Message from the President

Football is the world’s most popular sport that so many people love and enjoy. People all over the world are passionate about football. Football gives us courage and hope. Football inspires us. Through football we can overcome differences in culture, language, religion, and ethnic background to develop friendship with one another.

The international community is still troubled by conflicts, discrimination, poverty, global warming and many other unresolved issues. Football may not be able to solve these issues, but it can encourage people to dream and give them hope to live.

With respect for all people and for all things related to football, the Japan Football Association will uphold our legacy of high ethical values and transparency as we contribute to the improvement of the level and value of Asian football. We hope the efforts we put forward in cooperation with the football family in Japan and across the world will bring peace and hope to the global community.

TASHIMA Kohzo
President, Japan Football Association
Never give up and demonstrate devotion and perseverance till the very last moment. The unremitting pursuit of becoming a team of “world standard” level is ingrained across all age groups of the Japan National Team as they strive to shine on the world stage. But winning is not the only purpose. Our men’s and women’s teams of all age categories always compete with fair play and respect. That is the spirit of the Japan National Team.

In Pursuit of the World Champion Title with Fairness and Pride

Bushido, or the way of the samurai life, is a traditional Japanese code of conduct and the basis of ethical training. Japanese football follows the principle of competing with pride, fairness, and perseverance.

Only thirty years ago, the Japan National Team was struggling in Asia, but today the team has become one of the leading forces in the region—a rare and remarkable speed of development in world standards. Japan has advanced to every FIFA World Cup since France 1998, marking six consecutive appearances, and finished among the top 16 teams in the 2002 tournament jointly hosted by Japan and Korea and in the 2010 tournament held in South Africa.
Japan Futsal National Team

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Nadeshiko Japan has participated in every FIFA Women's World Cup since 1991, and seized the world champion title in 2011 after beating the USA in a penalty kick shootout. This was the same year that the Great East Japan Earthquake struck Japan. Nadeshiko Japan's victory gave hope and courage to the many devastated people who suffered a great loss, and also moved the heart of football fans across the world. The team also won silver medal at 2012 London Olympics and FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015. Their swift passing and outstanding skills are highly acclaimed as a revolution in women's football, and continues to be one of the leading factors in the rising popularity of women's football.

*Nadeshiko Japan was named after a goddess in Japanese mythology, Princess Kushinada, whose nickname was "Yamato Nadeshiko." Nadeshiko, meaning the fringed pink flower, expresses the beauty and inner strength of Japanese women.

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Following in the footsteps of Nadeshiko Japan (Japan Women’s National Team), which became world champion in 2011, the U-17 Japan Women’s National Team captured the number one title in the FIFA U-17 Women’s World Cup Costa Rica 2014, demonstrating that the spirit of devotion, perseverance, and never giving up is passed on to the younger generation.

Warriors on the Pitch and the Sand

Japanese football fans are extremely passionate and enthusiastic about their national team. Japan Women’s National Team is deeply loved by many football fans in Japan and around the world.

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Japan’s national league is structured like a pyramid, with the professional J.League at the top, followed by the top amateur Japan Football League (JFL), the Regional League (9 regions), and the Prefectural League at the base. There is a promotion/relegation system between the leagues which makes the competition fierce and gives the teams the motivation to move to a higher level.

The J.League has three categories: J1, J2, and J3. The top women’s league is the Nadeshiko League Division 1, followed by the Nadeshiko League Division 2, and the Challenge League. F. League, the national futsal league has increased to two divisions since 2018. Women’s national futsal league started in 2017. Many other leagues take place, including the Prince Takamado Trophy JFA U-18 Football Premier League and regional or prefectural leagues for different age groups.

In addition to the nationwide J.League competitions, there are a variety of competitions for men, such as the Emperor’s Cup JFA Japan Football Championship for Class 1 teams, other competitions for university teams or junior/senior high school teams, and different age group competitions for club teams (includes the J.League development system).

