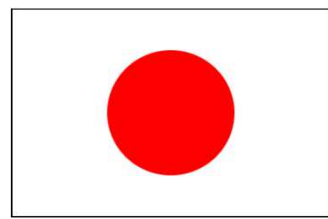




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Tokyo Olympics Start Today!



The Olympic Games is a quadrennial international multi-sport event celebrated as a global sports festival by people all over the world. On October 10, 1964, Japan hosted Olympic Games for the first time in Asia. This year, Tokyo again, hosts the XXXII Olympics after 57 years with 206 nations!
<https://olympics.com/tokyo-2020/en/>



H.E. Ambassador Masami Kinefuchi

I am pleased that Tokyo Olympic Games are opening today after being postponed for one year, and highly appreciate the tremendous efforts made by all the people. Holding the Olympic Games in the midst of a pandemic is significant, because we are sending a strong message that humans are united to confront every challenge. As the Ambassador of Japan, I am extremely happy that three athletes are representing Timor-Leste in this important world event and would like to pay tribute to the Timorese government's efforts to send the delegation to Japan.

Timor-Leste has created a robust nation in these 20 years from the ashes of conflict. It is indeed a huge achievement and its participation in the Olympic Games adds a special meaning to this Olympics. I wish every success to the representatives of Timor-Leste!



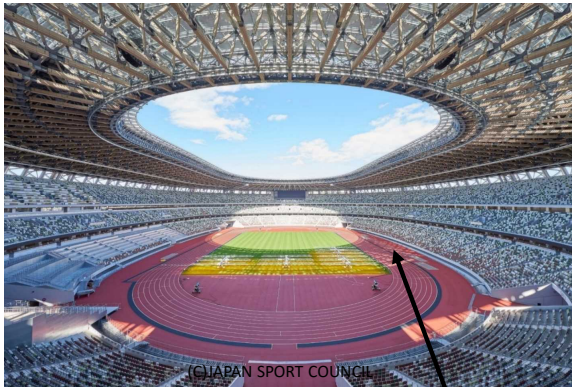
President of the RDTL, H. E. Mr. Francisco Guterres 'Lu-Olo'

"To our dearest athletes Imelda Felicyta Ximenes Belo, Felisberto de Deus and José João da Silva, I want to congratulate each of you and wish you luck and success in your participation in the Tokyo Olympic Games... Your participation in the Tokyo Olympic Games is, in itself, a cause of pride and an honour for the country. The President of the Republic sincerely hopes that you demonstrate that a small country such as ours is also able to compete at an international level."



Let's Go, Timor-Leste!

Tokyo Olympic Games is held from July 23rd until August 8th. Timor-Leste competed in Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia in 2000, and Rio de Janeiro in Brazil in 2016. Timor-Leste participates in 3 Tokyo Olympic events and swimming for the first time in its history!

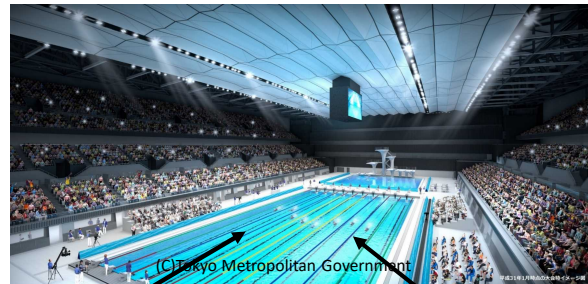


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H. E. Mr. Abrao Saldanha Secretary of State for Youth and Sports

"I hope that our participation at the Tokyo Olympic Games of this year not only shows just another commitment of our government to participate in the prestigious international sporting events like the Olympics but I too look forward to seeing our participation of this year mark the beginning of a new stage and bring us into sporting successes in the future."



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Ina City, Nagano

Mr. Felisberto de Deus Athletics (1500m) From Ermera



Ms. Imelda Felicyta Ximenes Belo, Swimming (Free Style), from Baucau

Mr. Jose João da Silva Viegas; Swimming (Free Style), from Baucau



Ina City, Host Town of Timor-Leste:

Delegates stayed for preparation 7/13 – 7/20



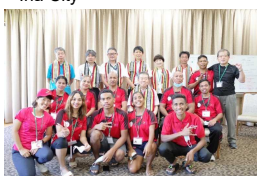
Mayor Takashi Shirotori Ina City

Hello, People of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste! Ina city warmly welcomes the Olympic Delegates from Timor-Leste. It is our great pleasure that the effort to bridge made by the former Ambassador to Timor-Leste and our hometown ambassador H.E. Mr. Iwao Kitahara came to fruition in the form of Ina city being chosen as Advanced Training Camp Site of Tokyo 2020 for the Timorese Olympic Delegation. I hope the relationship between Timor-Leste and Ina-city will deepen even more hereafter, and we will be sending you our best wishes from here in Ina-city. Go for it, Team Timor-Leste!



Mr. Mateus de Carvalho Vice President of NOC

"We will never forget all the kind support from Government of Japan and Ina City for us to participate in Olympic Games during this most difficult situation. All the kind hospitality from people of Japan has empowered us, and we will try our best in Tokyo Olympics!" Message on July 20, 2021



H.E. Mr. Iwao Kitahara Ina City, Goodwill Ambassador

