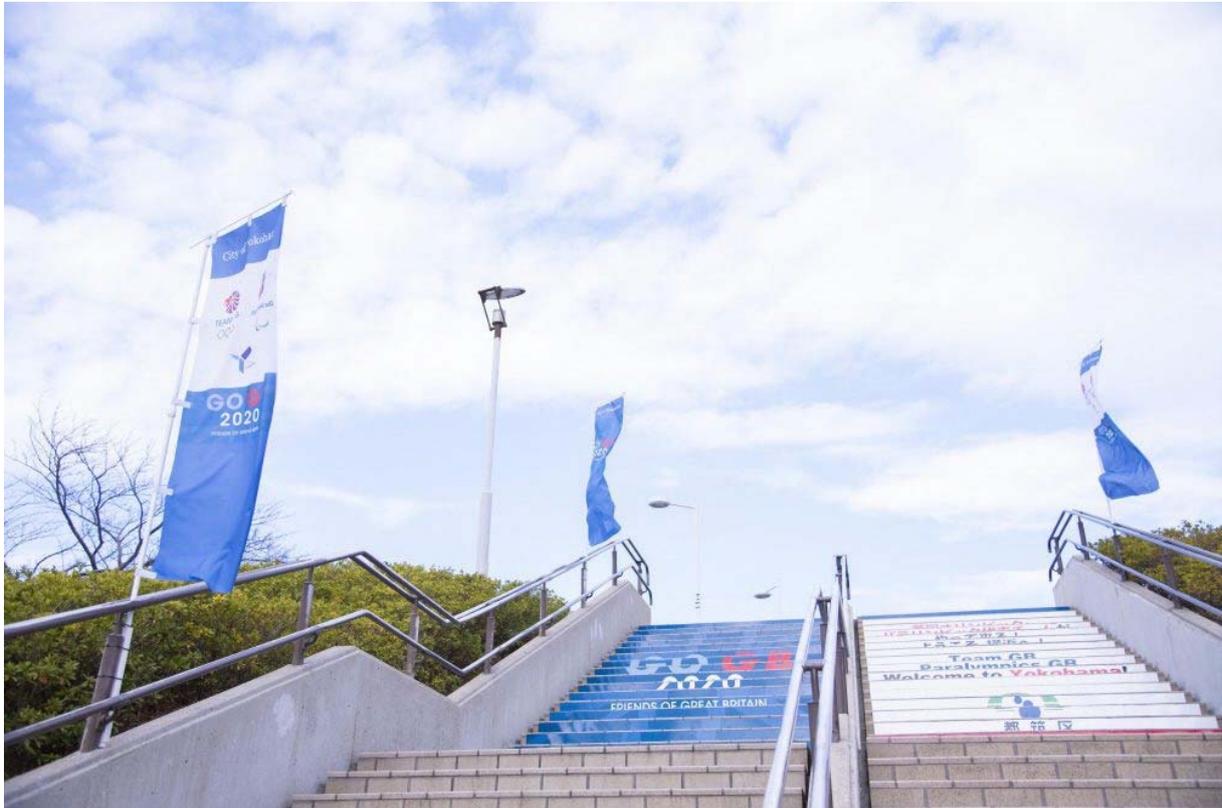
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Exploring the Secrets behind an International-level Swimming Pool! What kind of Place is Yokohama International Swimming Pool?



Yokohama International Swimming Pool is due to be used as a facility for the pre-Games preparation camps of the British Olympic and Paralympic teams for the Tokyo 2020 Games.

An internationally approved swimming pool, it has played host to a number of major international tournaments, such as the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships, in which top swimmers like Ian Thorpe and Kosuke Kitajima participated.



Yokohama International Swimming Pool is located in close proximity to Kita-Yamata Station on the Yokohama Municipal Subway Green Line. The large steps leading up to the pool have been decorated with messages and banner flags proclaiming, “GO GB 2020”, which are sure to make you feel more and more welcoming with every step!

For this issue, we spoke with Ms. Hiromi Abe, a manager at Konami Sports Co., Ltd., the designated manager of Yokohama International Swimming Pool, about the features of this facility and their preparedness for hosting the British teams.

As both a much-loved facility in the local community and an internationally approved swimming

