

Aichi-Nagoya 2026

GAMES INFORMATION

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1 What are the Asian Games?

The Asian Games are a multi-sport event organised by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), held once every four years in principle, involving Asian countries and regions.



History of the Asian Games

In 1951, shortly after the end of World War II, the first Asian Games were held in New Delhi, India with the participation of 11 countries.

A desire emerged that, through the event, the bonds among Asian countries torn apart by the war could be restored through sports, thereby contributing to permanent peace in Asia. Since then, the Asian Games have become a major event, contributing to international peace by cultivating friendships through sports and acknowledging diversity.

In Japan, the third Asian Games were held in Tokyo in 1958, and the 12th in Hiroshima in 1994. In 2026, the 20th Games will be held in Nagoya, Aichi, thus returning to Japan for the first time in 32 years.



Last Time at the Games

The details of the Asian Games Hangzhou, the event preceding the Asian Games Aichi-Nagoya 2026, were as follows.

- **Period**
Sat 23 September to Sun 8 October, 2023 (16 days)
- **Location**
Hangzhou (China)
- **Participating Athletes**
Approx. 12,000
- **Sports**
40
- **Participating Countries and Regions**
45
- **Medals Won by Team Japan**
🥇 52 🥈 67 🥉 69



Characteristic Sports at the Asian Games

The Asian Games feature not only familiar sports associated with the Olympics, but also various others. These sports showcase strong regional diversity, with particular emphasis on those widely practised in each of the regions of Central Asia, East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and West Asia. For Aichi-Nagoya 2026, the following sports will be featured.

● Sports of the Five Asian Regions



Kurash Central Asia

Players compete against each other using only throwing techniques. When a player throws their opponent and their opponent's back touches the ground, the player wins by ippon (a full point victory). Otherwise, the player who gains more points wins. Another characteristic of Kurash is belt wrestling, which occurs if neither player has gained any points after two minutes from the start of the match.



Wushu East Asia

There are two forms of Wushu; one is a full-contact combat sport following certain rules, known as Sanda, while the other is called Taolu, and involves performing particular sets of movements, which are evaluated based on the performer's technical standards and performance. This sport has been featured since the Asian Games Beijing 1990.



Kabaddi South Asia

Kabaddi is a contact sport played between two teams of seven players. One player of the attacking team charges into the opponent's side of the court, repeatedly chanting "kabaddi" while holding their breath, and tries to touch a player of the opposing team. Then, if the player can successfully return to their own team's side of the court without taking a breath, the team scores a point.



Sepaktakraw Southeast Asia

This sport, also known as Kick Volleyball, is played using the feet, head, and other parts of the body. There are two-player, three-player, and four-player varieties. When the ball is kicked over the net and lands within the opponent's side of the court, the team scores a point.

The explanation of Kabaddi is excerpted from the official website of the OCA.



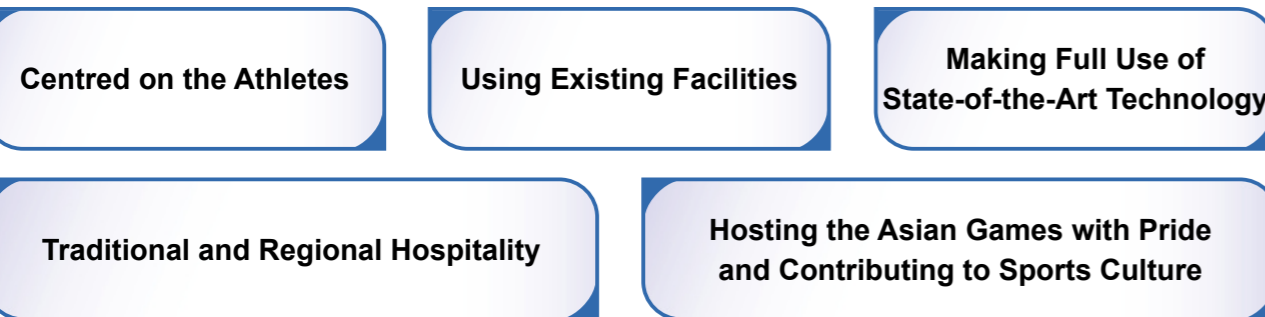
Ju-Jitsu West Asia

This sport has its root in Japanese martial arts. Focusing on kumi-waza (contact techniques) and ne-waza (ground grappling techniques), one combatant in Ju-Jitsu aims to gain control over their opponent using kansetsu-waza (joint-locking techniques) and shime-waza (choking techniques). A player wins by ippon (a full point victory) or by scoring more points. This sport has been featured since the Asian Games Jakarta 2018.

