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Empowering the Clean Sport Community: Sharing Practical Insights and Fostering Collaboration

2024 International Anti-Doping Seminar in Asia & Oceania

Tokyo, Japan – The Japan Anti-Doping Agency (JADA), in collaboration with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and commissioned by the Japan Sports Agency, successfully hosted the annual International Anti-Doping Seminar in Asia & Oceania on December 11-12, 2024. More than 100 participants from over 30 countries were in attendance. This seminar aimed to enhance anti-doping practices and foster collaboration among clean sport practitioners in the region.



Over the course of two days, the National and Regional Anti-Doping Organizations from Asia and Oceania engaged in discussions to enhance collaboration and streamline clean sport processes.

Under the theme “Empowering the Clean Sport Community: Sharing Practical Insights and Fostering Collaboration”, Prof. Akama Takao, JADA Chair, welcomed participants and emphasized the importance of uniting the clean sport community in Asia and Oceania. He highlighted the fact that this year is particularly important as we prepare for the 2027 Code and International Standards updates, aligning them with WADA’s Strategic Plan for 2025 to 2029. In this context, he emphasized the collective effort to advance athlete-centered approaches and foster greater synergy between education and testing programs.



Mr. Arata Takebe, State Minister of the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) and WADA Foundation Board Member representing Asia, delivered a speech to the participants and highlighted the significance of collaboration in the region.

Dr. YaYa Yamamoto, Director of Wada’s Asia/Oceania office, delivered the keynote address, which focused on rebalancing the system, WADA’s Strategic Plan and the implementation of the 2027 Code and International Standards.” Following this, Mr. Tim Ricketts, WADA Director of Testing, provided updates on the Code and International Standard for Testing (IST), while Mr. Colin Allen, WADA’s



Manager of Education, shared the latest developments of the International Standard for Education (ISE) and its stakeholder comments.



The session titled “Athlete-Centered Approach: In the lead-up to the 2027 Code” was a central part of the seminar. Building on Dr. Yamamoto’s presentation on WADA’s athlete engagement strategy were presentations by Mr. Jessie Lacuna (OLY, member of WADA’s Athlete Engagement Team at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, two-time Olympian, Chair of Philippines’ Athletes Commission and Board Member of Philippine Aquatics) and Mr. Hiroaki Kozai

(PLY, four-time Paralympian and IWF Players’ Commission member). Following their presentations, JADA’s Ms. Kana Sato and ORADO’s Ms. Siniva Setareki, joined to discuss how “we aim to ensure that athletes remain at the center of everything we do”. The athlete leaders’ messages inspired participants by outlining actionable steps that will further enhance the anti-doping experience for all athletes and always ensure that they are the number one priority.

Day 2 featured workshop sessions under the theme “Synergies between Education and Testing.” Mr. Kenny Lee and Mr. S. Perumal, Managers at WADA’s Asia/Oceania Office, presented on the latest trends and considerations in WADA’s benchmarking of Anti-Doping Organizations (ADOs), focusing on the challenges and opportunities in the Asia and Oceania region.

The key strategies and practices for implementing an effective anti-doping programme featured Mr. Colin Allen, Ms. Alexis Cooper, Director of Education at Sport Integrity Australia, and Ms. Keiko Uchitani,



Director of Testing at JADA. The participants discussed the principles of implementing an effective education program through creating synergies between education and testing.



In the group sessions, participants were divided into two groups. The Education Group covered topics such as Sport System Assessment and Education for Athlete Support Personnel. The Testing Group discussed the review of the Pre-Game testing for the Paris Games and Sample Collection Personnel management. Each group engaged in interactive discussions, sharing insights and best practices.

The afternoon session focused on sharing key points from the group discussions. Topics included RTP/TP management, Pre-Event Education and Testing and the implementation of the Code and International Standards. This session featured Mr. Rickets, Mr. Allen, Mr. Perumal, Mr. Lee and Ms. Uchitani.

At the conclusion of the seminar, Dr. Yamamoto provided a summary of the key discussions and future steps, emphasizing the importance of continued collaboration.

Participants reflected on the takeaways from the intensive two days to better incorporate them into the clean sport environment, embodying the spirit of “Empowering the Clean Sport Community.”

From Day2 Group Discussion





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