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Wheelchair Rugby Athlete Katsuya Hashimoto Joins Nikko Asset Management

Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd. (Nikko AM) is pleased to welcome member of the Japanese national wheelchair rugby team Katsuya Hashimoto as an athlete employee, as of 1 April.

Although just 19 years old, Hashimoto already has a reputation as a star of Japan's next generation of wheelchair rugby, having contributed to the national team's gold medal at the Wheelchair Rugby World Championship in 2018. He also played a major role in the team's bronze medal performance at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics. In addition to his career as a competitor, he is also an advocate for promoting the enjoyment of parasports.

Nikko AM places a strong emphasis on diversity and inclusion (D&I) as a core area of corporate sustainability, and proactively recruits a wide variety of employees, recognises their diversity and strives to create a comfortable work environment for everyone. The firm has a focus on hiring parasports athletes, including fellow Japanese national wheelchair rugby team member Yukinobu Ike. The firm has also been an official partner of the Japan Wheelchair Rugby Federation since 2015, and promotes a diverse society where people enjoy parasports.

As a global asset manager and responsible corporate citizen, Nikko AM is committed to sustainability.

Katsuya Hashimoto Official Profile



Hashimoto was born in Fukushima prefecture in 2002, and is currently 19 years old. He is a member of the Japanese national wheelchair rugby team as well as club team TOHOKU STORMERS.

Major achievements:

2017 Joined the TOHOKU STORMERS

2018 Joined the Japanese national wheelchair rugby team and helped the team win the Wheelchair Rugby World Championship

2021 Won a bronze medal at the Tokyo Paralympics

Hashimoto commented, "My name is Katsuya Hashimoto, and I am proud to join Nikko Asset Management. I first encountered wheelchair rugby when I was 14. At the time, I was a bit shy, and spent most of my time indoors. This sport changed my life. Although I have only been competing for about five years, I have set a lofty goal to become the best player in the world. It will take an unimaginable amount of hard work to get there, and there will be plenty of obstacles. But beyond every obstacle there is a new discovery. I'm still young and have a lot to learn, but I hope you will cheer me on."



Fellow Nikko AM colleague and wheelchair rugby athlete Yukinobu Ike welcomed Hashimoto. "I look forward to Katsuya joining Nikko AM, and competing with him on the Japan national team. Nikko AM supports its athlete employees to prioritise their sports performance, and sends us as ambassadors to spread our corporate messages. This includes plenty of opportunities to meet and interact with people, such as participating in study sessions for fund distributors. I think an athlete employee is empowered by being able to contribute to a company in a wide variety of ways. Katsuya and I will team up as Nikko AM employees to make the world a better place."

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About Nikko Asset Management

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