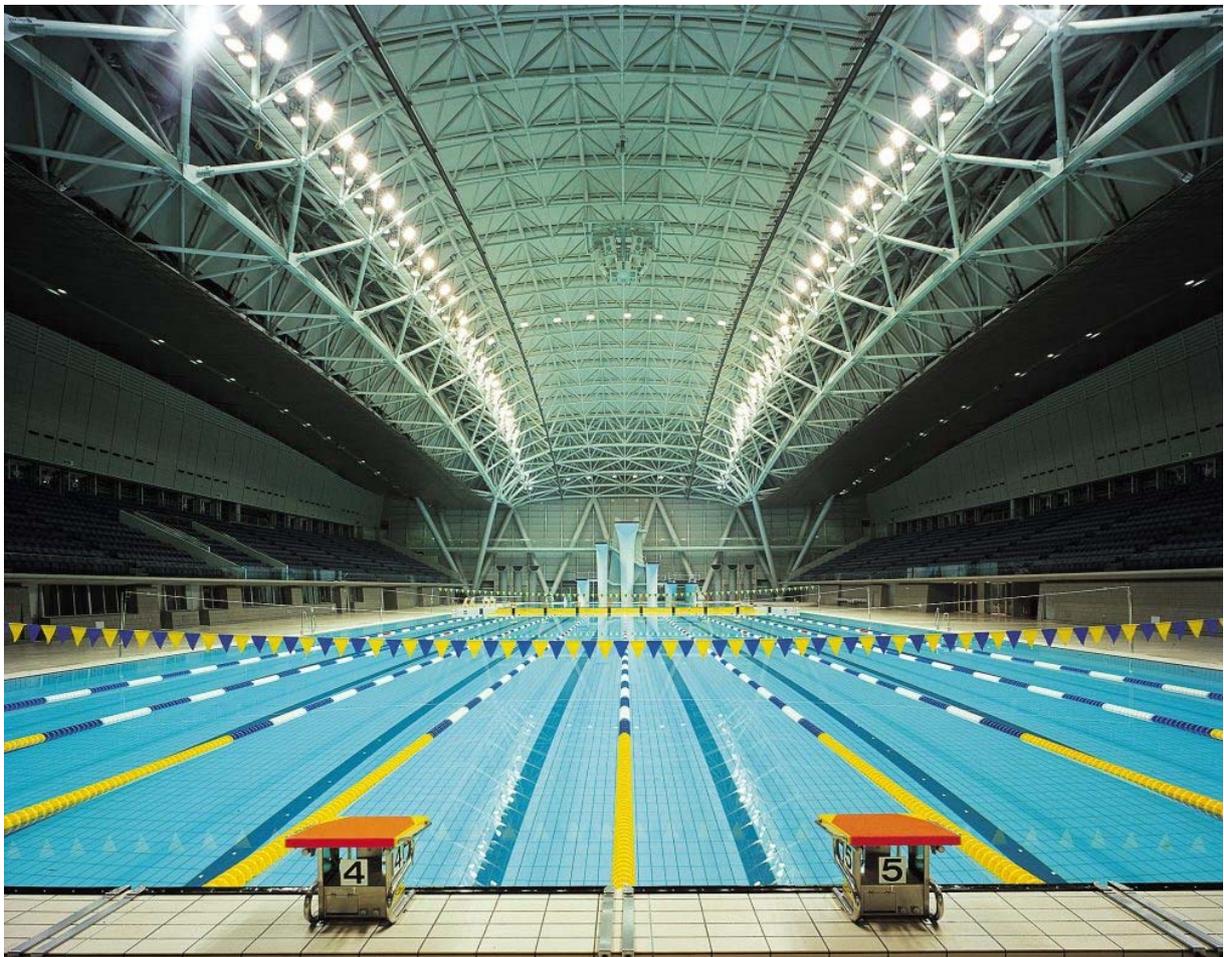


Ms. Abe

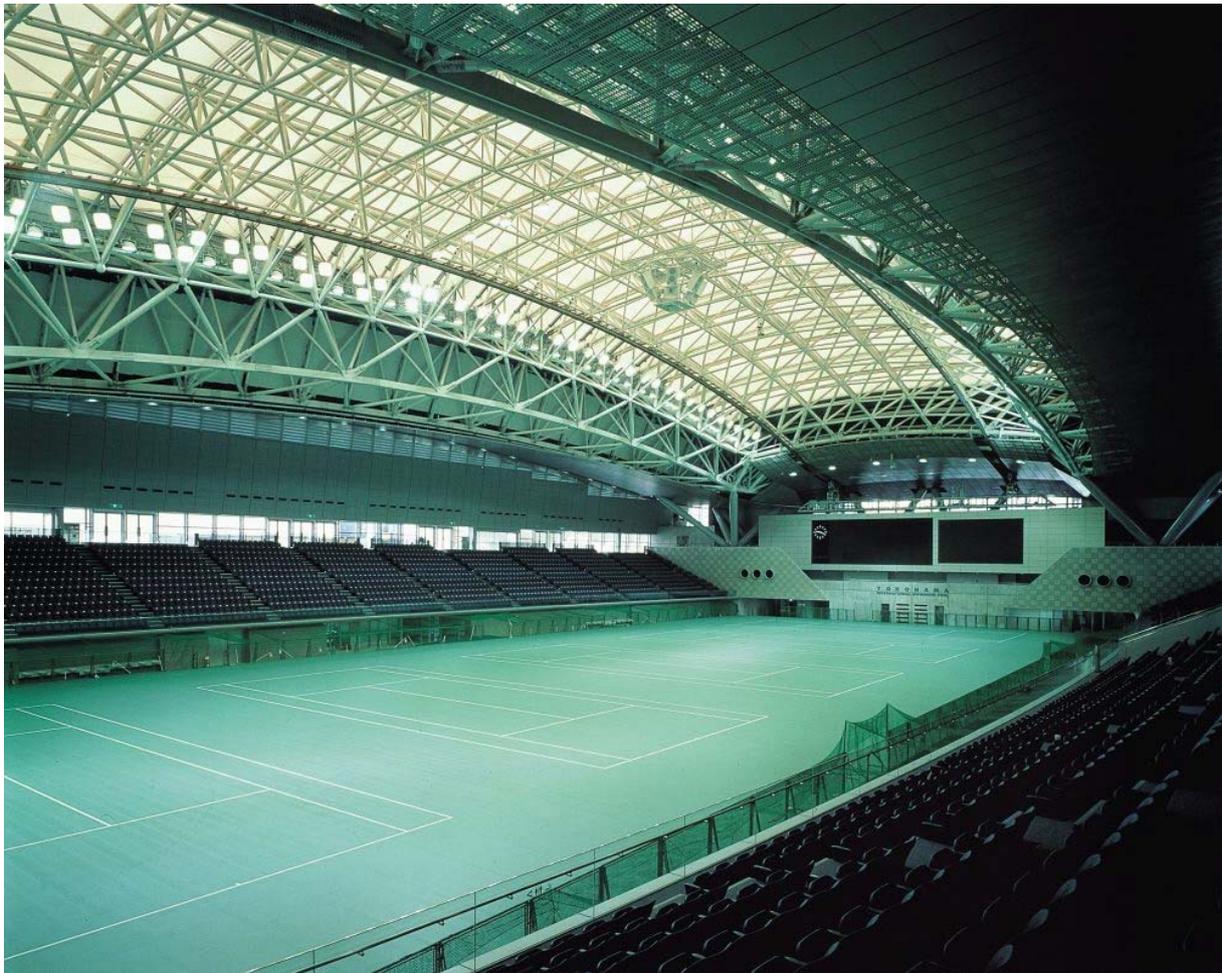
Yokohama International Swimming Pool functions as both a sports facility used by members of the public and a sports stadium which plays host to major domestic and international tournaments in its capacity as an internationally approved swimming pool. As manager, it is my duty along with around 100 members of staff to deal with visitors and manage safety at the pool on a day-to-day basis, as well as to prepare for and administer major tournaments at such times these are held.

There are many familiar faces who come to use our facilities regularly, and we always make sure to greet everyone with courtesy and ask how they are doing in terms of their physical condition.

Main Pool during the summer season, Sports Floor during the winter season



The Main Pool, an internationally approved 50 m swimming pool with approximately 4,000 spectator seats running along both sides.



The Main Pool changes aspect during the winter season, becoming the Sports Floor. It is also known widely as the home arena of the Yokohama B-Corsairs, a professional basketball team based in Yokohama.

Ms. Abe

The Main Arena of Yokohama International Swimming Pool is extremely unusual in that it is used as the Main Pool during the summer season (from May until September) and as the Sports Arena during the winter season (from November until March). There is a transition period of around a month, as we need to gradually drain the pool to convert it into a floor.



The Sub Pool, one of the nation's biggest internationally approved 50 m swimming pools, can be used all year round.

The existence of professional staff who help organise tournaments from behind the scenes

—What kinds of things do you pay particular attention to as an internationally approved swimming pool?

Ms. Abe

The water in our swimming pools is like a living creature. The water's condition changes daily, even hourly. Needless to say, as an internationally approved swimming pool, it is vital that we constantly maintain the water in a good condition, and leaks or machinery defects are something we cannot afford to let happen. We have 20 members of staff constantly monitoring the room temperature, water quality, water temperature, water depth, etc. of the pools. In fact, it is very difficult to increase the water temperature of pools, so water temperature checks also need to be performed during the night. In addition, pool users will notice a bigger temperature difference if the difference between room temperature and water temperature is severe, which is why controlling the air conditioning is another important job.



Professional staff members work in the Control Room around the clock.



Staff members carry out water quality tests every hour to maintain a safe water quality level.

All of our members of staff work hard to administer and maintain Yokohama International Swimming Pool as a safe and secure sports facility.

We are preparing to welcome the British teams in a variety of different ways.



Gym with a view of trees, available for use by beginners and professionals alike.