On the women’s side, there is the Empress’s Cup JFA Japan Women’s Football Championship, and competitions for different age groups - over 40, over 30, university students, U-18, U-15, and U-12 (9 regions). In recent years, the number of senior players is increasing and attention is directed to provide an environment where football can be enjoyed as a lifelong sport. Additional age group competitions have been launched, including the Sports Masters for over 35 players, as well as the senior competitions for over 50, over 60, and over 70 players.

### National Football

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Competitions are organised for different age groups and categories to give everyone a chance to play on the competitive stage. The objective is to provide an environment for people to easily enjoy football, futsal, or beach soccer, and at the same time offer talented players an opportunity to advance to the next level.
The popularity of football exploded along with the inauguration of the professional league. The level of Japanese football developed remarkably, and today many Japanese footballers play in the top European leagues. Behind this success is the increasing number of football players in Japan and Japan’s unique player development system. Japanese football’s most outstanding characteristics and advantages are technique, organisation, diligence, fairness, and devotion. JFA pursues a high level, world-class football that takes full advantage of Japan’s strengths and specialties - a unique Japanese style of developing the players. Young players are trained according to their age and maturity to develop their talent and skills to the fullest.

Developing World-Class Players

The JFA Academy adopts a “lodging system” to offer long-term education and training for elite players. There is an Academy in Fukushima*, Kumamoto (Uki City), Osaka (Sakai City), and Ehime (Imabari City) and JFA aims to expand its base to other locations in order to promote the Academy concept nationwide.

*After the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011, the Academy in Fukushima has been temporarily relocated to Shizuoka.

National Training Centres

Talented players in different age groups are handpicked from around the country to be trained and educated for a given period of time in a fully equipped environment. Outstanding players are selected to the next level, and the most talented are sent off to the national youth teams. World-standard training is provided with special focus on developing the unique skills of each player.

A Wide Range of Opportunities Help Develop Players

Throughout their years in the Japanese education system, many Japanese students take part in extracurricular sport activities offered by their high schools and colleges. There are also local community club teams and each J.League club has an academy for different age groups. The availability of such diverse training opportunities allows players to test their abilities and develop their talent. The JFA organises numerous tournaments and championships throughout the year in order to give all players the experience of playing in as many matches as possible. Efforts are made to develop these tournaments into a league series so that players can grow through trial and error and acquire the mental strength necessary to take on any challenges.

JFA Academy

The objective of the programme is to promote football and to support the development of future players for the ongoing advancement of Japanese football. Various projects are carried out in every field that serves as the foundation of Japanese football, including football across all age groups from youth to senior, women, futsal and beach soccer as well as technical programmes.

JFA Youth & Development Programme

The JFA Academy Official Partner

JFA Youth & Development Official Supporter

JFA Youth & Development Official Provider
**JFA Coach Registration System**

There are 14 courses in total, for JFA Kids’ Leaders who coach children under the age of ten, for JFA “S” Licensed coaches who coach the professionals, and for Futsal Coaches, just to name a few. Those who complete the course are granted a license. The coaches must also take part in refresher workshops to hone their knowledge and skills.

**JFA Coaching Licence Course**

Outstanding Coaches Develop Leading Players of Tomorrow

JFA has provided education and training for coaches for over fifty years. The programme has successfully developed, thanks to the cooperation of coaches nationwide as well as the assistance from FIFA and the developed football nations. JFA has adopted global trends and scientific viewpoints to offer a unique and systematic system for training coaches. As a result, there are many highly capable and qualified coaches managing teams in Japan as well as in Asia.

**Instructors System**

JFA has been putting in efforts to the education and development of instructors who can train coaches to improve their competence and become leaders in their field. Not only do these instructors lecture at coaching courses and refresher workshops organised by the JFA, but they are also responsible for spreading JFA’s development policy and its specific enforcement measures to coaches throughout the country.