Significance of Hosting the Asian Games

The 20th Asian Games Aichi-Nagoya 2026 will be the next big event in the sports world following the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games. It is a very meaningful event for all of Japan, as it provides the opportunity to further deepen the growing exchanges within Asia.

Games Concept



Games Overview

● Period

**Sat 19 September to Sun 4 October, 2026
(16 days)**

● Sports

32 sports included in the Paris Olympic Games
5 sports played in the five regions of Asia
2 sports proposed by the Organising Committee
2 sports proposed by the OCA

41 sports in total

● Main Venue

Nagoya City Mizuho Park Athletic Stadium

● Participating Countries and Regions

45 countries and regions in Asia

● Teams (Athletes & Team Officials)

Up to 15,000 people

Games Emblem



● Emblem Objectives

The liveliness of sports is depicted through free-flowing curves. The centre line, emerging from a brightly shining sun (the symbol of the OCA) and the purple, gold and green, inspires the image of people coming together as one, and going forward to the future.

The emblem colours are fitting of Aichi and Nagoya, with the purple of the rabbit-ear iris, the prefectural flower of Aichi, the gold of the kinshachi, golden tiger-fish roof ornaments which are a symbol of Nagoya Castle, and the green of environmental consciousness, fostered through EXPO 2005 Aichi, COP 10 and the UNESCO World Conference on ESD.

And looking closely, one can see Asia and Aichi's "A" in the purple curve and centre line, and Nagoya's "N" in the purple and gold curves.

Games Slogan

IMAGINE ONE ASIA

ここで、ひとつに。

● Slogan Objectives

Sports have a power to bring people together beyond the barriers of language, culture and nationality. The slogan represents a wish for Aichi-Nagoya 2026 to make the most of this power, and for each of us living in an evermore diverse society to imagine their own ONE ASIA, so that our bonds can be strengthened, bringing us forward to a bright future.

Also represented is a hope for the athletes, volunteers, spectators, and others taking part in the Games to come together as one through sharing various time, space, experiences and awe.



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Sports

Aichi-Nagoya 2026 will feature a total of 41 sports.



Aquatics



Archery



Athletics



Badminton



Baseball/Softball



Basketball



Boxing



Breaking



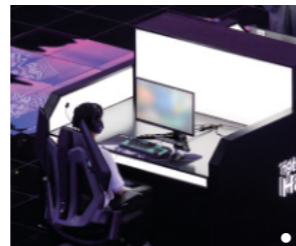
Canoe/Kayak



Cycling



Equestrian



Esports



Fencing



Football



Golf



Gymnastics



Handball



Hockey



Judo



Ju-Jitsu



Kabaddi



Karate



Kurash



Modern Pentathlon



Rowing



Rugby



Sailing



Sepaktakraw



Shooting



Skateboarding



Sport Climbing



Squash



Surfing



Table Tennis



Taekwondo



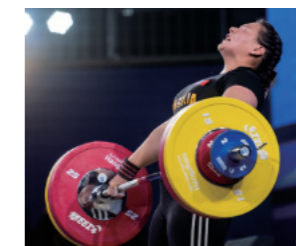
Tennis



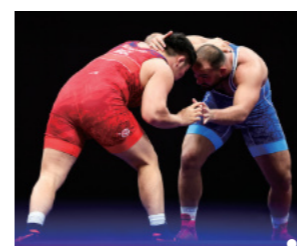
Triathlon



Volleyball



Weightlifting



Wrestling



Wushu

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Competition Venues

55 competition venues have been provisionally selected for Aichi-Nagoya 2026, as shown below.

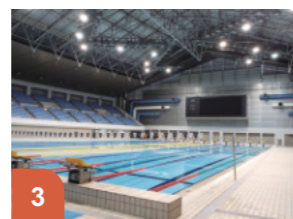
*Venue selections are subject to change due to coordination with stakeholders such as the OCA and AFs.