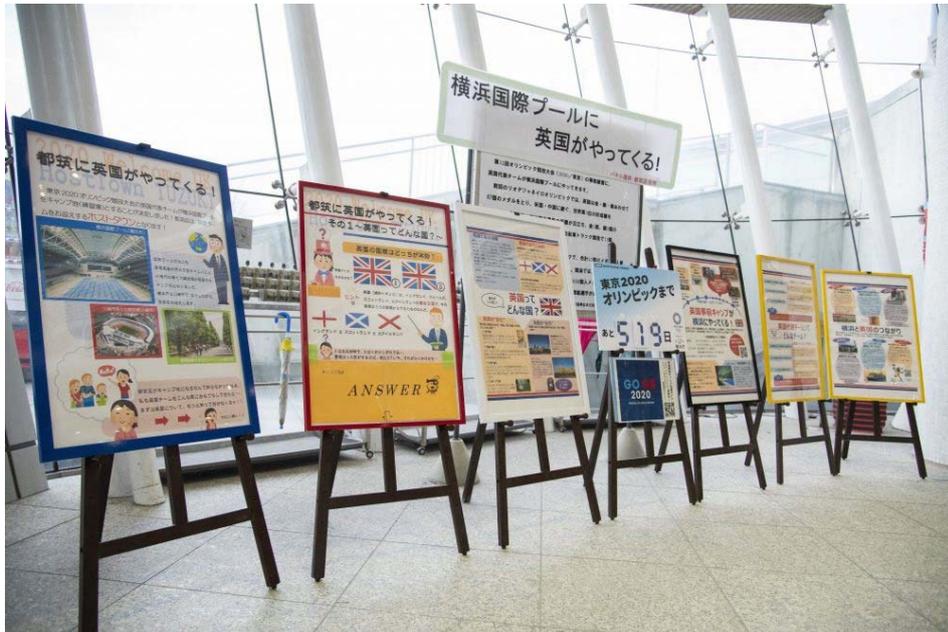
—As a facility, what kinds of preparations do you intend to put in place to welcome the British teams?

Ms. Abe

We need to put in place the special preparations for the British teams and elite athletes, which is why we are making efforts with the British teams to ensure to meet their requirements. During the year 2018, we renewed our starting blocks and lane ropes for competitive swimming events. And we are sure the improvements would make the facility better-equipped and more attractive also for local users.

In January this year, we conducted an anti-terrorism drill at Yokohama International Swimming Pool, in which around 150 people participated, including representatives from such organizations as Yokohama International Swimming Pool, Tsuzuki Police Station, Tsuzuki Ward Office, Tsuzuki Fire Corps, and Tsuzuki Fire Department. All related organizations are cooperating in taking all possible measures to ensure safety.

In addition, in the Entrance Hall, we are endeavoring to foster a welcoming atmosphere for the British teams through a panel display on the UK and a countdown display for the Tokyo 2020 Games.



Panel display giving people the chance to find out more about the British teams.

The Tsuzuki Junior Times published an article on the Japan Para Swimming Championships, which were held at Yokohama International Swimming Pool.



“Tsuzuki Junior Times (TJ) Issue 10”, a newspaper featuring articles by young reporters in the Tsuzuki area.

<http://junior.minicity-plus.jp/category/tjtimes/>

Message for the British teams



Our cheerful staff members are ready to welcome you with a smile.

Ms. Abe

We staff members will do everything we can to help everyone in the British teams to get used to and adjust to their new environment in Japan as soon as possible. In the spirit of “omotenashi”, we hope to be able to provide the kind of fastidious hospitality that Japan is renowned for. The preparation camps are a great opportunity for more people to find out about the attractions of Yokohama and Yokohama International Swimming Pool. We would like to share this rare opportunity with all citizens of Yokohama.

Editor's Notes

The pre-Games preparation camp of the British Olympic team for the Tokyo 2020 Games at Yokohama International Swimming Pool is scheduled to begin in early July 2020. In addition, the pre-Games preparation camp of the British aquatics team has now also been set for the same month. Therefore, it is not long now until Yokohama International Swimming Pool opens its doors for the first time to the British teams.

We wish to lend our full support as citizens of Yokohama to allow the British teams to train in comfort, under the slogan of “GO GB 2020”.

Text: Kimiko Nishikawa, GOGB column writer

Photography: Osamu Sueyoshi, GOGB cameraman

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Visit the Japan Para Swimming Championships at Yokohama International Swimming Pool and learn about para swimming!



Between 21 (Sat) and 23 (Mon, national holiday) September, the Yokohama International Swimming Pool, which will host the Team GB's Tokyo 2020 pre-Games preparation camp, will stage the 2019 Japan Para Swimming Championships, an event commemorating His Majesty The Emperor's Accession to the Throne this year. Last year, some 41 competitors from eight countries around the world joined Japanese swimmers in a championship that is gaining more and more attention as an international competition.

Thus, with the 2020 pre-Games camp getting closer, it is time to put the spotlight on the championships as a taster of what will come in the Paralympics, and, likewise, introduce some of the top GB swimmers who are expected to participate in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics.

Basic Knowledge for More Enjoyment of the Japan Para Swimming Championships

The Japan Para Swimming Championships is the pinnacle event for domestic para swimming. It has been running since 1991 as a competition to ready top competitors for the Paralympics and World Championships. The records set at the championships are officially recognized internationally, one of the few events thus recognized in Japan. Apart from the Japanese swimmers, the 2018 championships attracted 41 swimmers from GB, USA, Canada, Mexico, Colombia, Spain, Australia and New Zealand, truly making it an international event.



