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Hideaki Ohmura  
Governor of Aichi Prefecture

The Asian Games are a wonderful sporting championships that brings together the people of Asia in respect and friendship through sport, and contribute to goodwill and peace in the Asian region.

It is our great hope to host the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, bringing them to Japan for the first time since they were held in Hiroshima around 30 years ago, and we have developed a concept that will ensure their success.

Aichi-Nagoya is located at the center of Japan, not only in terms of geography but also of technology and traditions the country embraces. The city, therefore, has every reason to be called the “Heart” of Japan. Aichi-Nagoya is also a city boasting one of Japan’s most advanced city features and biggest populations as well as a strong economy fueled by thriving industries such as automobile and aviation. Aichi-Nagoya is one of Japan’s sporting capitals, too. It hosts many sports teams, which have established fan bases, and this has nurtured a culture of the city that the residents are interested in, understand of, and are supportive to various kinds of sports in.

I am confident that if the Asian Games are held in Aichi-Nagoya, our robust economy and the outstanding hospitality of the local population will unite the region and ensure a highly successful Asian Games.

This area is located at the center of Japan, and its excellent domestic and international transportation links make it easily accessible for spectators from around Japan and across the entire Asian region. The expansion of links with Asia thanks to the Games will have a ripple effect that reaches throughout Japan.

The Linear (super conducting maglev) Chuo Shinkansen is scheduled to open in 2027 as a national project, with the resulting maglev transport network linking Aichi-Nagoya and the capital in approximately 40 minutes. We will take the opportunity of the Asian Games being held in Aichi-Nagoya to raise awareness of this world-beating superconducting maglev project, which will attract further attention to the Games in the process.

Our region will work as a whole, not only to offer a superlative stage for the participating athletes representing Asia's four billion people, but also to ensure that even after they close the Asian Games will continue to be spoken of for years to come, and to foster opportunities for the local population to become more familiar with sports and nurture a spirit of respect and friendship with other Asian countries.

It is my heartfelt wish that by hosting the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, at the “Heart” of Japan, we can contribute to the development of both the Games themselves and the Asian region.





Takashi Kawamura  
**Mayor of Nagoya City**

The City of Nagoya is proud to join Aichi Prefecture in developing a concept for hosting the 20th Asian Games.

The Asian Games have been described as the “Asian version of the Olympics,” and are a prestigious sporting championships second only to the Olympics in the number of athletes who participate.

With the impending opening of the Chuo Shinkansen maglev line and the advance of globalization, if Nagoya is to maintain its competitiveness as a city it must not only find new ways of increasing its appeal and promote these both domestically and internationally, but also provide even better hospitality and make use of its domestic and overseas connections to stimulate the region. International sporting events are an important element in enhancing the city's competitiveness and raising the profile of its brand, and I am confident that hosting the Asian Games will increase the urban appeal of Aichi-Nagoya.

Aichi-Nagoya area lately hosted the Marathon Festival Nagoya-Aichi 2016 in this March and the 100th Japan National Championships in Athletics in June 2016. It is to host the 93rd Japan National Swimming Championship in April 2017. As the host city of these and other high-profile sporting events, the area has been attracting public attention in recent years.

The fierce competition between the world's top athletes will not only raise the profile of sport among the local population, but also improve the quality of athletes and coaches, which in turn will help to promote sport in the region. Hosting the Asian Games will create an atmosphere in which local residents can enjoy sport together, making Aichi-Nagoya the top region for sport in Japan.

Aichi-Nagoya has already hosted global events and conferences including Expo 2005 Aichi Japan, the COP10 Convention on Biological Diversity, and the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). We will utilize this experience and knowledge to ensure a successful Asian Games, and build stronger links with Asia through our relationships with athletes, officials, and others involved in the Games.



# Aichi Prefectural Assembly Resolution / Bid Committee

The Aichi Prefectural Assembly has resolved to enter a bid for the 20th Asian Games.

## Aichi Prefectural Assembly Bid Resolution

### Resolution Regarding Bid for the 20th Asian Games

Hosting an international sporting event not only allows athletes and coaches to hone their abilities, but also increases interest in sports by watching top-level competitions up close, which in turn significantly vitalizes the region through the promotion of sports.

