Press Release



## Elite Runners Assemble in Tokyo Aiming For World Record! Tokyo Marathon 2017 – Press Conference Schedule

Date&Time: Friday, February 24, 2017 10:30 am - 3:00 pm

(Media registration starts at 10:00 am)

10:30 am - Organizer's Press Conference

10:55 am - Invited Wheelchair Athletes Press Conference

1:00 pm - Invited Athletes Press Conference

Venue: Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo, South Tower 5F, Eminence Hall

The Tokyo Marathon Foundation will hold a press conference for the media and related individuals on Friday, February 24, 2017 from 10:30am in preparation for Tokyo Marathon 2017, which will be held on Sunday, February 26, 2017.

There will be a press conference of the organizer, followed by press conferences of invited wheelchair athletes and invited elite athletes.

The schedule is as follows.

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10:55 am – Invited Wheelchair Athletes (women) Press Conference 11:20 am – Invited Wheelchair Athletes (men) Press Conference

11:45 am – Photo session (men, women, both)

11:50 am - On-the-spot interviews with invited wheelchair marathon athletes

0:30 pm - On-the-spot interviews end

1:00 pm – Invited Elite Athletes (woman) Press Conference 1:30 pm – Invited Elite Athletes (men) Press Conference

2:10 pm - Photo session

—Room change— \*Move to Grace Room (3F)

 $2:15\ pm$  – On-the-spot interviews with invited elite athletes and invited wheelchair

athletes

## 3:00 pm – On-the-spot interviews end

## Please note:

- 1 No parking
- 2 The content and schedule may change without notice based on progress of events.
- 3 Photography location (for both still and movie cameras) is determined by order of arrival.
- 4 Follow the attendant's instructions for accident prevention.
- 5 On-the-spot interviews may be shortened due to athletes schedule. Please note that all the interviews will be conducted simultaneoustly.

## Athletes and Representatives who will be on the Stage

There may be changes to presenting athletes and the corresponding on-the-spot interviews based on the progress of events on the day. Please check the athletes lists announced on Friday, January 20. URL: http://www.marathon.tokyo/news-media/press-release/

■ Tokyo Marathon 2017 Organizer's Press Conference

Koji Sakurai President/CEO, Tokyo Marathon Foundation

Kazuya Tanada Director General/COO, Tokyo Marathon Foundation

- Invited Wheelchair Athletes Press Conference
  - International Invited Wheelchair Athletes (Women)

MCFADDEN, Tatyana (USA) ZOU, Lihong (CHN) MCGRORY, Amanda (USA)

National Invited Wheelchair Athletes (Women)

NAKAYAMA, Kazumi (Accenture/Kanagawa, Japan)

• International Invited Wheelchair Athletes (Men)

VAN DYK, Ernst (RSA) GEORGE, Joshua (USA)

National Invited Wheelchair Athletes (Men)

HOKINOUE, Kota (Yahoo! Japan/Fukuoka, Japan) SUZUKI, Tomoki (Kanto Para Athletics/Chiba, Japan)

- · Tokyo Marathon Wheelchair Race Director, Masazumi Soejima
- Invited Athletes Press Conference
  - · International Invited Athletes (Women)

BERISO, Amane (ETH)
GOBENA, Amane (ETH)
DIBABA, Birhane (ETH)
SAINA, Betsy (KEN)

International Invited Athletes (Men)

KIPSANG, Wilson (KEN) CHUMBA, Dickson (KEN) KEBEDE, Tsegaye (ETH)

National Invited Athletes (Men)

IMAI, Masato (Toyota Motor Kyushu/Fukuoka, Japan) MAEDA, Kazuhiro (Kyudenko Corporation/Fukuoka, Japan)

HATTORI, Yuma (Toyota Motor/Aichi, Japan)

· Tokyo Marathon Race Director, Tadaaki Hayano