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Nikko Asset Management Strengthens Support for the Japan National Wheelchair Rugby Team

Nikko Asset Management has signed an official partnership agreement with the Japan Wheelchair Rugby Federation (JWRF) for the second successive year. The move builds on the firm's ongoing support for Japan's national team to help enhance awareness of the sport and foster its development.

Nikko Asset Management initiated its engagement with the federation because the national team's commitment to international excellence is in keeping with the firm's dedication to delivering world-class results. That commitment extends to the national team membership of two of the firm's own employees. They are Yukinobu Ike, the captain, and Takahisa Yamaguchi.

The national team won the International Wheelchair Rugby Federation's Asia-Oceania Championship for the first time in late 2015. As of April 2016, the team ranks third in the world, and is confident of further success.



Takahisa Yamaguchi



Yukinobu Ike

Wheelchair Rugby

This popular international sport originated in Canada in 1977 to broaden team sports opportunities for quadriplegic athletes. Wheelchair rugby was a demonstration sport at the Paralympics at the Atlanta Paralympic Games in 1996, becoming a full medal sport at the 2000 Paralympic Games in Sydney, Australia. The sport came to Japan in November 1996, and the Japan Wheelchair Rugby Federation (JWRF) was established in April 1997. The JWRF organization is endeavoring to promote the game within Japan and to win medals in the Paralympics, World Championships and other international events.



For further details about the Japan Wheelchair Rugby Federation, visit the official site at:

<http://www.jwrf.com/>

About Nikko Asset Management

Nikko Asset Management is positioning itself to be Asia's premier global asset manager. The firm offers world-class asset management solutions for global investors, and has US\$153.7 billion (18.49 trillion yen) in assets under management*. With more than 200 investment professionals**, the firm leverages its extensive global resources representing over 30 nationalities across 11 countries. Headquartered in Asia for over 55 years, Nikko Asset Management's vantage point, extending east to west, distinguishes its investment approach.

* Consolidated assets under management and sub-advisory of Nikko Asset Management and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2015.

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