

JADA Blood Collection at the “2012 ITU World Triathlon Series Yokohama”:
JADA-ITU-JTU partnership

The Japan Anti-Doping Agency (JADA) was in partnership with the International Triathlon Union (ITU) to conduct the Blood testing during the 2012 ITU World Triathlon Series Yokohama.

The annual ITU World Triathlon Series was held on 29-30 September in Yokohama and JADA as the Sample Collection Agency conducted both Out-of-Competition and In-Competition testing where the total of 22 Blood Samples were collected, along with the Urine Sample, under the ITU’s authority as the Testing Authority.

Chika Hirai, JADA Testing Senior Manager, was delighted with the close cooperation with ITU, the Japan Triathlon Union (JTU) and the World Triathlon Series Yokohama Organising Committee, “it was the first time that we planned together for Blood collection from the very early stage. It took quite a huge effort for JADA to ensure that all legal frameworks were followed every step by step. We would like to thank all the parties involved, including the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.”



Doping Control Station Car



Processing Room, Doping Control Station Car

The Doping Control Station Car (DCSC) was used to efficiently run the Blood collection in line with the International Standard for Testing. The notified triathletes waited in the waiting room at the DCSC where their privacy was strictly protected.

Ms Leslie Buchanan, ITU Anti-Doping Director, mentioned that “we had collaborated with JADA many occasions in the past, including the very recent Ishigaki Triathlon World Cup 2012 in April. I understand that it has been difficult for JADA to have the strict legal issue sorted for Blood collection before the World Triathlon in Yokohama. ITU is happy that we are able to closely cooperate with JADA in the near future again for the reasoned and efficient test planning with extensive blood testing.”

Dr. Toshihito Katsumura, JTU’s Chairperson of Medical and Ant-Doping Committee, also echoed Ms Buchanan saying that “the close collaboration between ITU, JADA and JTU for the successful testing programme with both urine and blood collected in Yokohama was significant landmark. I hope to continue enhancing the cooperation to promote the clean triathlon.”

JADA is now in a full position to conduct Blood collection. The Doping Control Station Car (DCSC) is one of the most efficient ways to plan the Blood collection and it is fully in line with the IST, certified with ISO9001. The DCSC can be dispatched wherever the remote training base or competition venues are.

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See 2012 ITU World Triathlon Series Yokohama - <http://yokohama.triathlon.org/>

The International Triathlon Union Anti-Doping - <http://www.triathlon.org/anti-doping/>

The Japan Triathlon Union - <http://www.jtu.or.jp/>

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