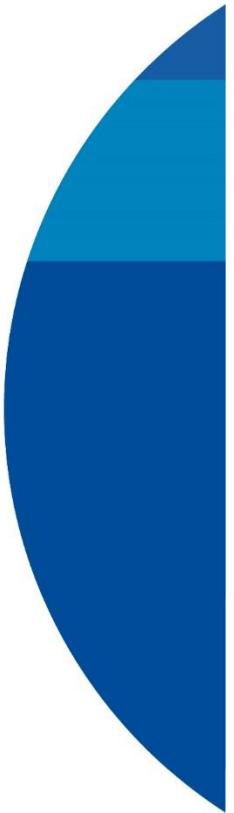
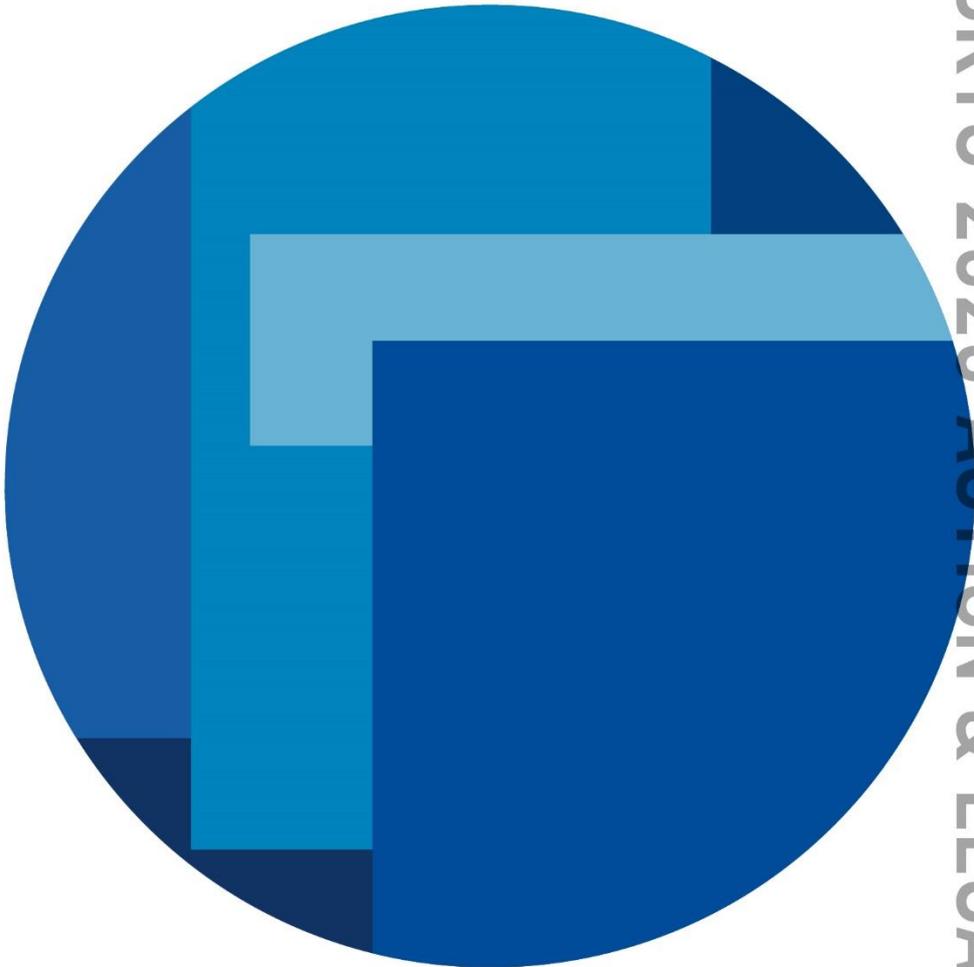


TOKYO 2020 ACTION & LEGACY REPORT



Message from Hashimoto Seiko, President, The Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games

With the COVID-19 pandemic raging around the world, the Tokyo 2020 Games were postponed for the first time in history, moving into the spotlight after a year of changes that upended the lives of countless people around the world. The successful conclusion of the Games was made possible by the monumental understanding and cooperation of the Japanese Government, Tokyo Metropolitan Government, local municipalities, the International Olympic Committee, International Paralympic Committee, Olympic and Paralympic partners, and the immeasurable number of people who offered their support in ensuring a safe and secure Games. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you all.