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(ジャパンパラ水泳競技大会 2018 で英国代表チームが来日し、横浜市の子供たちと交流をしました)

昨年のジャパンパラの様子はコチラから

https://gogb2020.jp/columns/junior_reports_201810/

The Championships basically abide by FINA rules, with FINA rules also applying to pool regulations and stroke types (freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly), while gender-specific swimmers are classed by impairment types/severities to compete in an order that has competitors of approximately the same ability competing against each other. Impairment types are prefixed with a letter (“S,” “SB” or “SM”) and numbered to indicate sport class, with physical impairments ranging from 1 to 10, visual disabilities from 11 to 13, intellectual disability at 14 and hearing disability at 15 (there are also classes for swimmers with lesser impairments), with numbers increasing from low ones for severe activity limitation to high ones for lesser activity limitation. Moreover, the race strokes are denoted with “S” for freestyle, backstroke and butterfly, “SB” for breaststroke and “SM” for individual medley – for example, “SB1” stands for the class for the most severe activity limitation of physically impaired swimmers.

Still further, as much as possible, the championships are managed in accordance with general swimming competition rules, with special rules also employed in unavoidable situations due to the nature of a swimmer's activity limitation. For example, for swimmers who find it difficult to use starting blocks, an in-water start is permitted, while tapping poles can be used by coaches to let visually impaired swimmers know that they are about to reach the pool wall for a turn or to finish a race.

These classifications and rules are the same as those for Tokyo 2020 Paralympics Swimming, which means the Japan Para Swimming Championships is a great opportunity for seeing and learning about all aspects of para swimming before the Paralympics.

The appeal of seeing personalized strokes to master activity limitation



It is not only the classifications and rules to be learned at the Japan Para Swimming Championships, you can also enjoy the live atmosphere of para swimming races, discovering the effort, ingenuity and skill that swimmers adopt to overcome activity limitations in order to be competitive enough to win by split-second times.

The type of impairment and the severity vary, so the optimum swimming style varies with the swimmer. For example, a swimmer with only one leg and one arm and a hemiplegic swimmer are going to have completely different propulsion and floating issues, which will make swimming in a straight line complicated, so such swimmers go through a trial-and-error learning curve to find the best way to swim and swim quickly based on the general swimming style for the stroke they are competing in.

Hence, even in a race of the same stroke, the styles will be very personalized. Thus, watching para swimming as pure sport has great appeal because the spectator can wonder at the amount of practice and effort that has gone into mastering a stroke as well as wonder at why a particular style has been chosen. So, come and watch the "drama" behind the times recorded in para swimming.

GB para swimmer stars who could well be at Tokyo 2020

The swimming competition is one of the stellar events of the Paralympics, being an official event from the first Paralympics in Rome in 1960.

And, along with the USA, China and Ukraine, etc., Team GB is one of the strong Paralympics nations, picking up a total of 16 gold medals (Women: 10, Men: 6) at the Rio Paralympics 2016.

Now let us introduce you to some of the key swimmers with illustrious careers who are likely to be making a splash at Tokyo 2020.

● Bethany Firth



A GB female representative who picked up three golds (100m backstroke S14, 200m freestyle S14, 200m individual medley SM14) and one silver (100m breaststroke SB14) at the Rio Paralympics. Among these successes, Bethany notched up a new world record in the 100m backstroke S14, showing overwhelming domination in the class.

● Stephanie Millward



Born in 1981, this female GB para swimming legend is a veteran competitor, grabbing two golds (100m backstroke S8, 4 x 100m medley), one silver (200m individual medley SM8) and two bronzes (100m freestyle S8, 400m freestyle S8) at the Rio Paralympics.

● Toni Shaw



Although born in 2003 and just 16 years old, Toni won the 400m freestyle S9 at the 2018 European Championships, claiming the No. 1 ranking in the world at the time, marking this female swimmer out for greater things. And, at the Japan Para Swimming Championships last year, she blasted her way to a win in the 400m freestyle S9 race, leading the second-place swimmer by more than seven seconds.

● Reece Dunn



Already, in 2019, this 24-year old male swimmer has set two new world records (100m freestyle S14, 200m freestyle S14), showing that he really is on the rise. All eyes will be on him to see what kind of performance he turns in at the Japan Para Swimming Championships in preparation for Tokyo 2020.

The Japan Para Swimming Championships promises to be packed with top-class swimmers. And, although their places are not cemented for Tokyo 2020, if they are picked, you can be sure that they will be in the mix for gold!

Why not come and join us at the Japan Para Swimming Championships to support GB swimmers who are likely to be at Tokyo 2020!

