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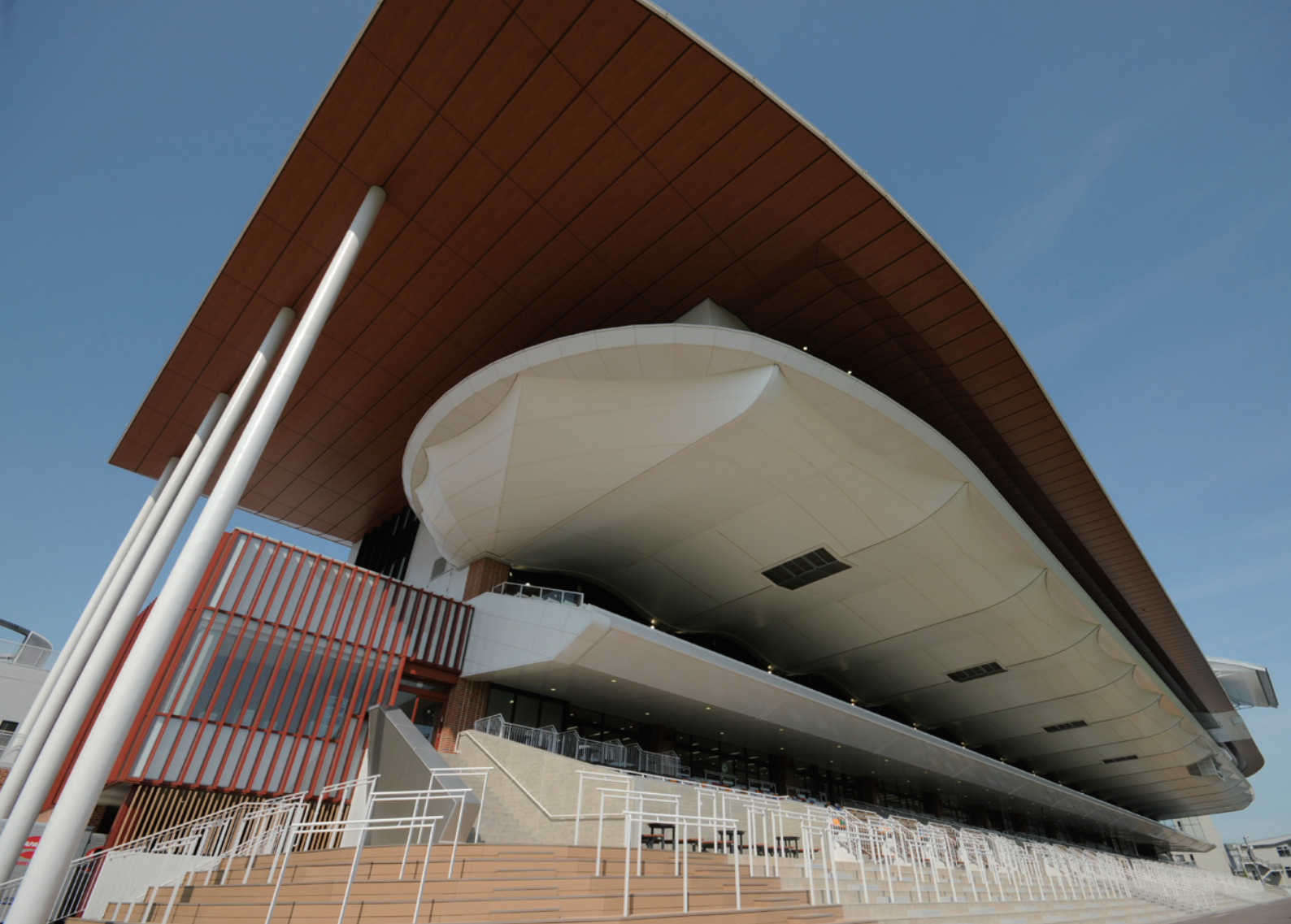
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-Interview with Dr. Koji Sato, the Chairman of ARF-



The 33rd ARC (Asian Racing Conference) was held for one week from April 9 to 15 in Sydney, Australia. Regarding this conference, we had an interview with Dr. Koji Sato, the Chairman of ARF and the JRA Presidential Counselor for Foreign Affairs

