

Japan Anti-Doping Agency Concludes MoU with Southeast Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organization and Tokyo 2020

The Japan Anti-Doping Agency (JADA) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Southeast Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organization (SEARADO) and the Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Tokyo 2020) at the opening event of the “2017 International Anti-Doping Seminar in Asia Oceania”. The agreement will establish a framework for co-operation between the parties, helping Tokyo 2020 deliver a Games where athletes can compete on a level playing field, at the same time protecting and developing the integrity of sport.

Areas of interest and collaboration covered by the agreement include:

- sharing of experience hosting major events, including the Olympic and Paralympic Tokyo 2020 Games
- mutual cooperation with regard to the promotion and implementation of anti-doping education programmes
- mutual cooperation covering the development of human resources, such as Doping Control Officers for anti-doping programmes

JADA CEO Shin Asakawa commented,

“We are delighted to have signed this MOU with the SEARADO and Tokyo 2020 here today. I believe that the activities that will result from this MoU will promote and support the development of anti-doping activities worldwide, and will help protect the value of sport. I hope that our co-operation will be a successful model not only for other countries in Asia and Oceania but also worldwide.”

Tokyo 2020 CEO Toshiro Muto commented,

“We are similarly delighted to have signed this MOU here today. Doping issues at major sporting events have been regularly making headlines over the past few years, and have cast a shadow over the value of sport. We believe it’s important to provide a platform where clean athletes can demonstrate their natural talent and where the



integrity of sport can shine through fair competition. Leveraging the knowledge and cooperation of SEARADO and JADA, we are determined to protect the value of sport to society, and ensure this remains as a major legacy of the Tokyo 2020 Games.”

SEARADO Chairman Patrick Go commented,

“SEARADO is pleased and honoured to enter into this MoU with JADA and Tokyo 2020. SEARADO has had a wonderful relationship with JADA over many years, through various joint initiatives to promote and improve anti-doping practices within the region.

“As part of the Asian family, the 2020 Games in Asia is naturally important to us. With this MoU, SEARADO will be even more deeply invested in the success of Tokyo 2020. The MoU between the 3 parties will facilitate collaboration in identifying experienced DCOs from the SEA region, who will then undergo further training in order to play a crucial role in the 2020 Games. In the area of education, SEARADO also hopes to also spread the “Play True” message of JADA and Tokyo 2020. We look forward to a fruitful collaboration with JADA and Tokyo 2020 leading up to and during the games itself, hopefully leaving a legacy beyond 2020.”