

“Sport for Tomorrow (SFT)” Programme

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1. In September 2013, Prime Minister Abe announced the concrete contents of “Sport for Tomorrow (SFT)”, as programme of international contribution through sports by the Government of Japan, in his presentation at the 125th IOC Session.
2. SFT is a programme to expand sporting value and the Olympic and Paralympic Movement to the people of all generations, including the youth who represent the future, for a better future of the world, targeting more than 10 million people in over 100 countries, including developing countries during the coming 7 years from 2014 to 2020. To carry out this programme steadily by the government is one of the international commitments of our country toward 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games.
3. SFT mainly consists of the following three pillars;
 - (1) International Cooperation and Exchange through Sport (by Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT))

-Cooperating in both tangible and intangible ways as follows;

- . improving sports-related facilities and providing equipment (Cultural Grant Assistance, Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects)
- . Dispatching sports instructors (JICA Volunteer Programs)
- . Technical Cooperation in the field of sports (Technical Cooperation by JICA)
- . Introducing Japanese cultures and supporting human resources development in the field of sports (dispatch and invitation of experts by the Japan Foundation projects and cultural projects by Japanese Embassies)

and Consulates abroad)

- . Supporting in formulating school physical education curricula and teaching materials
- . Supporting in hosting sports events

(2) Establishing the system to foster international sports-related human resources through building up the networks between IOC, international universities and colleges and our government (by MEXT)

- . Organizing the core center to invite sports-related leaders who internationally play active roles, including IOC members, as foreign instructors, and to invite and train human resources who are expected to become sports leaders and core persons of international sports world in the future, from IOC committees and so on in other countries of the world

(3) Further supporting international Anti-Doping Efforts (by MEXT)

- . Supporting in researching and studying to spread and promote Anti-Doping activities globally, and also in developing and introducing educational and training packages, in cooperation with international organizations such as World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), overseas pharmaceutical industries and so on.

4. The main examples of SFT Programme so far by MOFA are as follows;

- (1) In January 2014, as the first SFT project, Prime Minister Abe presented 100 Judo-uniforms to the National Federation of Judo and Martial Arts in Cote d'Ivoire in cooperation with NPO "Solidarity of Judo Education" and announced the invitation of Judo-related leaders to Japan, at his official visit to Africa.

The Prime Minister Abe handed over Judo-uniforms to the National Federation of Judo and martial arts in Cote d'Ivoire.

And during his visit a Judo tournament titled "Abe Cup" was held, hosted by Embassy of Japan in Cote d'Ivoire.

- (2) In January 2014, MOFA decided to support in provisioning equipment of the Headquarter of El Salvador Table Tennis Federation, through Grant

Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects, in collaboration with the activities of the volunteer in the table tennis area who have been dispatched to El Salvador since 2011.

(3) From January 2014 to January 2015, a JFA-approved soccer instructor is working as a coach in Laos in cooperation with Japan Football Association (JFA) .

(4) In March 2014, MOFA offered support to “Women International Coaching Course” held by JFA, to which female instructors were invited from ten countries in Asia, Oceania and Middle East, through the Japan Foundation.

(5) In addition to the above, Japanese Embassies and Consulates abroad are conducting the following sports-related projects in collaboration with local related associations;

- In January 18, 2014, “Tajikistan-Japan Martial Arts Introduction Project” was conducted, co-hosted with Embassy of Japan, Tajikistan National Youth Sports and Tourism Association, Tajikistan Judo Federation, Tajikistan Kyokushin-Karate Federation, Tajikistan Sumo Federation, Tajikistan Karate-Do Federation and Tajikistan Full-Contact Karate Federation in Tajikistan.
- In February 22, 2014, a demonstration of Japanese traditional martial arts was conducted, co-hosted with Embassy of Japan and the Cambodia-Japan Cooperation Center (CJCC).