The Olympic and Paralympic Games were the very first global-scale event held during the pandemic, bringing together the most elite athletes from around the world. I am overjoyed that we have been able to pass on the baton to Paris, a reminder of the resolute determination of the Tokyo Games that may be defined as the “Tokyo Model”.

The “Action & Legacy Plan” was formulated in 2016 following discussions by experts’ commissions in five different areas, engaging both the athletes participating in the Games and as many people as possible, to ensure that the various initiatives and positive benefits of hosting the Games could be passed on as a legacy to future generations.

In line with the Action & Legacy Plan’s key message of “Participating in the Tokyo 2020 Games, Connecting with Tomorrow”, a vast number of organisations and groups developed and implemented a variety of initiatives across Japan not only in sports, but to also create a broader legacy for the future in the five fields of “Sports & Health”, “Urban Planning & Sustainability”, “Culture & Education”, “Economy & Technology”, and “Recovery, Nationwide Benefits & Global Communication”.

The Organising Committee authorised a wide range of certifications under “The Tokyo 2020 Nationwide Participation Programme” in order to encourage the independent engagement of different organisations and groups. A broad range of key initiatives, including those aimed at sustainability, unity in diversity, and the realisation of a fully-inclusive society, were spearheaded by the Organising Committee, such as designing the Olympic and Paralympic medals from used mobile phones and other small household appliances collected from all over Japan, manufacturing podiums from recycled waste plastic, building the Plaza in the Athletes’ Village using domestic wood sourced from 63 municipalities across Japan, deploying people-friendly robots at competition venues, using aluminium from temporary housing for people impacted by the 2011 disaster in the design of the

Olympic torches for the Torch Relay, and selecting the mascots for the Games through a nationwide vote of elementary school students. I am pleased to announce that these initiatives and achievements have been compiled into this "Tokyo 2020 Action & Legacy Report".

In summary, while the Tokyo 2020 Games took place under challenging conditions, I believe that, through the Games, Japan has helped to reawaken the connections and bonds that bring all of the people around the world together. I am confident that the untold experiences of these Games will be passed on as our legacy to future generations, and it is my hope that the Tokyo 2020 Games will become an inspiration in stimulating positive changes in society in the future.

The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray background. The signature consists of four characters: '橋本聖子' (Hashimoto Seiko).

Hashimoto Seiko, President

The Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games

Foreword

Tokyo was selected as the host city for the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games on 7 September 2013. Although this was to be a sporting event hosted by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and a number of other municipalities, the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games saw stakeholders from around the country, including the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Japanese Government, local governments, and event partners, come together in an “All-Japan” structure with the shared aim of hosting an event that would expand over fields of endeavour, over geographical boundaries and over time.

The “Tokyo 2020 Action & Legacy Plan” was formulated in 2016 to systematically promote these initiatives, with the key message of “Participating in the Tokyo 2020 Games, Connecting with Tomorrow”. The “Tokyo 2020 Nationwide Participation Programme” was launched as a unique mechanism of the Tokyo 2020 Games to allow various organisations and groups throughout Japan to connect with the Olympic and Paralympic Games and implement actions to build momentum and create a legacy, engaging as many people as possible.

For the first time in the history of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Tokyo 2020 Games were postponed because of the global spread of COVID-19. Japan’s experience in hosting the Games during the COVID-19 pandemic will be passed on to future generations as a legacy and study in overcoming multiple challenges. Although various restrictions limited the implementation of actions to build momentum and create a legacy, ingenuity paved the way for imaginative actions to take place despite these restrictions.

This report contains a compilation of the outcomes of the numerous actions that were implemented based on the “Tokyo 2020 Action & Legacy Plan”, as well as the lessons that will be passed down as a legacy to future generations. Now that the curtain has fallen on the Tokyo 2020 Games, it is our hope that our legacy will continue to be passed down to future generations by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Japanese Government, Japan Olympic Committee, Japan Paralympic Committee, and all future legacy messengers and leaders.

*The Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games established the Tokyo 2020 Action and Legacy Report to integrate the Tokyo 2020 Legacy. In the future, The Tokyo Metropolitan Government plans to incorporate the benefits of the Games to host cities into the Legacy Reporting Framework.