Conference Overview

The ARC was established for 1. To meet and foster goodwill and mutual understanding through the medium of periodic conferences and other racing events in the member countries. 2. To promote horseracing and breeding and the integrity and prestige thereof by any means that the Federation shall consider appropriate and which are in compliance with all existing laws, rules and regulations. 3. To encourage and develop mutually beneficial objectives and strategies between racing organizations without discrimination to aid the development of horseracing. 4. To exchange ideas and information on matters connected with horseracing. 5. To encourage, promote and support international competition for jockeys and horses when conditions permit. In 1960 the first conference was held in Tokyo with 69 delegates attending from seven countries, in 2001 it was renamed and became the Asian Racing Federation (ARF), and this year is the 50th anniversary.

From 31 countries including Europe and United States, 676 delegates gathered at this conference. Various fields and industries related to horseracing such as horseracing authorities and promoters as well as public administration, wagering / broadcast enterprises, farm staffs took part in this conference. The aspect of having the opportunities to gain insights to technology through the exhibitions by the horseracing-related companies and being held on rotational basis among the different member countries, led to make the ARC one of the major international racing conferences in the world of thoroughbred horseracing.

At this conference, ARF became the international racing organization consisting of 21 member countries and regions and one associate member country with Mongol approved as associate member and Vietnam as member country, so ARF should play a great part for Asian racing development and international coordination of horseracing.

Q. You experienced as the Japanese first chairman since its establishment, didn't you have a lot of difficulties?

A. No. This time I had a strong support from Japanese Team with highly experienced 33 members consisting of JRA and affiliated companies, NAR, and journalist as well as Mr. Masahiro Araki, the Vice President of JBBA and the President of HBA.

The Chairman of Racing New South Wales, Mr. Alan Brown and his staffs as the host organization also made a great effort for successful conference. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to them.

In Australia this is the 200th anniversary year since the first horseracing was held at Hyde Park Racecourse in Sydney in 1810. It was an honour to be able to attend this memorable ARC as the Chairman.

Q. Could you give us a review on the conference?

A. The slogan of the conference was "Racing into the Future." We had active discussions on various matters such as what to do for racing industry's development to the next 50 or 100 years later.

Beginning with Executive Council/Management Committee Meeting, we held the special committee sessions, ARF Grading & Race Planning Advisory Committee (GRPC), Stewards Meeting, and Asian Stud Book Conference, followed by the Plenary Sessions for three days: including "Future Customer," "Business & Wagering," "Racing," "Hypothetical," and then Selective Sessions including "Animal Welfare," "Riders' Safety & Training," "Racecourse Facilities and Synthetic Track Surfaces," "Racing in the Region."

Q. What did you appeal to the horseracing industries in the keynote at the beginning of the Plenary Session?

A. In the keynote, I referred to the "Seven Social Sins of the World" (see the appendix), left by the father of Indian independence Mahatma Gandhi whom I respect, to indicate the various problems and the current status of ARF regions and the world racing industry.

How should ARF and the member countries confront excessive "wealth without work" and "commerce without morality" as a member of the international horseracing society? With borderlessness of people, products and information, we can now obtain information about the world horseracing through the Internet or

satellite TV while being at home, which let new forms of business more active. Under such situation, some companies sell betting tickets without paying the appropriate expense to the horseracing industry to get the "wealth without work." This is one of the major factors which interfere with the healthy fund flow of the racing industry as the "commerce without morality."

In order to go back to the ideal situation for the industry by removing the factors which interfere with the horseracing development, becoming a member of ARF is required. And we can't manage the industry stably and continually without cooperating with all racing organizations and stakeholders in the world and building up the economy for realizing the happiness of all people involved in the horseracing.



Environment and Challenges Surrounding the Horseracing Industry

Q. What do you think of the current status of the horseracing world?

A. The horseracing industry has been in a stagnant situation for quite a long time. Various interests of stakeholders are complexly intertwined compared to the casino which is our competitor and the growing single enterprise, and it is very difficult to make a decision and strategy immediately. Therefore, the urgent business to keep maintaining and developing the horseracing is that the entire horseracing industry should work together and function as one business entity. In order to achieve this, we need to reconsider the whole structure of operation in the areas of Products Offering, Channel of distribution, Marketing, Brand Effort, Customer Satisfaction, Revenue Sharing and so on.