**Football Conference**

Once every two years, JFA invites coaches around the nation to take part in the conference where lectures are given by leading experts from abroad so they can gain knowledge about football nations. Reports are also made about the latest trends and developments in national and international football, followed by an open discussion. The objective is to establish a common awareness of the future path of Japan’s football among all coaches, from the top to grassroots level.
Wide-ranging development system producing world class referees

Referees are an integral part of football. JFA will continue to provide a consistent service at every level of football with highly competent referees with constant monitoring and evaluation to ensure we can best meet the needs of the referees. Working in collaboration with our stakeholders, JFA referee instructors will actively develop programmes to ensure there is blended development in the physiological, technical, psychological and social skills to maximise their potential.

The Professional Referees
Since 2002, JFA has established a professional referee system. There are ten referees and four assistant referees who serve the professional game as of April 2018.

The Referee Instructors Training Centre
The referee instructors in JFA play a very important role in developing referees at all levels. The training center will continuously develop instructors with innovative learning experiences in modern training techniques.

The Youth Referees
U-18 Referees make up for approximately 35% of all referees. JFA Referee Instructors organize several training and development programmes for talented youth referees to improve the overall refereeing performances at this level.

Referee Exchange Programme
JFA has an exciting exchange programme with referees and referee instructors from other countries who experience officiating in Japan. Referees and instructors from JFA have also benefitted from this exchange programme learning valuable skills as part of their future development.

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JFA aims to share its knowledge and know-how gained throughout the years and Japan's football culture that values fairness and respect. JFA will continue to contribute to the development of Asian football.

Utilising Japan’s Experience for Asia, the World and the Future

JFA has signed partnership memorandum of understanding (MOU) to mutually cooperate in developing football together with the partner associations, federations and football clubs. Friendship and cooperation with these partners are reinforced through a wide range of football exchange activities that include knowledge sharing on coach education and youth development, grassroots programmes, women’s football, marketing, IT, football facilities, referees exchange programmes, and hosting training camps for national teams of all age groups.

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Dispatching Licensed Coaches and Referee Instructors

Japan’s coaches and referee instructors are dispatched overseas to support the football development in various countries. Their knowledge and experience combined with a strong sense of responsibility and desire to improve can influence many people in those countries.

International Coaching Course  
International Referee Instructor Course  
International Administration Course

In an effort to share the know-how gained over the years as well as the latest information available, JFA organises an International Coaching Course and an International Referee Instructor Course and an International Administration Course for the AFC Member Associations.

Partnering with other countries and regions

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Financial support is provided to development projects and to the operation of youth competitions in various Asian countries.

JFA Youth Development Programme

Inviting Teams and Delegations from Abroad

JFA welcomes teams who wish to train in our facilities and delegations that wish to know the details of our programmes such as the youth development system or the operation of competitions.

Hosting International Competitions

Japan has hosted numerous international competitions – the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan, the 1979 FIFA World Youth Championship, FIFA U-20 Women’s World Cup Japan 2012, the Toyota European/South American Cup, FIFA Club World Cup, just to name a few – and Japan’s well-organised operational capabilities and hospitality are widely recognised throughout the world.

Japan is currently bidding for the FIFA Futsal World Cup 2020 and the FIFA Women’s World Cup 2023 (as of April 2018). We aim to demonstrate Japan’s strengths through these events and contribute to international goodwill and world peace.

International Cooperation
Creating the Future

Believing in Potential of Football

We believe that football has the potential to create a bright and exuberant society. JFA is engaged in various CSR activities that safeguard the dignity of sports.

Furthering efforts at the grassroots level

“Football for All” is the slogan for JFA to promote an environment that enables everyone – regardless of age, gender or disability – to enjoy football according to their level and purpose. JFA is offering enjoyable events all over the nation, as well as trying to improve the environment of grassroots football through “JFA Grassroots Promotion Partnership Institution”. Around 150 groups are identified as partners as of April 2018, with the theme of “no retirement”, “no substitute” and “inclusive football”. Expanding the opportunity to watch, play, or participate in sports will foster a sports culture in Japan and provide a chance for people of all generations to come together.