1 Tokyo Aquatics Centre
Aquatics (Swimming/Diving)



2 Furuhashi Hironoshin Memorial Hamamatsu Swimming Center [ToBiO]
Aquatics (Artistic Swimming)



3 Nagoya City General Gymnasium [Rainbow Pool]
Aquatics (Water Polo)



4 Shinmaiko Marine Park
Aquatics (Marathon Swimming)



5 Okazaki Chuo Sogo Park Multipurpose Square
Archery



7 Circular course around the Aichi Prefectural Government Office and the Nagoya City Hall
Athletics (Race Walk)



8 Ichinomiya City Municipal Gymnasium
Badminton



9 Okazaki Chuo Sogo Park Baseball Stadium
Baseball/Softball (Baseball)



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6 Nagoya City Mizuho Park Athletic Stadium

Athletics (Track and Field / Marathon)

POINT

Nagoya City will construct the athletic stadium not only as the central facility for Mizuho Park, but also as a venue worthy of Aichi-Nagoya 2026. The aim is for this stadium to serve as a hub for sports promotion in Nagoya City, ensuring it continues to be cherished and used by future generations long after the Asian Games have concluded.

Overview

Aiming to make it a hub for sports promotion based on the legacy of Aichi-Nagoya 2026, Nagoya City will construct the Nagoya City Mizuho Park Athletic Stadium as a PFI, launching its construction in FY2023 with plans to open the facility in FY2026.

15 New Aichi Prefectural Gymnasium [Aichi International Arena]

Breaking, Judo, Wrestling (Freestyle / Greco-Roman)

POINT

Aichi Prefecture will construct the New Aichi Prefectural Gymnasium (Aichi International Arena) as a venue to host international sports events and serve as a symbol of Nagoya and Aichi, in order to further enrich the tradition and history which the current gymnasium has fostered.

Overview

As a facility that meets the international standards for hosting international sports events, Aichi Prefecture will construct the New Aichi Prefectural Gymnasium as a PFI, launching construction of the venue in July 2022 with plans to open the facility in July 2025.



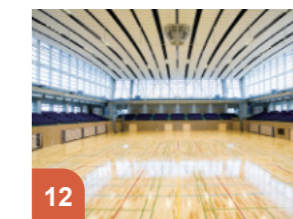
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*Concept image. The design and other features are subject to change.



10 Toyohashi Municipal Baseball Stadium
Baseball/Softball (Baseball)



11 Anjo Softball Ground
Baseball/Softball (Softball)



12 Wing Arena Kariya
Basketball (Basketball)



13 Kinjo Futo Station Square Venue
Basketball (3x3)



14 Nishio Gymnasium
Boxing



16 Miyoshi Lake
Canoe/Kayak (Sprint)



17 Yahagigawa Canoe Slalom Course
Canoe/Kayak (Slalom)



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Izu Velodrome

Cycling (Track)



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Circuit course in Shinshiro City

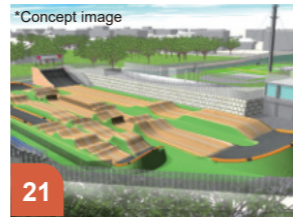
Cycling (Road)



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Obata Ryokuchi Park

Cycling (Mountain Bike)



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Nagoya Velodrome BMX Race Track

Cycling (BMX Racing)



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Aichi Prefectural Martial Arts Hall

Ju-Jitsu/Kurash/Wushu



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Tokai Citizen Gymnasium

Kabaddi



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Toyohashi Gymnasium

Karate/Taekwondo



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Anjo Athletics Ground

Modern Pentathlon (Laser-Run/Obstacle Discipline/Fencing/Swimming)



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Aichi Sky Expo

Cycling (BMX Freestyle), Esports, Fencing, Skateboarding



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JRA Equestrian Park

Equestrian (Dressage/Eventing/Jumping)



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TOYOTA STADIUM

Football



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Nagoya City Minato Soccer Field

Football



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Nagaragawa International Regatta Course

Rowing



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Kaiyoh Yacht Harbor

Sailing



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Nagoya City Mizuho Park Gymnasium

Sepaktakraw



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Aichi Prefectural General Shooting Gallery

Shooting



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Wave Stadium Kariya

Football



27

Nagoya City Mizuho Park Rugby Field

Football/Rugby



28

Nagaragawa Athletics Stadium

Football



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Shizuoka Stadium Ecopa

Football



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Nagoya International Exhibition Hall [Portmesse Nagoya]