Moreover, we need to "find new customers, take in the younger generation and expand fan base" for resolving the problems to develop horseracing permanently. For one of the most important themes "Future Customer," we received various topics and suggestions through the Plenary Sessions. The growth of the Internet has rapidly changed the consumers' trend and their preference for information acquisition.

We participants now have shared awareness the following as the key to solve the problems: (1) providing high-quality and immediate service and information continually, (2) selecting marketing method according to generations, (3) providing information and topics using new technologies including social networking services (for example, Facebook and Twitter), (4) providing betting system and information through the Internet and cell-phone (smartphone), HD/3D television and so on. From now on, the entire horseracing industry should build the specific strategies based on these keys and work on them.

We also need to take care of coordination with the general public. At the selective sessions with the theme "Animal Welfare," we had exchange of opinions on problems which racing organizations in each country has recently confronted for the first time. In terms of high interest to the animal welfare and response to the animal protection group, we are now required to work in order not to be considered that we have performed abuse against horses.

As one of these activities, a new article was added to the International Agreement on Breeding and Racing to redress improper usage of whips.

There still are many problems on horses' welfare and health including review of drug controls, veterinary techniques, accident prevention in racecourses, and horses' infection disease. Thoroughbreds are our important partners and we must think seriously about how we are going to ensure well-being of the horses in various means.



Q. What do you think you should do to resolve the issues?

A. There are countries where the racing organizations make a profit by delegating the sales of betting tickets to private betting companies and collecting grant fee, or in some countries, the bookmakers are officially licensed to operate the betting by fixed-odds method or betting exchange (we need to appeal to the world that betting exchange should not be allowed because it rocks the foundation of horseracing). In addition, appropriate benefit return to the horseracing industry is not achieved due to the growth of Internet technology and the spread of information borderlessly.

It is noteworthy that we had a debating session between racing authorities and private betting companies or bookmakers in the Business & Wagering Session, for the first time. ARF members should continue to work together to establish the system to return the benefit appropriately for the horseracing industry's development.

In Japan, betting tickets overseas can't be sold because of the Japanese law. But we also need to prepare for the future development by grasping the movement in the world. I hope we can have a constructive exchange of opinions and establish a relationship that can bring sustainable benefit to the industry as a whole not only in Asia but also all over the world and without encroaching on the established rights of respective jurisdictions.

Racing into the Future

Q. What would ARF like to do in the future?

A. We decided to hold the next 34th ARC in Turkey in June 2012. Today, ARF members occupy substantial share of various markets including 40% of the world prize money, accounting for half of the world's betting turnover and over 30% of annual foal crop production. If horses and people are able to freely and actively move within the 'Asia Community' including ARF members and enhance the standard of our races, this unity can surely contribute to the reactivation of our industry. In addition, in People's Republic of China which boasts the second highest GDP in the world based on Purchasing Power Parity rate, it is hoped that government approved horseracing will resume in the near future and when this comes I hope that we can share the interest of horseracing with them. In other words, while promoting Asian horseracing to the rest of the world, I think we must transmit horseracing to other Asian countries where the sport is not developing and help them to promote the sport.

In order to further develop horseracing in ARF region, I would like to propose an "ARF Mentor Program" that shares know-how of horseracing between countries. For example, the technology of analysts and veterinarians in Hong Kong are some of the best in the world, many Australian race-day stewards work throughout Asia, New Zealand has great expertise in apprentice jockey education, and Japan has held the regular ARF Study Program for a long time. Under the ARF Mentor Program, I hope we will help developing countries' growth in horseracing by sharing the expertise of matured countries with them.

Toward the realization of these tasks, we would like to enhance the function of the ARF Executive Council and improve the ARC as the key conference in order to break through the current situation where the racing industry is struggling, and to move forward into a brighter future together.

