

New members elected to JSAF Executive Board after Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

Japan Sailing Federation (JSAF) is pleased to announce the election of new four members to the JSAF Executive Board (EB) following a directors meeting after Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

The new four members joining the JSAF EB are:

- BAMBAMA Masuhiro, President
- TOMITA Miwako, Vice President
- NAKAMURA Takao, Vice President
- MOCHIZUKI Hiromu, Executive Director

Three members will remain on the EB for the remainder of their term:

- NAKAZAWA Nobuo, Vice President
- KAWAKITA Tatsuya, Chief Executive Director
- OMURA Masakazu, Executive Director

Mr. Masuhiro Bamba, JSAF new president commented as following:

On becoming the President of Japan Sailing Federation

On September 4, 2021, I assumed the position of the President of Japan Sailing Federation, taking the reins from former President Hirobumi Kawano.

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games ended with a great success, leaving memories of heated competitions in our minds. Japan's sailing team finished seventh in the Men's and Women's 470 classes, but fell short of winning a medal. My goal is to make our federation ready to win medals in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

As an active sailor myself, I still participate in races and I strongly believe

Sailing is a lifelong sport. It isn't just a sport we can enjoy throughout our lifetime, but is one that is inclusive, regardless of age, gender, disability or of experience. Anyone from beginners to those who have stayed away from sailing can enjoy this sport and I'd like to introduce the appeals of it widely in Japan.

Needless to say, sailing is a sport in nature and protecting the nature is an imminent and critical challenges for us. We had put up the slogan of "Let Poseidon Live!" for our Environment Friendly Project and we are committed to advancing our efforts.

Regarding the Para Sailing, that unfortunately dropped from the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, we aim to have it reinstated in the Los Angeles Games in 2028 in cooperation with World Sailing.

I will also focus more on compliance and governance of our federation. Sport organizations tend to stick to inward-looking debate but that would not be the case going forward. From the perspective of "athlete (sailor)-first," I will reform JSAF's organizational and financial structure and make our member organizations across Japan stronger in the post-Tokyo 2020 circumstances.

I will do my utmost to further make the world of sailing prosperous beyond the Tokyo Games, and I ask for your support and encouragement to achieve these goals.

*Masuhiko Bamba
Japan Sailing Federation President
September 4, 2021*