

## Joint Release

### **UK Anti-Doping and the Japan Anti-Doping Agency Sign Memorandum of Understanding to Promote Clean Sport**

UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) and the Japan Anti-Doping Agency (JADA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The MOU sets out a number of objectives to protect clean athletes and clean sport especially in relation to hosting major sport events. It is to share expertise and information in a structured way. UK Anti-Doping interim Chief Executive, Nicole Sapstead, and the President of JADA, Professor Hidenori Suzuki, both signed the agreement which will run until 2020.

UKAD and JADA have agreed to cooperate on a number of goals relating to the delivery of an anti-doping programme in the run up to the 2019 Rugby World Cup in Japan and the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games. The two organisations have agreed to share best practice regarding anti-doping development and implementation, and the promotion and ongoing development of anti-doping information and education programmes and research initiatives in line with WADA education strategies.



The signing took place at “The Second International Conference on The Pharmaceutical Industry and the Fight against Doping: New Developments for Clean Sport and Society” held in Tokyo on the same day. The Conference was organised by the Japanese Government, WADA, JADA and UNESCO and saw the representatives from across the pharmaceutical and anti-doping communities convene to explore ways to help protect the rights of clean athletes and to restrict the abuse of licensed and unlicensed medicines. Delegates included: Mr. Hideki Niwa, State Minister for Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japanese Government as well as WADA Executive Board member; Sir Craig Reedie, President of WADA; Mr. David Howman, General Secretary of WADA; and Professor Hidenori Suzuki, President of JADA.

**Professor Hidenori Suzuki, President of JADA, said:**

“JADA is very much looking forward to working with UKAD over the next five years. We want the major sporting events being held in Japan to be the best they can be. UKAD has accumulated extensive experience in terms of best practice in anti-doping after the 2012 Games and we want to build on this knowledge base to ensure the events we will be hosting are the cleanest they can be. Moreover, we want to create a legacy for the next generation where they are aware and practice the values of clean sport and integrity of sport.”

**Nicole Sapstead, UKAD’s Interim Chief Executive, said:**

“UKAD is fully committed to working together with its international partners to enhance anti-doping programmes globally for the benefit of clean athletes. UKAD is in a unique position to assist our partners as we participated in a world class anti-doping programme for the London Games and have a lot of expertise to share.”

“We are delighted to be working with JADA to share best practice and assisting them in developing and implementing a robust anti-doping programme for the Rugby World Cup in 2019 and beyond. We will also be working with them to develop their educational programme so that the next generation of Japanese sports men and women are instilled with the values of clean sport from a very young age.”