Following the 2020 Tokyo Olympic & Paralympic Games, a successful bid by Aichi-Nagoya to host the 20th Asian Games, Asia's largest sporting event set to be held in 2026, significant contribution would be made to the advancement of sports in the prefecture and Japan as a whole.

In addition, these Games would be an opportunity to show the world Japan's superconducting maglev rail technology in anticipation of the Chuo Shinkansen maglev train, Japan's next big project set to be unveiled in fiscal 2027. This will provide opportunities to expand the international community and bolster international competitiveness in Aichi-Nagoya, as well as build even stronger bonds with the fast-growing Asian region.

It is therefore the strong desire of the Prefectural Assembly to enter into a bid to host the 20th Asian Games scheduled for 2026.

The above is resolved as stated on this 5th day of July, 2016  
Aichi Prefectural Assembly

Aichi Prefecture, the City of Nagoya, and the concerned organizations shall come together to form a single body, the "Aichi-Nagoya Bid Committee for Asian Games," for the purpose of promoting this bid.

## Aichi-Nagoya Bid Committee for Asian Games Member List

<b>Chairman</b> .....	Governor of Aichi Prefecture
<b>Deputy Chairman</b> .....	Mayor of the City of Nagoya
<b>Vice Chairmen</b> .....	Chairman of the Aichi Sports Association
	Chairman of The Federation of Aichi Prefecture Chamber of Commerce and Industry
	Chairman of the Chubu Economic Federation
<b>Members</b> .....	Chairman of the Aichi Prefectural Assembly
	Chairman of the Nagoya City Assembly
	Chairman of the Aichi Association of City Mayors
	Chairman of Aichi Prefecture Association of Towns and Villages
	Chairman of the Aichi Prefecture Association of Chairpersons of City Councils
	Chairman of the Aichi Prefecture Association of Chairmen of Town and Village Assemblies
	Vice Executive Director of the Nagoya-city Education and Sports Association
	Chairman of the Aichi Prefectural Federation of Societies of Commerce and Industry
	President,RENGO Aichi,Japanese Trade Union Confederation
	Chairman of the Aichi International Association
	Executive Director of the Nagoya International Center
	Chairman of the Aichi Prefectural Tourism Association
	Executive Director of the Nagoya Convention & Visitors Bureau

## Significance of the Bid

The Asian Games, Asia's greatest sporting festival.

These Games bring together Asia's top athletes, giving them the opportunity to deliver their best performances.

We regard the 2026 Asian Games as the next major target for the Japanese sporting world following on from the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Aichi-Nagoya, one of the world's major industrial powerhouses, not only has strong links with the Asian region, but also has an extremely lively sporting scene, with numerous professional, corporate, and student teams.

The entire region will unite to offer the athletes representing Asia the chance to perform at their absolute best; the effects of this endeavor will include promoting sport and encouraging international relations, developing human resources through hosting the games, increasing exchanges among people, and enhancing international competitiveness. We believe it will contribute to the growth and development not only of Aichi-Nagoya, but of Japan as a whole.

Based on the admirable ideal of promoting friendship and peace espoused by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), we will do our utmost to make the Games a wonderful occasion.

## Concept for the Games

### Putting Athletes First

▶ We have the organizational capacity built up through large-scale international championships and other events, a watertight security framework, and an excellent environment to offer during the Games. We will incorporate athletes' opinions into the process of planning and organizing the Games, in order to provide them with a stage on which they can perform at their absolute best.

### Use of Existing Facilities

▶ The competition venues will mainly comprise existing sports facilities, of which there are many in Aichi-Nagoya, with temporary facilities also erected as necessary. This will help to reduce costs both during and after the Games.

### Utilization of Advanced Technology

▶ Utilizing Nagoya's strengths as Japan's industrial capital, the latest technology will be introduced in a variety of areas, from event management to transportation and safety, in order to provide athletes, officials and others involved with the Games, and spectators with a safe, pleasant environment in which to compete or watch.