GOGB column writer: Takashi Sugisaki

15.11.2019 Get involved in supporting the GB Teams | Great Britain in our neighbourhood

Come and Enjoy a British Pub – a Very British Socializing Spot – in Yokohama



Yokohama is going to host British national team for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics games. Indeed, Yokohama was one of the first places to adopt British culture back in the 19th century when the city's port was opened to foreign trade, and, even today, there are still hallmarks of British culture to be found strongly rooted in the streets of the city.

Here, with the aim of getting to know Britain better, I would like to introduce one of the uniquely British cultures, the "pub".

To do that, I spoke with Clive Poole and Kae Doshin, the publican and chef of "Full Monty", a British pub they have been running in Yokohama for the last 15 years, about their thoughts on GO GB 2020.

On that note, why don't we take a look at an authentic British pub to get an idea about British culture?

The pub – a social arena indispensable to the British.

The pub is something that has developed in Britain with a special twist on the public bar. When one mentions the UK, the “pub” is always in the conversation. Even in films, there are often scenes featuring pubs. The ambience of a pub says a lot about the daily lives of British people, but what does the “pub” really mean as a place to the British?

Looking back in history, the formal name for a pub is a “public house”, literally “pub” means “house”. So, what started with the custom of the British inviting people into their homes to socialize became an external affair, with bars jointly run in places such as inns, shops and cricket clubs, evolving into the “pubs” known today.

Thus, the pub is the starting point for revealing how the British like to communicate – namely, drinking and talking convivially in the good company of dear friends.



(Clive Poole)

Pubs are where we British people gather to socialize. As a nation, the British enjoy meeting people and sharing a drink over a chat. So, after work or on the weekend, families will say, ‘Let’s go to the pub!’ and head off to the local. And, it doesn’t matter what the occasion, as the great thing about pubs is how really easy they are to drop into.”

(Kae Doshin)

“Groups are welcome, of course, but so are individuals. Customers enjoy the banter of whoever is in the pub in whatever situation. Yet, that doesn’t mean that socializing is a forced agenda. One of the charms of pubs is the comfortable sense of distance between customers. Indeed, among our customers, there are individuals who will quietly spend their time drinking on their own from opening to closing time.

Thus, each in his or her own way is free to do as they please, which means the pub is an invaluable place for British people to relax in. I’d say that the pub is a unique bit of culture that doesn’t exist in Japan, don’t you think?”

In recent years, smoking has been banned in British pubs, paving the way for a growing number of kids’ friendly pubs in the UK, it seems, which is similar to the kids’ spaces and kids’ menus starting to be offered in dining bars in Japan.

Let’s enjoy some “Cider”, the flavor and aroma of Britain, in the setting of a British pub!

I was quick off the mark to ask Clive and Kae about what things are on the menu of an authentic British pub!

First off, drinks. Well, if we’re talking about British pub drinks, then they’ve got to be beers and ciders. Straight off, I have to note that cider is not something we associate with Japanese bars, which doubtless makes it an exotic drink for us Japanese. Cider is “apple juice alcohol”. Incidentally, in France, it’s known as “cidre”.

(Kae Doshin)

Ciders are not only made in the UK but also in various other countries, such as France, Spain and Germany. But, in the UK, special varieties of apple are grown for cider, and some ciders are made in accordance with ancient methods. If you get a chance to go to a British pub, do try the cider, as it comes from a deeply intriguing culture.”



Full Monty carries 70 types of cider – an array that speaks of an authentic pub and evidently draws customers from many, many miles away. Most brands come in 500ml bottles, each poured into a glass for your enjoyment.

Beers come in units of “pints” or “half pints”. These are the measures you order in! (BTW: 1 pint = approximately 568ml).

Next is the cuisine. And, of course, the archetypal “soul foods” for British people have to be “fish-and-chips”, “meat pies” and “roast dinners”.



“Meat Pie”

Stewed meat et al baked in a pie. And, at Full Monty, everything – from the pie pastry onward – is made by hand.



Lamb Steaks & Mash with Homemade Gravy"

The gravy – an essential in British cooking – is made from stewed beef bones, cooked slowly in the oven for 5 hours.



"Fish-and-chips"

A mouth-watering delight of whitefish coated in batter made from flour and beer.

"Just like we have a culture of bonito (katsuo) and seaweed (konbu) in Japan," says Kae, "so the British feel at home when they smell gravy. The aroma of gravy at dinnertime in the streets of Britain is a unique one. Likewise, at the Full Monty, many of our customers are British who are looking for the flavor of home!"

Things to know about the Full Monty that will make things even more of a delight include the need to order food and drinks at the bar, and pay when you get your order. The pub also employs a unique house rule for groups, where individual members of a group take turns to buy a "round of drinks" for the group.

Cider and the flavors and aromas of Britain, along with encounters and conversations are the true pleasures of a British pub. So, why not stretch your legs and step into the Full Monty, to delight in the true flavors or a real British pub?

Thinking of the connection between the UK and Yokohama, I want to broadcast British culture, anew!

Finally, I asked Kae and Clive about their thoughts on GO GB 2020.



