

Letter of Motivation
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I would like to write about my motivation and commitment.

I commit myself to make the best efforts to make our sport a real Olympic sport and make our organization a real Olympic Sport International Federation as well as to improve our development program as a member of IFSC team.

Career and achievement

Before being additional Sport

I have been working and witnessed so many aspects of the Olympic Games for the last 11 years. From the very beginning, when more than 30 sports applied to the possible additional sports to the Tokyo 2020, it took more than 2 years. And I could feel what kind of aspects were expected in the Games.

Tokyo 2020 Sport manager as well as VP in charge sport and events

2017, I was elected as VP for sport and event of IFSC, and nearly same time, I started to work as a Sport Manager at Tokyo2020 LOC and created Olympic format together with many stakeholders, where I worked together with 55 Olympic and Paralympic sports. I learned so many things there, unfortunately the postponement and covid restrictions required us to abandon planned things according to the priority. But this prioritization with many stakeholders, which was of course quite confusion, was very much valuable to understand what is more important than the other in the particular circumstances. I think things will change time to time, but even though, I got to know there is a something which value never change whenever and whatever happened in the sport. And also the venue of the Tokyo was shared venue with Para Sport 5x5 blind football, meaning I worked together for the preparation for the games, which is also I think very beneficial to the future Paralympic in LA.

Paris 2024

Paris 2024, I was given the mandate to deliver the sport in the Games, I thought that I had to take final responsibility whatever happened at the games even daily operation business was really relying on our IF staff, Paris2024, ITOs. But I feel that we could deliver our sport "Better than Tokyo", which was an initial target from the beginning of Paris preparation, and as far as I heard results sounded exceed our expectations. I am very much grateful to all the team members who did great performances.

Real experiences make future tangible contribution. And need to be transferred to next gen.

I believe that all those real experiences are pretty much valuable to the young IF, which is IFSC (est.2007) also, I believe that we have to get the secured position in the Olympic movement as we were started, additional spot in Tokyo, and called OCOG(Organizing committee of Olympic Games) sport in Paris, and finally we are recognized as Program sport in LA. But as far as I know, when I see the situation of the other sports, I feel that anything can happen in the Olympic environment.

Therefore, I think I have to do my best effort for the future success of our sport in the Olympic environment.

Another important point is , I have to transfer all my those experience to the next generation. I believe that principle will remain whatever happen in a future. Those are the reasons to be a candidate.

Why I emphasize the Olympic is, staying in the Olympic movement will make other activity possible such as tangible development programs. And as well as where I could contribute most.

Development program

I believe that I could contribute the developing programs as based on my personal experiences.

Especially to develop newly joined NFs, Youth, event delivery, marketing, and so on. Because I was in charge for the JPN youth team long time when no support from the authority was given, still keeping the pragmatic idea based on the experience.

I worked to change our Olympic format from relative value scoring in Tokyo to the absolute value based on the athlete's performance together with IFSC sport department for Paris2024 and succeeded at the end. I feel that I still can contribute to improve our sport together.

I also started Official Sport Equipment Program in the IFSC prior to the Tokyo2020 games together with Sport director at that time and now the program is not completed yet but still growing.

Conclusion

I believe that I would be able to make a contribution to make IFSC a real Olympic Sport International Federation by bringing Tokyo2020 and Paris 2024 experiences. And would like to contribute to the success for our future events. I would like to improve our sport.

I would like to continue not finished business together with our IFSC team as well as I think I have to transfer all my experience and knowledge to the next generation properly.

I commit myself to do my best efforts.



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