

JADA Celebrated 10th Anniversary: Recognized by WADA for JADA's on-going commitment and partnerships

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JADA celebrated its 10th year Anniversary in Tokyo on Monday and renewed its commitment to allow clean athletes to 'shine' for the next 10 years and more.

On 20 February 2012, the anniversary ceremony was held, attended by around 200 distinguished guests. Among them was Mr. Tenzo Okumura, Minister in charge of Sports, The Hon. John Fahey AC, President of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), Mr. David Howman WADA Director General, and Dr. M. Jegathesan, Chair, Medical Committee & Anti-Doping Commission, Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), as well as WADA Athlete Committee members and WADA Senior management. Along with the key national stakeholders of JADA, 33 Asian representatives also attended the ceremony to commemorate the JADA's establishment on 16 September 2001.

Professor Hidenori Suzuki, President of JADA, gave a special gratitude to all the domestic stakeholders and the strong collaboration established with WADA, OCA and the Asian anti-doping organizations. He thanked the commitment shown by the partners for the protection of integrity of sport and clean athletes.

Stating JADA's extensive activities, President of WADA Mr. John Fahey congratulated JADA that "I am delighted to be here in Japan to help recognize the good work of JADA and the strong anti-doping messages it delivers to athletes within its own country and across the wider Asian region."

"Japan and JADA have been significant supporters of WADA since it was set up back in 1999" and presented the plaque to mark JADA's 10th anniversary to Prof. Suzuki.



During the Anniversary Ceremony, Mr. David Howman, WADA Director General, also commemorated the strong partnerships between WADA and JADA. Presenting the current challenges and issues in global fight against doping in sport, he warned against “doping fatigue” and explained how the anti-doping community needed more “champions” in both sport and government. During the ceremony, WADA Legal Counsel Olivier Niggli also outlined the significance of revision processes for the 2015 World Anti-Doping Code.

Though started as three staff members in the office, JADA has enhanced the programs in testing, education, information, Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE), Sports Pharmacist System and international partnerships over the past decade. JADA aims to enhance its education and communications strategy to help deliver strong ethical and health messages.