Sport Climbing



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Nagoya Kinjo-Futo Arena

Squash



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Long Beach (Tahara, Aichi, Japan)

Surfing



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SKY HALL TOYOTA

Table Tennis



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Kyoto Stadium

Football



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Nagai Stadium

Football



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Kobe Universiade Memorial Stadium

Football



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Aichi Country Club Higashiyama Course

Golf



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Nagoya City Higashiyama Park Tennis Center

Tennis (Tennis/Soft Tennis)



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Gamagori City Triathlon Venue

Triathlon



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Okazaki Chuo Sogo Park Gymnasium

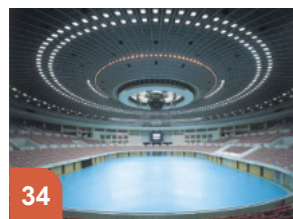
Volleyball (Volleyball)



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Park Arena Komaki

Volleyball (Volleyball)



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Nagoya City General Gymnasium [Rainbow Hall]

Gymnastics (Artistic Gymnastics/Rhythmic Gymnastics/Trampoline)



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Kasugai City Gymnasium

Handball



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Toyoda Gosei Memorial Gymnasium [ENTRIO]

Handball



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Gifu Prefectural Green Stadium

Hockey



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Hekinan Ryokuchi Beach Court

Volleyball (Beach Volleyball)



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Nagoya City Trade and Industry Center

Weightlifting

6 Initiatives Leading up to 2026

Leading up to 2026, various events will be held to showcase the appeal of the Asian Games to visitors. Everyone is invited to participate in the events together to enliven the Games.

PR Events

Promotion for Aichi-Nagoya 2026 is already underway through various events.



PR Booth

The Asian Games Flag Handover

At the closing ceremony of Hangzhou 2022, representatives of Aichi Prefecture and Nagoya City, the next hosts of the Asian Games, received the OCA flag.



Flag Handover Ceremony

Development of the Accessibility Guidelines

To foster a safe, secure and comfortable Games for all, the Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Accessibility Guidelines were created for Games operations.

Flag Tour

The OCA flag received at Hangzhou 2022 was displayed in 53 municipalities of Aichi Prefecture and the 16 wards of Nagoya City from November 2023 to March 2024.



Starting event for the flag tour

The Asian Games Hangzhou

The edition of the Games prior to Aichi-Nagoya 2026 was held in Hangzhou, China. See page 1 for more details on this event.

2018 Host City Agreement



2019 Games Slogan Announced



2020 Games Emblem Announced



Cultural Programmes

Going forward, events will be held showcasing Japan's history, culture and industry, including those of Nagoya, Aichi, as well as events to promote exchange among the people who will participate in the Games, including spectators and athletes.

Test Events

Test events will be held prior to the Asian Games for the purpose of improving operational capability of the sports and of the Asian Games overall.

2024 Games Mascot Announced Volunteer Recruitment

Torch Relay

In order to attract the attention and interest of many people, to build momentum, and to enliven the festive feeling, a torch relay will be held immediately ahead of the Asian Games.

Many events full of rich regional colour will also be held in the municipalities along the route of the torch relay.



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Countdown Events

Events will be held at each milestone on the way to 2026.



1,000 Days to Go event held on 24 December.



Mosaic created for the 1,000 Days to Go event, using photos contributed by many people.

Opening Ceremony & Closing Ceremony

The opening and closing ceremonies will be held at Nagoya City Mizuho Park Athletic Stadium. Details of the opening and closing ceremonies will be considered based on the official slogan of the Asian Games Aichi-Nagoya 2026, IMAGINE ONE ASIA.

Opening Ceremony Sat 19 September, 2026
Closing Ceremony Sun 4 October, 2026



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Opening ceremony for the Asian Games Hangzhou 2022

Volunteers

Many athletes and other related personnel are expected to participate at Aichi-Nagoya 2026, hailing from some 45 Asian countries and regions. To make these Games a success, it will be essential to have volunteers who, alongside the athletes, can be described as the face of the Games. In past Asian Games, many volunteers have played an active role in enlivening the Games. Come and deepen your understanding of the Asian Games Aichi-Nagoya 2026 by participating in volunteer activities, and share times, spaces, experiences and awe of the Games with the athletes and spectators!