(Clive Poole)

When Japan opened up to commerce with the world, Yokohama was the first to adopt British culture, giving the city a strong British connection. And, as the city will be hosting Team GB during the 2020 Olympics and Paralympics, I want to broadcast British culture, anew!

I personally like football and rugby, so it would be great to create opportunities to introduce British culture to my customers while we enjoy some sport on screen at the Full Monty.”



(Kae Doshin)

I want to take this opportunity to remind people of the wonderful food culture Britain has. It is rarely acknowledged, but popular dishes, such as sandwiches and roast beef, originated in the UK. British culture exists everywhere in Yokohama. Yet, it is so woven into our daily lives that we cannot see it!

Thus, we are planning some events to bring British culture into focus again, so that we can pass on even more of the delights of British culture to the many people who come to watch the Olympics and Paralympics or visit Yokohama for sightseeing.”

This time round, I have introduced the British pub, an essential part of any conversation about the British.

Pub life is not well known in Japan, but step across the threshold, and you will find a warm British-style community, where even strangers delight in easy-going chitchat. So, why not take this opportunity to experience the delights of a British pub?

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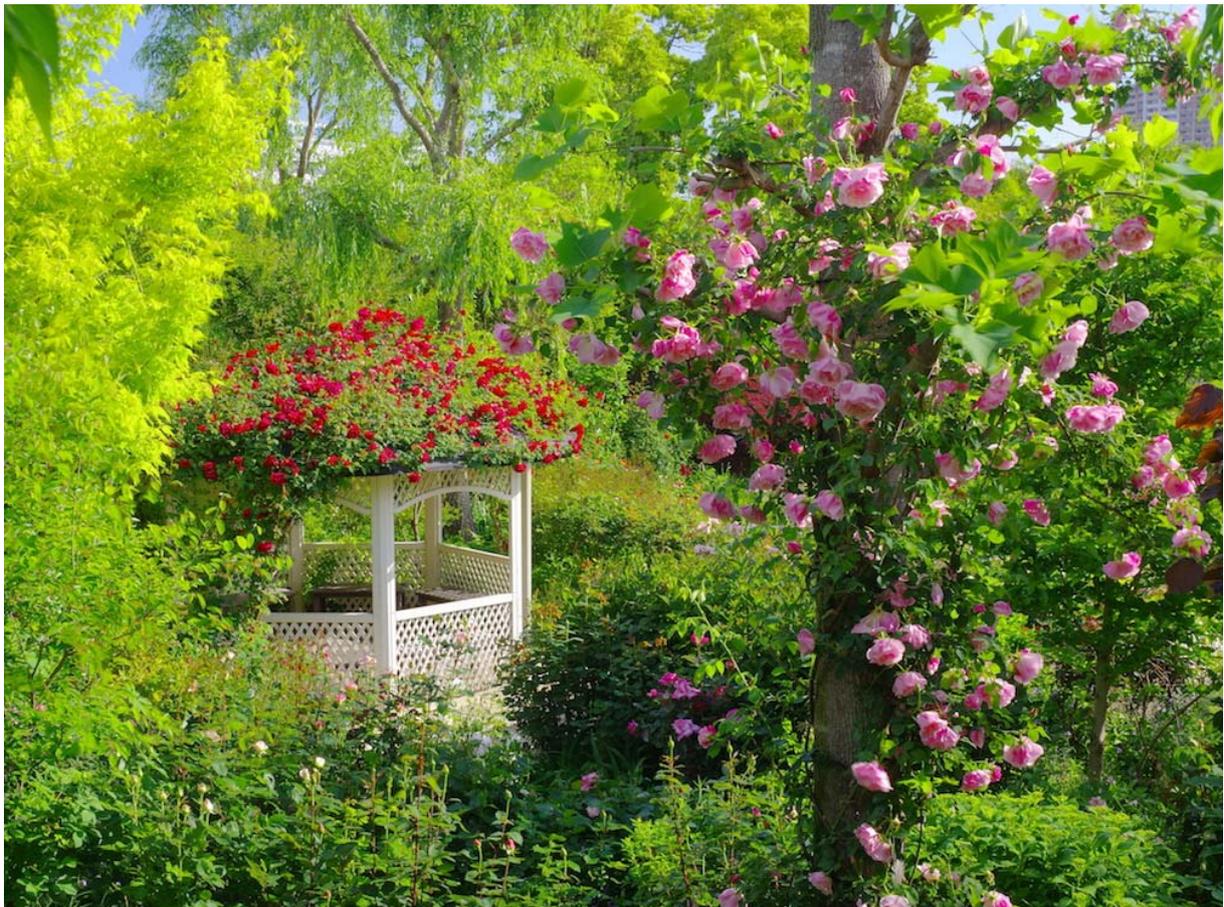


Yokohama will host the preparation camps of the British Olympic and Paralympic teams. What is more, with the opening of the Yokohama port in the final years of the Edo period (1853-1868), Yokohama was quick to embrace British culture.

