

Tokyo 2020 Games



Event held to mark one year until the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games

To mark one year until the Paralympic Games, an event was held in the community hall of the Chiyoda City Office. In addition to hands-on experiences with three Paralympic sports including Powerlifting to be hosted within Chiyoda City, the event included interviews with Yoshifumi Nagao and other Paralympians.



Powerlifting experience



Used book store area of Kanda-Jinbocho during the COVID-19 pandemic

Tokyo 2020 Games postponed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

In response to the global spread of COVID-19 infections, then Prime Minister Shinzo Abe met with IOC President Thomas Bach, and at a meeting of the IOC Executive Board held thereafter, the one-year postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Games was approved.

Opening of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

It was a highly unprecedented event as its opening was delayed and competitions were held without spectators. 339 events in 33 disciplines were held. A total of 11,259 athletes from 205 countries and regions and the refugee team took part in the Games. Japan won a record-high 27 gold medals, 14 silver medals, and 17 bronze medals, totaling 58 medals.



The opening ceremony ©PHOTO KISHIMOTO

From the Tokyo 2020 Games to the 2024 venue in Paris (France)



COVID-19
Spread of COVID-19 infections

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch Lighting Ceremony

As no improvement of the COVID-19 pandemic situation could be expected, the procession of the Olympic Torch Relay on the main streets of the city and the mini celebration were canceled. Instead, a torch lighting ceremony (torch kiss by the relay runners) was held in Hamacho Park in Chuo City.



The first runner and City Mayor Takaaki Higuchi



The closing ceremony ©PHOTO KISHIMOTO

Closing of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games

4,403 athletes participated from 162 countries and regions and the refugee team, competing in 539 events in 22 disciplines. Due to pandemic countermeasures, all 21 venues were generally without spectators. Japan participated with a record-high 254 athletes in all sports, winning 13 gold medals. Combined with 15 silver medals and 23 bronze medals, it made a total of 51 medals, which is second only to the 52 won in the 2004 Athens games.