▶ We are also considering how to introduce advanced technology for the benefit of viewing, providing spectators with new ways of enjoying sport.

### Hospitality through Encounters with Tradition and Local People

▶ Aichi-Nagoya was the birthplace of many of the military commanders who emerged in Japan's Sengoku ("warring states") period (c. 1407-1603) during which the country was first unified. We offer a hospitable welcome to visitors that gives them the chance to enjoy our historical and cultural heritages, as well as to taste Nagoya-meshi, our unique local cuisine.

▶ The entire region will come together to make the Games a success, with participation from the Aichi Sports Commission, which brings together the prefectural and municipal governments, sporting, economic, and tourism organizations, the mass media, corporations, non-profit organizations, and other interested parties in the region, as well as the volunteers involved in Expo 2005, the Nagoya Women's Marathon, and other large-scale events.

### Encouraging the Spread of Sporting Culture with Pride in Hosting the Asian Games

▶ After the Asian Games, our track record as hosts will help raise the brand profile of the entire region and be a source of pride for local residents, enabling us to host a range of other international championships and help revitalize the region. It will also help us to improve athletes' performance and encourage the spread of a culture of enjoying sports.

▶ Hosting the Games will both contribute to children's healthy growth through sport, and pass on the values of international friendship and peace espoused by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) to the next generation.

### Duration of the Games

The Games are tentatively scheduled to be held for 16 days from Friday, September 18 through Saturday, October 3, 2026, the same period as the 17th Asian Games (2014) in Incheon, Korea.

This time of year has a high probability of good weather, with a 70% chance of sunshine for the Opening Ceremony and an 80% chance of sunshine on average throughout the Games (based on Japan Meteorological Agency data from 2006-2015).

### On the List of Sports

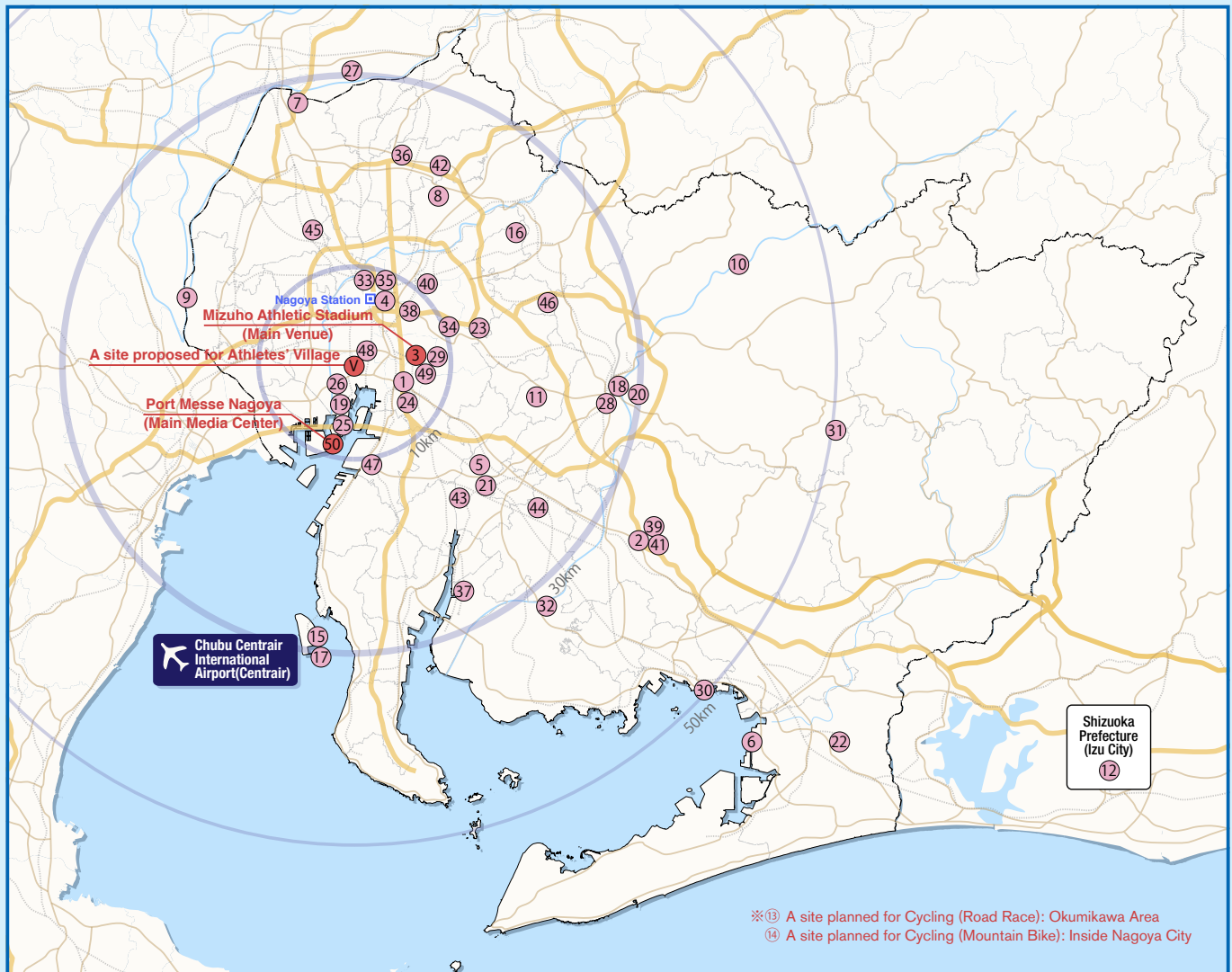
The list of sports will be decided based on Article 68 of the Constitution and Rules of the OCA. The said list will be presumed to be the same as the 36 Asian Games Sports that are planned to take place at the 18th Asian Games (2018) in Jakarta. Reflecting the special appeal of the Asian Games, the Games will include sports that are not part of the Olympic Games.

