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Supporting the Games Together

Athletes, Games officials and spectators from over 200 countries and regions will be gathering in Japan for the Tokyo 2020 Games. By supporting the Games through volunteer activities, volunteers will play a vital role in creating the Games atmosphere. Their experiences and memories will live with them forever. It is estimated that over 90,000 Games Volunteers and City Volunteers will be active during the Games.

Games Volunteers

The main tasks of the volunteers will be to act as guides for athletes, officials and spectators at Games venues before, during and after the Games. As such, they will play a vital role in supporting successful Games operations. They will also be instrumental in helping to create a festive atmosphere at Games venues.

Volunteer management and recruitment

Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee

Recruitment period

from the summer of 2018 (provisional)

For further details, please visit the official Tokyo 2020 website
<https://tokyo2020.jp/en/get-involved/volunteer/>



Assisting with course management



Providing support at the Help Desk



Supplying water to long-distance runners



Assisting spectators at the entrance to venues

City Volunteers

During the Games, City Volunteers will assist travellers both from Japan and overseas at airports, main train stations and popular tourism destinations, providing advice on tourism and transport-related matters. Other volunteers will be stationed at the closest train or subway station to Games venues to provide assistance to spectators. They will be the public face of the Games, playing a vital role in welcoming athletes, officials and spectators with omotenashi, or Japanese-style hospitality. They will also contribute to building momentum for the Games.

Volunteer management and recruitment

Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG) and local municipalities hosting Games venues

Recruitment period

from the summer of 2018 (provisional)

* The Tokyo Metropolitan Government may commence partial recruitment at an earlier date

For further details, please visit the official TMG website
<http://www.city-volunteer.metro.tokyo.jp/en/index.html>



Assisting spectators at train stations
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Showing spectators the way to venues

11 Legacies for the Future

A wide range of initiatives are underway ahead of the Games to help children and young people deepen their understanding of sport and the Olympic and Paralympic values.

Participating in the selection process for the Tokyo 2020 Games Mascots

The Games mascots welcome athletes and visitors from around the world, create excitement among children and mascot fans, communicate the spirit and values of the Olympic and Paralympic movements, and serve as ambassadors to transmit the unique message of the Tokyo 2020 Games. To ensure the optimal Tokyo 2020 Games mascots, we are holding a mascot design competition which is open to the public. As the Games mascots are particularly popular with children, shortlisted designs will be sent to elementary schools across Japan where local children will vote on their favourite designs. The designs with the largest number of votes will become the Tokyo 2020 Games mascots.



A selection of mascots created for previous editions of the Games

For further details, please visit the official Tokyo 2020 website
<https://tokyo2020.jp/en/games/mascot/>



Poster competitions for elementary and junior high school children

To raise interest in the Tokyo 2020 Games among elementary and junior high school students, we are inviting children to design Olympic and Paralympic-themed posters. This project began in 2015, and invites children to think about how they see themselves, Tokyo and Japan in the year 2020. In 2016, we received some 26,000 entries, and conducted an award ceremony for the most outstanding posters.

* We plan to hold the contest around the summer of each year leading up to 2020.

For further details, please visit the official Tokyo 2020 website (only Japanese language)
<https://tokyo2020.jp/jp/get-involved/event/poster2016/>



A lesson on poster design for elementary and junior high school students
 Venue: Koriyama City Koken Junior High School, Fukushima Prefecture

University Partnership Harnessing the collective power of students to build momentum for the Games

Through the Tokyo 2020 Games, we aim to expand Olympic and Paralympic education across the country, provide university students with the opportunity of a lifetime, and leave a long-lasting legacy of providing universities and junior colleges with new knowledge and experiences. To create new values for future generations, we have concluded partnership agreements with some 70 percent of the universities and junior colleges across Japan, and are promoting engagement and other activities with universities and students.

For further details, please visit the official Tokyo 2020 website (only Japanese language)
<https://tokyo2020.jp/jp/get-involved/university/>



The Rio to Tokyo Project for university students Venue: Sophia University, Tokyo

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