The JFA “Kokoro” Project

Under the “Kokoro” Project, athletes who have overcome setbacks and failures to capture their dream spend a day at an elementary and junior high school serving as a Dream Teacher. They teach children how wonderful and important it is to have a dream and to work hard toward achieving one’s goal. The power of sport is fully utilised to encourage children to work toward their dream.

Promoting Natural Grass across the Country

JFA is making efforts to increase natural grass grounds by promoting a pot seeding method for laying lawn surfaces. Lawn grass seedlings are distributed free of charge to prefectural football associations, football clubs, local governments, schools, kindergartens and nursery schools.

Reconstruction Support

Under the slogan “Go, Japan! Bring together the power of our football family!” JFA has been engaged in the relief efforts for the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011 and the April 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake. In addition to organizing charity matches and football coaching classes, JFA extends support to football-related activities in the affected areas. With the cooperation of FIFA, AFC and the world football family, equipment has been donated and facilities have been restored.

Measures to Prevent Corruption

Determined to safeguard the dignity and integrity of sports, JFA collaborates with FIFA, government ministries and agencies, and various organisations to battle issues surrounding sports such as match fixing, racial discrimination and doping.

Participation in the UN Global Compact

In 2009 JFA became the first sports organisation in the world to sign with the UN Global Compact. JFA pledges to apply the power of football to fight corruption and to help realise a world that recognises human rights, labour standards, and a sustainable environment.

JFA aims to contribute to the society by reviewing existing activities, in line with “Sustainable Development Goals” that is established by the United Nations in 2015.

Participation in Sustainable Development Goals

JFA supports the Japanese government’s “Fun to Share” campaign to realize a low-carbon society. International media praised Japanese football fans picking up the trash after the game during the 1998 FIFA World Cup. This is just an example of how football family can contribute to save energy and maintain a clean environment.

Protecting Our Beautiful Earth

Participation in Sustainable Development Goals

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The JFA Organisation

Organisation Structure

- FIFA
- AFC
- JFA
- JOC
- JUSB
- JFA House
- Football Avenue
- Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo
- JAPAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (JFA)

Accomplishments by Japan National Teams

- Olympic Games
  - 1992: Barcelona, Spain, Men's National Team (Champions)
  - 1995: Sydney, Australia, Women's National Team (Champions)
  - 2000: Sydney, Australia, Men's National Team (Gold)
  - 2004: Athens, Greece, Women's National Team (Champions)
  - 2008: Beijing, China, Men's National Team (Bronze)
  - 2012: London, England, Women's National Team (Silver)
  - 2016: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Men's National Team (Silver)
  - 2020: Tokyo, Japan, Women's National Team (Gold)

- FIFA World Cup
  - 2002: South Korea/Japan, Men's National Team (Runners-Up)
  - 2006: Germany, Men's National Team (Quarter-Finalists)
  - 2010: South Africa, Men's National Team (Quarter-Finalists)
  - 2014: Brazil, Men's National Team (Quarter-Finalists)
  - 2018: Russia, Men's National Team (Quarter-Finalists)

- AFC Asian Cup
  - 1996: Saudi Arabia, Men's National Team (Champions)
  - 2007: Qatar, Men's National Team (Champions)
  - 2011: United Arab Emirates, Men's National Team (Champions)

- Other International Competitions
  - 1998: FIFA World Cup (France), Men's National Team (Champions)
  - 2015: Women's World Cup (Canada), Women's National Team (Finalists)

Financial Scale

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<td>19,585,719</td>
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Objective and Activities

As the entity presiding over and representing football in Japan, Japan Football Association (JFA) aims to contribute to the healthy mental and physical development of people by creating a rich sports culture through football. JFA is engaged in the following activities to accomplish its objective.

1. Organising national football teams in each age group and category, dispatching teams to various competitions, excluding competitions in which national teams participate.
2. Organising the All Japan Soccer Championship Tournament (the Emperor's Cup) and other football competitions.
3. The development and education of football players, coaches, and officials and the promotion of the sport of football.
4. The registration of players, teams, coaches, and officials.
5. The management of intellectual properties and the licensing of trademarks.
7. Any other activities required to accomplish the objective of the JFA.