Q. What role is Japan expected to play?

A. Japan became a member of Part I Countries in 2007, and many Japanese-bred horses have shown good performances in major G1 races overseas. Full-field races with high-quality horses are held every weekend. JRA operates racing and wagering to have an efficient system to return fund acquired by a wide range of fans' participation to the horseracing industry. This operation has received high evaluation from overseas. Japanese thoroughbred industry has also attracted the attention from overseas. We need to promote the exchange with each other to develop the horseracing industry not only in Japan but also in Asia.

Horseracing has been managed and enjoyed in many ways all over the world. Only few countries have a unified organization which manages horseracing like in Japan. Many countries have separate organization for horseracing operation, racecourse management, and wagering and they are under difficult business conditions. Particularly, in countries which have bookmakers, only 1% of their business profit return to the industry, so the horseracing organizer have been struggling for survival.

Japanese horseracing is also under severe business conditions, however, what is the most important for us now is for all horseracing industry members to join together in order to make fans more interested in horseracing. Through this conference I came to be convinced of this again.



Q. Could you tell us about the "Racing into the Future"?

A. I have 2 pieces of very interesting data that relate to this issue.

The first is the results of a survey of Japanese people last autumn, entitled "Opinion Poll on Horseracing". According to this, 4.2% of adults and more importantly as many as 11% of people in their twenties which equates to 4.05 million people, said that they had "never been to the races, but if they had the chance they would like to go." We can say that there must be considerable potential demand for horseracing. Furthermore, the main reasons given for not having been before were "I've never really had the chance" and "I don't know how to bet", both of which are relatively simple reasons.

The other piece of data is from a survey carried out by the motor industry, which like us is concerned about being alienated from the younger generation.



In the past, what the younger people wanted were sports cars and attractive opposite sex, however, if we look at the ranking of the most important and interesting products and services for university students we can see that personal computers are number one, followed by fine clothes, mobile music

players and communication devices like cell-phone. Cars and movies that were previously on top of the list are now a long way down in the rankings and it is becoming increasingly clear that young people's interests have shifted greatly in favor of information and communication devices.

What we can learn from this data is that young people's method of gathering information has changed to user initiated. Perhaps the key to appeal to young people is hidden somewhere around this. Of course, the situation in each country is different and it is not enough to respond to this issue with a single standard solution. Current economic situation calls us not only to look into the horseracing industry closely, but also to take an objective view by collaborating with the new generation, to reach new customers.

I have come to firmly believe that the "horseracing" will overcome any obstacle with concerned effort of everyone involved in the sport and if we can continue to challenge and change, we will see a sustainable future for the horseracing industry.

(Appendix)

Introduction of the keynote by Dr. Sato, the Chairman of ARF, "Racing into the Future," at the beginning of the Plenary Session "The Future Customer"

- "Seven Social Sins of the World*" by Mahatma Gandhi and Their Similarity to the Current Status of ARF/World
- Cooperation of the Entire Horseracing Circle, Need to Function as One Business Entity
- Promotion of International Races Utilizing Nationalism
- Introducing New Technologies
 - Social Network Service
 - HD/3D Television
 - Next-generation Cell-phone (Smartphone)
- Acquisition of New Customers
- Enhancement of ARF Organization and Initiatives to Support the Developing Countries

* "Politics without principle" "Wealth without work" "Pleasure without conscience" "Knowledge without character" "Commerce without morality" "Science without humanity" "Worship without sacrifice"

The 2010 Asia Week

Asia Week was established in 1994 to foster friendship and mutual understanding with the horseracing people in Asian countries through exchange races.

JRA actively holds exchange races between foreign horseracing authorities and racecourses. We each make the original trophy for the first running, and then exchange it. From the following year, we hold the race once a year with a name associated with each country.

JRA officers attend the exchange race day held at the racecourse in the overseas host country and hands the JRA trophy to the owner of the winning horse. Also representatives from each country visit Japan for the exchange race and act as the presenter at the winning ceremony of the exchange race concerned. These races play an important role in the exchange of racing people through the races.

Asia Week had been held at either Kokura Racecourse (Fukuoka) or Chukyo Racecourse (Aichi), but this year we decided to hold it at Sapporo Racecourse in Hokkaido, the center of the breeding in Japan in conjunction with the "Hokkaido Summer Sale" in order to deepen the understanding of the entire Japanese horseracing industry.

