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## Global Anti-Doping Organizations united as “OnePlayTrueTeam” endeavoring for a Clean Sport Environment: 2023 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 12-13 December 2023.



About 200 participants from over 30 countries were united in Tokyo and online. Over two days, the National and Regional Anti-Doping Organizations from Asia and Oceania expanded their thoughts and discussed implementing a better practice for a clean sport environment.

Under the theme “#OnePlayTrueTeam because #iplaytrue: United Effort for a Clean Sport Environment”, Prof. Akama Takao, JADA Chair and WADA President Witold Bańka



welcomed the Tokyo participants of this annual [International Seminar](#). Celebrating WADA's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024, the partnership between JADA and WADA was strengthened further to bring the Asia and Oceania clean sport practitioners together to share one goal.

Mr. Aoyama Shuhei, the State Minister of the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) and the [WADA Foundation Board](#) representing Asia, opened the hybrid session of this seminar through the video message.

One of the highlights of this year's seminar was the panel as "Chat with the Leaders". Three global leaders of the clean sport community, Mr. Witold Bańka, Mr. Olivier Niggli (the Director General, WADA), and Prof. Akama Takao reviewed the journey of the past two decades, including their personal experience, and shared the standing outputs of milestones as well as their expectations for the next new chapter.



The Athletes' session is always the center of the International Seminar. First, Mr. Ryan Pini OLY, WADA Athlete Council Chair, shared the action points of the Athlete Council, which was reformed its function from the former Athletes Committee as part of WADA's governance reform. Followed by the presentation, the Athlete Cross Talk was delivered by Mr. Witold Bańka, Dr. Murofushi Koji

OLY (the Commissioner, Japan Sports Agency, and member of Executive Committee of WADA), Mr. Olivier Niggli, and Mr. Ryan Pini OLY. The messages from the athlete leaders united the participants by proposing further steps for taking the athlete-centered approach and athletes' engagement in a meaningful and effective way.

The morning of Day 2 was the workshop session with the theme “Stakeholders Engagement for the 2027 Code and International Standards”. Mr. Tom May, Mr. Kevin Haynes from WADA, and Dr. Yamamoto YaYa, Director of JADA Education Department as well as WADA Education Committee, led the workshop. The participants were divided into two groups and exchanged their pinion about the updates for the 2027 Code and International Standards based on the “concept paper” already circulated by WADA. Since the International Standard for Education (ISE) has already closed the first engagement phase, the participants actively discussed the possible directions of ISE update.

In anticipation of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Ms. Mairi Irvine of the International Testing Agency (ITA) shared the Pre-Games Education Program for the Major Events, specifically for the 2024 Gangwon YOG and the Paris 2024 Olympics. The JADA Education team member, Ms Hori Sayaka and Ms Morokoshi Yuka, introduced the significance of building a partnership with the national stakeholders. In Japan, the Education Strategic Plan is in place to implement ISE since 2021. In accordance with the strategic plan, JADA has a “Major Event Agreement” with the Japanese Olympic Committee (JOC) and Japanese Paralympic Committee (JPC) to ensure the athletes and athlete support are educated before they are sent for the Major Events. The participants raised interest in those effective education approaches to protect the rights of athletes and to protect a clean and fair sport.



The last key session of this seminar was to share the highlights of the workshop discussions by Mr. Gobi Nair, Director General, SEARADO. The participants also had the opportunity to ask questions and exchange their practices and solutions to make their program better and well-equipped. Both Tokyo and online participants reflected on the takeaways from the intensive two days to better incorporate them into the clean sport environment as “OnePlayTrueTeam”.





From Day2 Group Discussion by Tokyo Participants



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