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Tokyo 2020: 100 Days to Make History

Tokyo, 14 April 2020 – The Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Tokyo 2020) and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government today marked 100 days to the opening of the Olympic Games with events held simultaneously at the Tokyo city offices and the summit of Mount Takao, one of Tokyo's most scenic viewpoints.

Swimmer and Olympic bronze medallist MIYASHITA Junichi was present atop Mount Takao, where two-meter-high Olympic Rings were unveiled overlooking the city of Tokyo. Meanwhile, Tokyo Governor KOIKE Yuriko and Tokyo 2020 Vice President ENDO Toshiaki participated in the unveiling of statues of the Olympic and Paralympic mascots at the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building.

The 100-day milestone marks the home straight for Tokyo 2020 in the culmination of eight years of steady preparations to deliver a safe and successful Games. "We will make every moment left until the Games count," said President HASHIMOTO Seiko. "Together, the world has faced an unprecedented crisis and Tokyo 2020 is committed to offering a light of hope and solace this summer. The Games will be a celebration of resilience, of solidarity, and of our shared humanity."

The Torch Relay is providing a glimpse of this light. Since its departure from J-Village in Fukushima, the Olympic Flame has been welcomed by the local population wherever it goes.

And the Tokyo 2020 Games will be more than just a symbol. Out of adversity comes growth. Tokyo 2020 has taken every opportunity from the challenges of postponement to develop creative new approaches to the Games and contribute to the future of the Olympic and Paralympic movement.

"We are proud of our many unique initiatives and projects," explained President Hashimoto. "We have maximised the use of existing venues, simplified operations and developed technological solutions for safe, secure, and smooth operations. We have also successfully mobilised the public for iconic projects contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals. We will incorporate these experiences of overcoming the first ever postponement of the Games into the creation of a Tokyo Model that we can pass on to future Games."

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All stakeholders understand that this Games will be unique. From the earliest days of postponement, Tokyo 2020 has communicated the need for flexibility and sacrifice, as the first and most important priority is creating a safe environment vis-à-vis COVID-19.

Together with the International Olympic Committee and the International Paralympic Committee, Tokyo 2020 has established a set of guidelines, or Playbooks, for all participants in the Tokyo Games to follow to ensure the safety and security of all. Such rules have never been a part of the Games before, yet the response from stakeholders has been overwhelmingly supportive.

“Over the next 100 days, Tokyo 2020 will continue fine-tuning its plans. The Playbooks will be updated to include even more detail and reflect the latest expert advice. All elements will be refined with the ultimate goal of ensuring a safe environment where athletes can give their very best.” said President Hashimoto.

In 100 days—as is true for every Games—the world will be enthralled as top athletes strive to deliver the performances of a lifetime in the pursuit of glory.

Tokyo 2020 will see the first-ever Olympic medallists in Karate, Skateboarding, Sport Climbing and Surfing while welcoming back Baseball and Softball after several years' absence.

“For the last year, athletes around the world have kept the faith and continued to train despite huge challenges. Soon we will all be able to celebrate what they have accomplished,” said President Hashimoto.

Tokyo 2020 will also be the most gender-balanced Olympic Games in history. Women will make up almost 49 per cent of participating athletes, and for the first time ever each of the 206 National Olympic Committees will field at least one female and one male athlete.

Athletes write the countless inspiring stories that makes up the legend of the Games. This is the essence of the Olympics and Paralympics—now more than ever. The world may have changed greatly since Tokyo's election as host city in 2013, but Tokyo 2020's mission remains the same: to deliver a safe and successful Games that will go down in Olympic history.

Photos and videos of the events will be uploaded in the [Tokyo 2020 Online Press Room](#) today.

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