

# Action plan 2019-2024

Japan International Sports Partnership (JiSP)

## 1. 10 x 10 vision

The Rugby World Cup (RWC) was held last year, and many churches engaged in sports ministry were able to make good connections with local schools, sports clubs, and government offices. We were able to meet more than 10,000 people, distribute rugby bibles, and share testimonies. The 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games have been postponed due to the spread of the novel coronavirus, but the mission teams that were supposed to come to Japan are burning hot for Japan and raising their hands in prayer.

I am confident that next year's Olympics will be a special time. As one person said, it is not a "cursed Olympics" but a "blessed Olympics", and Japan, which has received a lot of help from overseas after the earthquake, will now celebrate and encourage the world. I hope it will be possible.

At JiSP, we do not aim to end such an opportunity as a one time event, but aim for blessings to begin and spread from here. By 2024, the Japanese church will receive 10 times the blessing and aim to achieve 10 times growth, and we have set up a "10x10 vision". In order to achieve this "10 x 10 vision", starting from the 12 cities of RWC, regional churches cooperated to form City Teams in various places, and next year they will develop an Olympic mission nationwide and have a deep relationship with the local community. Aiming to build, we will strive to expand the scope of future missions. We will also nurture the next generation of Christians responsible for sports ministry and continue sustainable ministry from 2021 onwards, aiming to be a harvesting work for local churches.

## 2. How to achieve "10 × 10 vision?"

- a. 1) We will expand the prayers for a resolution to the novel coronavirus using the network of sports ministry. 2) We will also post videos on our website of activities such as stretching and fitness that can be done at home or in the park. 3) We will continue to look for missionary teams overseas and host churches in Japan. 4) Following the postponement of the Olympics, we will strengthen our follow-up to athletes. 5) We will expand our work from places where we can do online training for festival leaders.
- b. 2021: Various mission programs will be implemented before, during and after the Olympic and Paralympic Games. For example, we have a goal of reaching one million Japanese people through the "Open Crowd" Festivals (Community Festival). To do that, we are seeking to find 500 regions that commit to reaching 2,000 people in creative ways across Japan. We are hoping that these 500 communities will pray and work together to reach their friends and neighbors. To support these 500 communities, we have invited mission teams from overseas to come to Japan and serve alongside the church. In addition to Festivals they will hold sports and children's camps, clinics, lectures, witness meetings, etc., all with the aim to "connect" with 1 million people during the period. Our goal is that as we build relationships with these one million people who will be followed up by the local church.
- c. 2021-2024: After these major sporting events over 2019-2021, local churches in Japan will experience the possibilities and diversities of sports ministry and aim to expand their City Teams. In addition, we will propose various follow-up programs centered on sports and games, supporting the development of effective follow-up programs that are suited to the situation in each region. The aim is the salvation of 10 million people by 2024.

## 3. Seven Olympic and Paralympic Mission Strategies

### Sports clinics

Christian sports athletes (former athletes) will offer international exchange classes at public elementary schools and special clinics for club teams in junior high and high schools. After the clinic, we will hand out where we are able to, Bibles and testimonies of athletes and invite a follow-up program to each person who comes along to the clinic.

### "Open Crowd Festivals/ Fan Zones

The local church will cooperate in organizing a festival or a family-friendly fan zone where free food, games will be offered, and fun programs will be implemented. It is here that the free love of God will be shown creating opportunities to connect with local people. This happens during both the Olympics and Paralympics

### Volunteer

During the Games, the local church will cooperate to provide a certain number of volunteers (interpreters, guides, etc.) to the local government and cooperate in running the Games.

### **Special Night**

Mission teams from overseas will come to Japan before and during the Games, and after the Games. During your visit to Japan, a “Special Night” will be held at the local church to provide culture, food, music, etc. from each country, to enliven the tournament and give local people an opportunity to visit the church and further connect with the teams.

### **Public Viewing**

We want to encourage churches to invite the community around them to watch some significant moments of the Games. If you are showing the Olympics on a data projector there may be payment required. During the screening you may want to show a videos testimony of a Christian athlete.

### **Cafe Project**

CONNECT2020 is an outreach that will take place for 18 days during the Olympics. They have rented a venue in central Tokyo where a pop-up coffee house will operate. Visitors to the coffee house will have free iced coffee, iced tea, water and snacks to take a break from the summer heat. The staff will be trained to use questionnaires and other way to share the Gospel and talk with visitors.

### **Sports Bible Sports Magazine**

We are currently producing Sports Bibles and Sports Magazines that include testimonies from Christian professional athletes and medalists, as well as a Comic Bible. They will be distributed free of charge at sports clinics, festivals, and events held in churches – in fact any place where we are sharing the gospel through sports. Our hope that the costs of these resources will come from donations (one Bible costs between 100 to 200 yen.) They will be shipped anywhere in the country.

### **4. Follow-up program for 2024 (2021-2024)**

At JiSP, we are committed to following up each program so we focus on the legacy instead of just focusing on the event. Although it is still under consideration, we are suggesting the following follow-up program. We encourage each community to work out what is appropriate for each city's culture.

- a. Sports club
- b. Fitness club
- c. Ongoing Community Festivals
- d. Special Sunday School Program
- e. Kids Games and camps and various camping ministries
- f. Young mother's group meeting at the church
- g. Church Sports League

★A short video introducing Olympic and Paralympic opportunities

<https://youtu.be/LQ4z86oJHRE>

★A short video introducing the Open Cloud Festival

<https://youtu.be/OcRdvEotoyc>

★If you want to know more about how you can be involved, please visit the official website

<https://www.jisp2024.com/>

★Contact us for festival training, resources, mission team acceptance and Olympic mission support.

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