Sport / Event		
1	Aquatics	Swimming
		Diving
		Synchronized Swimming
		Waterpolo
2	Archery	
3	Athletics	Field
		Track
		Marathon
		Racewalking
4	Badminton	
5	Basketball	
6	Boxing	
7	Canoe-Kayak	Sprint
		Slalom
		Polo
8	Cycling	Track
		Road
		Mountain Bike
		BMX
9	Equestrian	
10	Fencing	
11	Football	
12	Golf	
13	Gymnastics	Artistic
		Rhythmic
		Trampoline
14	Handball	

Sport / Event		
15	Hockey	
16	Judo	
17	Modern Pentathlon (Running & Shooting/Riding/Fencing/Swimming)	
18	Rowing	
19	Rugby	
20	Sailing	
21	Shooting	Pistol
		Rifle
		Clay
22	Table Tennis	
23	Taekwondo	
24	Tennis / Soft Tennis	Tennis
		Soft Tennis
25	Triathlon	
26	Volleyball	Volleyball
		Beach Volleyball
27	Weightlifting	
28	Wrestling	
29	Baseball/Softball	Baseball
		Softball
30	Bowling	
31	Cricket	
32	Kabaddi	
33	Martial Arts	
34	Sepaktakraw	
35	Sport Climbing	
36	Squash	

## Our approach to selecting competition venues:

- Facilities for each sport have been tentatively decided based on interviews, etc. with sports organizations in the prefecture.
- Regarding sports that need gymnasiums, we have allocated large-capacity facilities in the prefecture to those sports that will attract a large number of spectators at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics wherever possible, based on interviews with sports organizations in the prefecture.
- Before selecting the venues, the facilities were checked to ensure that their sporting areas meet international standards.
- The competition venues may change prior to the Games depending on consultations with relevant parties.





