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First “Event-Based” Education Partnership Programme between FIG and JADA on Clean and Fair Sport at the 34th FIG Trampoline Gymnastics World Championships and at the 27th FIG Trampoline Gymnastics Age Groupe Competitions and Beyond

The Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG) and the Japan Anti-Doping Agency (JADA) are delighted to announce that the effective education programme on clean and fair sport was delivered to more than 1500 elite-level senior to junior athletes and their support personnel at both international tournaments in Tokyo, Japan; 34th FIG Trampoline Gymnastics World Championships, on 26-27 November and the 27th FIG Trampoline Gymnastics Age Groupe Competitions on 3-4 December 2019.

This is the first joint educational activation between FIG and JADA to utilize the opportunity during these FIG Trampoline Gymnastics World Championships & Age Group Competition which also serve as a test event for the Tokyo2020 Olympic Games. This joint initiative was aimed to raise awareness on athletes’ responsibilities for clean and fair sport acting themselves as role model or good influencer. It was also stressed on how they can reflect their roles and responsibilities into their performance.

The joint activation programme was delivered during the training days before the competitions. The programme was composed of both sport value and anti-doping rules, including JADA’s original “Real Champion Quiz App” and interactive quiz challenge. To ensure the youth athletes can have ‘Fun’ with
anti-doping, they enjoyed with teammate through quiz and interactions with JADA members.

The athletes wrote a message on what they cherish about sport on a legacy message poster. At the very end, they took photos with “Filter Pose” symbolizing their true heart inside themselves for their commitment to clean and fair sport, such as:

"Sport is the best way to overcome to human limits. Be brave"

"Success comes to those who push through the bad and smile no matter what"

Another highlight of the programme was Mr. Nuno Merino, FIG Athletes Commission member, directly speaking to the athletes at Athletes Meeting. Mr. Merino introduced his “TRUTH” message by referring to some of his interesting stories behind his message. His presentation was not just to give a reminder of basic anti-doping rules, but to encourage the athletes to reflect what they had experienced at the booth into their performance during this World Championships and beyond.

Mr. Merino shared his feeling throughout his engagement in clean sport education programme:

“The biggest value of sport is honesty and respect for the rules. It teaches all athletes to respect the rules and do it correct way. The judges observe all the athletes during their careers and give them scores for their performances. Life is also a performance based on the same values of competition and honesty, Fair Play are some of the most import values.”

-FIG Athlete Commission Mr. Merino-

At the Medical Round Table, Dr. Yaya YAMAMOTO from JADA spoke to the medical team staff. She stressed their important role to influence on a good decision-making for all team members.
This first-time joint initiative has created positive outcomes for both FIG and JADA, with particular focus on the increased in athletes’ engagement in maintaining sport integrity. Mr. Morinari WATANABE, President of FIG, reflected on this successful partnership as follows:

“*The International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) and Japan Anti-Doping Agency (JADA) are both Signatories to the World Anti-Doping Code, and FIG works on the global stage for Gymnastics, whereas JADA as the national agency in Japan, hence working together for “clean sport” at the world events is a fruitful opportunity.*

*With the JADA’s Clean Sport Education booth, which was placed in the Warming-up hall at these FIG events, the athletes and coaches from all over the world, with more than 1,500 participants, learned the essential values of “clean sport”.*

*As the President of FIG, I would like to thank JADA for their effort and resources to set up the Education booth. I promise FIG continues to “WE ARE GYMNASTICS, and we Say No! to Doping” based on the 2021Code and International Standards, including ISE (international Standard for Education).”* -FIG President Mr. WATANABE-

The activation of protecting clean and fair sport and fostering the future leader through sport will be continued by FIG and its Member Federations as we approach the Tokyo2020 Games and beyond. JADA keep extending partnership with the International Federations, National Federations as well as the National Anti-Doping Organization for implementing the education plan and the “Event-Based Education”.

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