



National Sports Festival



Comprehensive Community Sports Clubs



Sports Masters Japan



Olympic Day Run



Olympic Concert



Team Japan

JAPAN SPORTS 100TH ANNIVERSARY



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Slogan: Japan Sports 100th Anniversary, A New Leap into a Proud Future



The Founding of Japan Sports Association (JASA) and Japanese Olympic Committee (JOC)

Japan Sports Association (JASA) and Japanese Olympic Committee (JOC) were founded in 1911 by Dr. Jigoro KANO. The purpose of creating such organizations was stated in the prospectus titled “Foundation of Japan Sports Association and hosting qualifying events for participation in the Stockholm Olympic Games” written by Dr. KANO. In the prospectus, he expressed that: “Considering the current state of sports in Japan and the global trend, as well as promotion of sports among the Japanese people, Japan Amateur Athletic Association (antecedent to JASA) is founded in order to promote sports in Japan and participation to the Olympic Games as its main objectives.”

Dr. Jigoro KANO



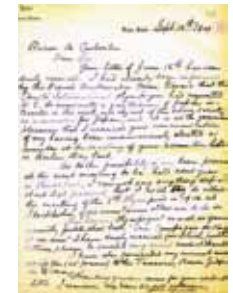
Portrait of Jigoro KANO

Founded in 1882, the Kodokan to educate students through Judo.

In 1909, accepted an invitation from the IOC President Baron de Coubertin for assuming the office as the first-ever Asian IOC member.

Founded in 1911, Japan Amateur Athletic Association (antecedent to JASA) and served as the First president.

In 1912, led the first-ever Japanese delegation to the 5th Olympic Games in Stockholm as the chef-de-mission.



A letter written in English by KANO addressed to Coubertin



1912 Participation in the Olympics for the first time at Stockholm Olympic Games



1946 The First National Sports Festival



1962 Founding of Japan Junior Sports Club Association



1964 Tokyo Olympic Games



1998 Nagano Winter Olympic Games



2001 The First Sports Masters Japan

JASA / JOC : the History

- 1911 Founding of Japan Sports Association (JASA) and Japanese Olympic Committee (JOC)
- 1912 Sending the first-ever Japanese delegation to the 5th Olympic Games, Stockholm.
- 1946 The First National Sports Festival
- 1962 Founding of Japan Junior Sports Club Association
- 1964 Hosting of the 18th Olympic Games in Tokyo
- 1972 Hosting of the 11th Winter Olympic Games in Sapporo
- 1989 Japanese Olympic Committee became independent from Japan Sports Association
- 1998 Hosting of the 18th Winter Olympic Games in Nagano
- 2001 Organizing The First Sports Masters Japan
- 2011 Japan Sports 100th Anniversary

■ The Olympic Legacy and Sports for All

The 18th Olympic Games held in Tokyo, 1964 marked the first-ever Olympics in Asia. Sports related infrastructures and state-of-the-art transportation system and other social infrastructures as tangible legacies are still in use. Since then, a general interest in sports has grown among Japanese, and people of both sexes and all ages are enjoying sports these days. Sports clubs were established throughout the country and people are enjoying life-long sports. In this way, tangible and intangible legacies comprise the foundation stones of the sports in Japan.

■ Looking Ahead : JASA and JOC

Building upon the histories and achievements of the past since the founding of JASA and the JOC, directions and solutions discussed thorough symposiums and other studies will be formed as proposals to the public with realization of “the society with life-long enjoyment of sports” where each citizen receives rich benefits from sports culture, as well as global peace by sports through the Olympic Movement as the main objectives.



100th Anniversary Events

● Commemorative Celebration & Reception

Tokyo : July 16, 2011 / Venue : Grand Prince Hotel New Takanawa

● Symposium : 100 Years of Sports in Japan. Up to Now & Ahead.

- October 23, 2010 : Fukushima / Creation of Equitable and Affluent Welfare Regional Life through Sports
- December 11, 2010 : Kyoto / Thinking of “Environment and Coexistence” with Sports
- February 26, 2011 : Hiroshima / The World of “Peace and Friendship” achieved by Sports
- July 15, 2011 : Tokyo / Sports in 21st Century and Challenge to the Global Issues

● Presentation of merit awards

● Production of documentation movie

● Issuance of commemorative postal stamps

● Publication of commemorative books