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The Clean Sport Community reunited to create a legacy to preserve the values of sport: 2022+ International Anti-Doping Seminar in Asia & Oceania

The Japan Anti-Doping Agency (JADA), in partnership with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and under the auspices of the Japan Sports Agency of the Japanese Government, held the annual International Anti-Doping Seminar in Asia & Oceania on 14-15 December 2022.



The seminar attracted over 200 participants in Tokyo and online. Over two days, the National and Regional Anti-Doping Organisations from Asia and Oceania exchanged their experiences and practices for developing effective programmes to create a clean sport environment.

Under the theme “Reuniting the Clean Sport Community: with a Living Legacy to Preserve the Values of Sport”, Mr. Ide Yosei, the State Minister of the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) and the



[WADA Executive Committee and Foundation Board](#) representing Asia, and Prof. Akama Takao, JADA Chair, opened the hybrid session of this annual [International Seminar](#). JADA's partnership with WADA has brought even further commitment as region.



WADA President Witold Bańka gave the keynote address and mentioned “I want to thank the Japan Sports Agency and JADA for running this seminar in partnership with WADA. It is a great opportunity to listen to one another, strengthen existing connections, build new relationships and reflect on our role as leaders of the anti-doping movement.”

Mr. Witold Bańka reflected on how the clean sport community showed resilience for the Tokyo2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games and highlighted the significance of “[PLAY TRUE 2020, Sport for Tomorrow](#)”, which illustrates the commitment of the Japanese Government. Mr. Banka stressed the importance of such partnership like with JADA for building the capacity of community and Education from playground to podium.

The Athlete Cross Talk was at the heart of the seminar under the theme of “Reuniting the Clean Sport Community for the Future: All be the PLAY TRUE Creator”. Ms Yang Yang, who will serve the next three years as WADA's Vice-President, illustrated the expectations of the WADA's Athlete Council. Ms Portia Bing, Athlete Commission member, Drug Free Sport New Zealand, and Dr. Murofushi Koji, Commissioner for Sports Agency and the Gold medalist from 2004 Athens Games, also emphasized how athletes and anti-doping organisations can create “win-win” relations to educate athletes and train athletes to be the stronger advocate for clean sport.



Mr. Olivier Niggli, Director General, WADA, presented on the six-years of WADA Governance Reform and shared the expectations of collaborations. Mr. Ross Wenzel, General Counsel of WADA, shared some key cases highlighting the flexibilities and stricter sanctions under the 2021 Code.

Mr. Tim Ricketts and Mr. Kevin Haynes were in Tokyo and presented some trends and analysis of the Code Compliance Questionnaire (CCQ) sharing some guidance for better practice for Anti-Doping Organizations (ADOs). The examples of Japan and Norway were shared by Mr. Asakawa Shin, JADA CEO, and Mr. Martin Holmlund Lauesen, Director of International Relations and Medical, of Anti-Doping Norway (ADNO). Based on their presentations, the Tokyo participants were split into groups to discuss their experiences from the CCQ on Testing and Education and shared their best practices. Commonly, they shared the idea of "Compliance Maturity", meaning, through the CCQ processes, ADOs evolve for better.

To achieve a clean sport environment, Japan's commitment to sporting values was shared through the ["Sport & Art"](#) project. Based on the lessons learned from Tokyo2020 Olympic, Ms. Sophie Berwick of the International Testing Agency (ITA) also shared the plans for the Paris 2024 Olympics. JADA and ITA also expressed a shared view on the importance of continuous education and sending the values messages, particularly in the lead up to major events.

The participants had the opportunity to ask questions and exchange their practices and solutions to make their programme better and well-equipped.

After the intensive two days, Dr. Yamamoto Yaya, who led PLAY TRUE 2020 in JADA and a member of the Education Committee of WADA, concluded the seminar by saying that

"based on our 'Compliance Maturity' processes, we need to keep evolving together. We are in the new era to rebalance the anti-doping system as the President Banka mentioned. We can be in partnership through learning and sharing each other. Being reunited now, we can raise our bar together".





From Day2 Group Discussion by Tokyo Participants



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