Executive Committee:
- General Secretary
- President
- Vice-President
- Directors
- General Director

Committee:
- Disciplinary Committee
- Ethics and Mediation Committee
- Appeal Committee

Organisation Chart

- President
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General Information

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**History of Japanese Football**

**National Training Centres**
There are currently three national training centres: J-Village (Fukushima), J-Step (Shizuoka), and J-Green (Osaka). The facilities are fully equipped for training by athletes of all sports, including teams from abroad. They can also be used for holding training sessions for instructors and referees.

*Since the Great East Japan Earthquake, the J-Village was temporarily closed. The facility is now being restored and will be reinstated for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games.*

**JFA Football Hall of Fame**
Coaches, players, referees, teams, members of the Association, media personnel, and all others who have contributed to the development of Japanese football are recognised here at the JFA Football Hall of Fame.

**Footwear Centres**
In order to expand the role of the football centres as a base for community sports, the JFA has adopted a programme to provide financial assistance to the premiership football associations and local governments for building football facilities, including maintenance and repair projects to upgrade grounds and pitches, floodlights, clubhouses, and other related facilities. Plans are underway to build a football centre operated directly by the JFA.

**JFA Sports Managers College**
The JFA Sports Managers College provides education for those involved in the operation and management of sports organisations, sports clubs, and football centres.

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<td>1950 Sep.</td>
<td>The JFA rejoined FIFA</td>
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<td>1954 Oct.</td>
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<td>1958 May</td>
<td>Ichiro Shimada was elected as the first president of the Japan Football Association (JFA)</td>
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<td>1960 Aug.</td>
<td>The JFA succeeded in bringing the FIFA Cup to Japan as coach</td>
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<td>Japan National Team won bronze medal at the Mexico Olympics, led by head coach NAGANUMA Ken. The team also received the inaugural FIFA Fair Play award</td>
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<td>Japan hosted the first FIFA World Youth Championship (now the FIFA U-20 World Cup)</td>
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<td>1981 Feb.</td>
<td>The Toyota European/South American Cup was held for the first time (1981–2004)</td>
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<td>1987 Mar.</td>
<td>His Imperial Highness Prince Takamado became Honorary Patron of the JFA</td>
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<td>1989 Sep.</td>
<td>The Japan Women's Football League (currently the Nadeshiko League) kicked off</td>
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<td>1991 Nov.</td>
<td>The Japan Professional Football League was established as a legal corporation (16 clubs)</td>
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<td>1992 Oct.-Nov.</td>
<td>Held in Hiroshima, Japan National Team became champions for the first time</td>
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<td>1993 May</td>
<td>Japan Professional Football League (JSL) kicked off (15 May)</td>
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<td>1995 Aug.</td>
<td>Japan hosted the FIFA U-17 World Youth Championship (now the FIFA U-17 World Cup)</td>
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<td>1996 May</td>
<td>The 2002 FIFA World Cup was announced to be co-hosted by Japan and Korea Republic</td>
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<td>1998 Jun.-Jul.</td>
<td>Japan National Team participated in the FIFA World Cup (France) for the first time</td>
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**JFA Medical Centre**
The first medical facility in Japan to benefit from the FIFA Goal Programme, the JFA Medical Centre was established at J-Village. The Centre is temporarily closed due to the Great East Japan Earthquake. Once it is restored, the Centre will continue to provide medical consultation and support to players as well as to the local citizens, and will carry out research in various fields including sports medicine and the prevention of injuries and impairments.

**FOOTBALL CENTRES**

The Japan Football Museum exhibits the many outstanding achievements of the JFA throughout its 97-year history, including valuable documents and historical artefacts that trace the path to today's success and prosperity paved by the pioneers of Japanese football. The Japan Football Museum will carry out research in various fields including sports medicine and the prevention of injuries and impairments. The Centre will continue to provide medical consultation and support to players as well as to the local citizens, and will carry out research in various fields including sports medicine and the prevention of injuries and impairments.