Volunteer Activities

Activities include tasks such as providing information and guidance to athletes and other related personnel at Games facilities, such as competition venues and accommodation, and providing transport information and information/guidance in and on the way to the competition venues to spectators from both inside and outside of the country, before, during, and after the Games.



Recruitment Start

Around October 2024.

*The scheduling and details of recruitment will be announced on the Organising Committee's official website and social media.



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University Collaboration

To promote student's proactive involvement in the Asian Games and initiatives contributing to their own growth, the Organising Committee and the Aichi Association of University Presidents* entered into a collaboration arrangement on 16 June, 2023. Toward the Asian Games, they decided to collaborate and cooperate in broad fields, including human and educational fields, as well as PR and promotional activities for the Games.

*The Aichi Association of University Presidents was established in 1993 to promote the collaboration of universities beyond the boundaries of national, public, and private universities in Aichi Prefecture, and to contribute to academic improvement and development. Currently, in addition to the university presidents of all of Aichi Prefecture's four-year universities (52 in total), chairpersons and former university presidents have voluntarily become members of the Association, while the governor of Aichi Prefecture and the mayor of Nagoya City have participated in the Association as special members.



18 November, 2023
University Collaboration Project Kick-off Event
Let's brainstorm ideas to enliven the Asian Games!



18 February, 2024
Awards Ceremony for Students' Contest Ideas and Plans

Athlete Committee

To share issues conducive to the success of the Games and exchange opinions with athletes, the Athlete Committee was established (first meeting 26 December, 2023). Committee meetings will be held regularly with the aim of creating a Games where all participating athletes can perform at their best.



Athlete Committee Members (titles omitted)

As of 1 April, 2024

Official Position	Name	Sport
Chairperson	TANIMOTO Ayumi	Judo
Vice-Chairperson	MATSUDA Takeshi	Swimming
	MISAKA Hiroyuki	Wheelchair Rugby
Committee Member	AMIMOTO Mari	Wheelchair Basketball
	ARAKI Erika	Volleyball
	ITO Noriko	Para Badminton
	KURIHARA Mika	Basketball
	KOZUKA Takahiko	Skating
	SATAKE Katsutoshi	Baseball
	TERAMOTO Asuka	Gymnastics
	TOBE Naoto	Athletics
	HIROSE Makoto	Para Judo
	YAMADA Eri	Softball

Parliamentary Associations for the Asian Games / Asian Para Games

Asian Games / Asian Para Games Promotion Parliamentary Association

On 25 November, 2020, for the purpose of promoting initiatives for the success of the Games, a Parliamentary Association was established by nonpartisan Diet members. On 26 October, 2023, the Association requested support from the national government toward the hosting and success of the Asian Games Aichi-Nagoya 2026.

	Official Position	Name
Official	Advisor	ENDO Toshiaki
	Chairman	HASHIMOTO Seiko
	Secretary-General	NIWA Hideki

In addition to the above, 23 officials / 53 members.

*Appointment status of officials and the numbers of officials and members are current as of 26 October, 2023.

Asian Games / Asian Para Games Promotion Aichi Prefectural Assembly Parliamentary Association & Nagoya City Council Asian Games / Asian Para Games Promotion Parliamentary Association

Parliamentary Associations were established by the Aichi Prefectural Assembly on 6 July, 2017 and by Nagoya City Council on 19 May, 2017. On 8 February, 2024, both Parliamentary Associations jointly requested support from the national government toward the realisation and success of the Asian Games Aichi-Nagoya 2026.

Aichi Prefectural Assembly

	Official Position	Name
Official	Chairperson	JINNO Hakushi
	Vice-Chairperson	TERANISHI Mutsumi
		TAKAGI Hiroshi
		KITO Toshiro

In addition to the above, 7 officials / 90 members.

*Appointment status of officials and the numbers of officials and members are current as of 20 December, 2023.

Nagoya City Council

	Official Position	Name
Official	Chairperson	FUJITA Kazuhide
	Vice-Chairperson	KATO Kazuto
		KONBA Nobuo

In addition to the above, 9 officials / 49 members.

*Appointment status of officials and the numbers of officials and members are current as of 16 May, 2023.

Support from the National Autonomous Lottery and Assistance from the Sports Promotion Lottery (toto)

The Asian Games Aichi-Nagoya 2026 have received the following support and assistance.



We have received support from the National Autonomous Lottery.



We have received assistance from the Sports Promotion Lottery (toto).



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