Sport / Event		Competition Venue (Prospective)		Existing	Temporary	Planned	Under review
1	Aquatics	Swimming	① Nagoya Civic General Gymnasium (Rainbow Pool)	●			
		Diving					
		Synchronized Swimming					
		Waterpolo					
2	Archery		② Okazaki Central Park (Multipurpose Field)	●			
3	Athletics	Track / Field	③ Mizuho Athletic Stadium			●	
		Marathon	③ Mizuho Athletic Stadium (Downtown Course)		●	●	
		Racewalking	④ Aichi Prefectural Government Office and Nagoya City Hall Area Course		●		
4	Badminton		⑤ Wing Arena Kariya	●			
5	Basketball		⑥ Toyohashi City Gymnasium	●			
			⑦ Ichinomiya City Gymnasium	●			
6	Boxing		⑧ Kasugai City Gymnasium	●			
7	Canoe-Kayak	Sprint	⑨ Nagaragawa International Regatta Course (Kaizu City, Aisai City)	●			
		Slalom	⑩ Yahagigawa Canoe Slalom Course (Toyota City)	●			
		Polo	⑪ Botagaike (Miyoshi City)	●			
8	Cycling	Track	⑫ Izu Velodrome (Izu City)	●			
		Road	⑬ Okumikawa Area		●		
		Mountain Bike	⑭ Within Nagoya City		●		
		BMX	⑮ Large-scale convention center parking facility		●		
9	Equestrian		⑯ Aichi Prefecture Forest Park	●	●		
10	Fencing		⑰ Large-scale convention center			●	
11	Football		⑱ Toyota Stadium	●			
			⑲ Minato Soccer Stadium	●			
			⑳ Toyota City Sports Park Ball Game Ground	●			
			㉑ Wave Stadium Kariya	●			
			㉒ Toyohashi Civic Ball Game Ground	●			
12	Golf		㉓ Aichi Country Club	●			
13	Gymnastics	Artistic	㉔ Nagoya Civic General Gymnasium (Rainbow Hall)	●			
		Rhythmic					
		Trampoline					
14	Handball		㉕ Teva Ocean Arena	●			
			㉖ Nagoya City Inae Sports Center	●			
15	Hockey		㉗ Gifu Prefectural Green Stadium	●			
16	Judo		㉘ Sky Hall Toyota	●			
17	Modern Pentathlon	Running & Shooting / Riding	⑯ Aichi Prefecture Forest Park		●		
		Fencing	⑰ Large-scale convention center			●	
		Aquatics	① Nagoya Civic General Gymnasium (Rainbow Pool)	●			
18	Rowing		⑨ Nagaragawa International Regatta Course (Kaizu City, Aisai City)	●			
19	Rugby		㉙ Mizuho Park Rugby Field	●			
20	Sailing		㉚ Kaiyoh Yacht Harbor	●			
21	Shooting	Pistol / Rifle / Clay	㉛ Aichi Prefectural Shooting Range	●			
22	Table Tennis		㉜ Nishio City General Gymnasium	●			
23	Taekwondo		㉝ Nagoya City Biwajima Sports Center	●			
24	Tennis / Soft Tennis		㉞ Nagoya City Higashiyama Park Tennis Center	●			
25	Triathlon		— TBD				●
26	Volleyball	Volleyball	㉟ Aichi Prefectural Gymnasium	●			
			㊱ Park Arena Komaki	●			
		Beach Volleyball	㊲ Hekinan Green Beach Court (tentative name)			●	
27	Weightlifting		㊳ Fukiage Hall	●			
28	Wrestling		㊴ Okazaki Central Park Gymnasium	●			
29	Baseball / Softball	Baseball	㊵ Nagoya Dome	●			
			㊶ Okazaki Municipal Baseball Stadium	●			
			㊷ Komaki Municipal Baseball Stadium	●			
			㊸ Kariya Stadium	●			
		Softball	㊹ Anjo Sports Park Softball Ground	●			
30	Bowling		㊺ Inazawa Grandbowl	●			
31	Cricket		㊻ Expo 2015 Aichi Commemorative Park Baseball Stadium		●		
32	Kabaddi		㊼ Tokai Citizen Gymnasium	●			
33	Martial Arts		㊽ Aichi Prefectural Martial Arts Center	●			
34	Sepaktakraw		㊾ Mizuho Park Gymnasium (tentative name)			●	
35	Sport Climbing		㊿ Portmesse Nagoya			●	
36	Squash		⑰ Large-scale convention center			●	
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