With that in mind, we would like to use this article to present the Yokohama English Garden, a spot where you can enjoy British culture. Our guide was Satoshi Kuroda, a gardener at Yokohama English Garden. He introduced us to the various seasonal plants in the garden, which is home to 2,000 plant species and vistas bulging with more than 2,200 roses. He also showed us the appeal of seasonal differences to be seen with each visit and taught us about the British culture that shaped that appeal.

The thrill of an English Garden is the enjoyment of natural beauty found in flowering plants

The essence of English Gardens is the “enjoyment of natural beauty”, which stems back to the first English-style gardens of the 18th and 19th centuries. With the real thrill of an English Garden being the illusion that the garden has somehow been lifted directly out of a natural setting, affording a sense of raw wild potency seen in the beauty of flowering plants. Differing from the geometric designs of Italian and French style gardens, the views in English Gardens offer a sense of depth in a left-right asymmetric setting, somehow hinting at a beauty similar to that seen in segments of a Japanese garden.



(Satoshi Kuroda)

“The crux of an English Garden involves mixed planting in a natural setting. Although manmade, the delight is derived by creating a natural vista by arranging a blend of various plants. Nevertheless, having got that natural look, it does not mean that the garden can be left to grow wild. What is required is the knowledge of each plant’s characteristics, and the planning skills to plant each one at the right time and in the right location.

The point here is that the gardener needs to have the knowledge to choose which plants work in which environments. Just because the aimed for effect is an English Garden, that does not mean that you have to use British plants, you should dare to use the plants that you like.”

Japan's involvement in British gardening culture

British gardening culture changed greatly in the 18th and 19th centuries thanks to the many plants brought back to Britain by plant hunters, who roamed the world to augment the small number of plants that grow naturally in Britain. Back then, plant hunters from the countries of northern Europe, including Britain, travelled to Asia, Africa and Latin America and gathered prized plants, with, it is said, hydrangeas, wild chrysanthemums and others taken back from Japan.

On the back of this plant boost, the Horticultural Society of London was established by plant-loving Londoners, and gardening culture flourished.





Philipp Franz von Siebold (1796-1866) took the lacecap hydrangea (native to Japan) back to Holland, where, it is said, work progressed to increase the varieties. Back then, Siebold named the Japanese lacecap hydrangea "Hydrangea otakusa", with Otakusa being the pet name of his Japanese wife. And, hydrangeas can be enjoyed in the Yokohama English Garden in June.

Through the 90s and 00s, British gardening culture became immensely popular in Japan, with English roses – noted for their slender stems and a soft impression – from the famous rose nursery of David Austin becoming extremely popular.

And, even though these are hard to come by nowadays, the Yokohama English Garden has several collections of David Austin's roses.

What's there to enjoy in the Yokohama English Garden from autumn 2020 to spring 2021?

At the Yokohama English Garden, where the keynote is the rose, which also happens to be Yokohama's symbolic flower, the four seasons sees an array of flowering plants take a proud bow as they step into bloom, including over 30 species of cherry trees in spring and some 300 species of hydrangeas in early summer. Therefore, we asked Satoshi Kuroda about what we should look out for in the period between autumn 2020 and spring 2021.

(Satoshi Kuroda)

“The species of plants at the Yokohama English Garden are many and varied. From the middle of October to the end of November, autumn roses are the blooms that catch the eye. While there are other roses in their prime in both spring and summer, autumn roses offer excellent colors and fragrances, with the expansive spread of the blooms making them especially attractive to the eye. What is more, the blooms on this year’s roses are bigger than usual. The gradual lowering of temperature in autumn means that rose petals slowly unfurl to a greater size. And, the deep, burgundy color are due to that gradual blooming process.”



Rows of splendid roses with blooms the size of a clenched fist – wow, so many roses steeped in delightful fragrances, the aroma of damask that is so redolent of a rose, as well as others with fruity fragrances and more!

“Spring, in early to mid-May is a great time to view roses. And, the star attraction in Yokohama English Garden is our 50-meter long rose tunnel, with roses in full bloom in mid-May. The rich scents of the rose-filled tunnel make even the simplest of walks through a heady, fragrance-filled experience. Early to mid-May is a precious period as we work to get the roses in the tunnel and nearby environs to bloom in unison. We gardeners closely observe minute changes, such as temperature, humidity and amount of sunlight, employing our green fingers to ensure that all the roses come into bloom in this period – so, this is the time when show what we are made of. Hence, we truly hope that as many people as possible will come and visit the garden to enjoy the vistas of beautiful roses in bloom.”



This time round, we took a look at our English Garden, which originated from British gardening culture.

With a shared love of natural beauty, doubtless the British and Japanese are close in terms of sensitivity.

Christmas decorations will be on show from 24 November at the Yokohama English Garden. The double enjoyment of seasonal festive decorations and garden vistas is yet another appealing reason to visit – so, why not come and enjoy Yokohama English Garden!

Yokohama English Garden Website

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