This year, in addition to attending racing at Sapporo Racecourse, we will provide the tour to the "Hokkaido

Summer Sale", breeding farms, and information about some tourist attractions.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Hokkaido.

Asia Week Schedule

August 21st (Sat.) 8R Thailand Cup
9R Malaysia Cup
11R Singapore Turf Club Sho

Welcome Dinner

August 22nd (Sun.) 8R Philippines Trophy
11R Macau Jockey Club Trophy
12R India Trophy

August 23rd (Mon.) and after
Tour to the "Hokkaido Summer Sale"
(August 23rd to 27th, JBBA Hokkaido Sales Complex) and breeding farms

Travel Information

Access to Sapporo city from New Chitose Airport (40km)

- 36 minutes by JR railway (Airport Rapid Service) (1,040 Japanese yen)
- About 70 minutes by high-way bus (1,000 yen)
- About 50 minutes by taxi (12,000 yen)

Access to Hidaka area from Sapporo city (Shizunai ; 130km / Urakawa ; 170km)

- About (150 / 240) minutes by JR railway (4,960 / 5,690 yen)
★note; need transfer
- About (150 / 200) minutes by high-way bus (2,340 / 2,850 yen)
- About (120 / 170) minutes by taxi (29,000 / 37,000 yen)

Access to New Chitose Airport from Hidaka area (Shizunai ; 90km / Urakawa ; 130km)

- About (150 / 230) minutes by JR railway (3,870 / 4,600 yen)
★note; need transfer
- About (90 / 140) minutes by taxi (22,000 / 30,000 yen)



Hokkaido Summer Sale



Masahiro Araki

President of Hidaka horse Breeders' Association

Gentle breeze and sweet smell of the grass let us know the coming of the most comfortable season in Hokkaido. Hidaka horse Breeders' Association (HBA) is an association of breeders located in Hidaka Area (Hokkaido Pref.), Japan's largest horse breeding area. This association has about 900 members and we breed about 5,600 horses a year, 80% of the entire Japanese thoroughbred production.

Our most important operation is to conduct thoroughbred sales, the [Hokkaido Sales]. In collaboration with two associations in Hokkaido (Iburi Breeders' Association and Tokachi Breeders' Association), we held 4 sales with a total of 13 days last year. In terms of the number of horses and its scales of venue, we are confident that our sales are the largest in Japan. Last year 2,483 horses were catalogued and 1009 of them were sold for a total of over JPY 4,943 million.

Every August, the largest thoroughbred yearling sale in



Japan, the "Summer Sale" is held. Over 1,000 horses are to be listed for five days' sessions from 23rd to 27th August this year. This is very familiar as an annual sale for a long time, and various horses are listed with a variety of prices, pedigrees and conformation of horse body, etc.

Many buyers gather for this sale from all over Japan every year, and they select and purchase horses, collect and exchange information on new stallions' production, etc.

Although there are a few differences depending on the sale, I would like to explain how the sale usually proceeds. About 200-250 horses are listed per day. Listed horses are divided into groups of 40-50 horses in the morning, and they are displayed standing in rows in the outdoor exhibition area. This is a way of exhibition unique to Japan called 'Comparing Exhibition'. You can watch the horse's condition comparing to others. This sale is also attractive to buyers, because they can watch a lot of horses from various areas in one day. Comparing and examining several candidate horses through this Comparing Exhibition is very useful for both buyers and sellers, and Comparing Exhibition is highly evaluated. Of course you can also watch horses one by one in its stalls.

After the Comparing Exhibition, the auction starts in the afternoon. Firstly the listed horses go around the parade ring located within the outdoor exhibition area, and move to the indoor parade ring in turn. While 3-4 horses go around the indoor parade ring, the buyers will undergo their inspection again. At the parade ring, they also can make sure of the proceedings of sale through TV monitors. There is no much difference in the way to proceed the sale between ours and the

Introduction to Hidaka, the main breeding area of thoroughbred



Ken Kitamura

Director General of Hidaka Subprefectural Bureau, Hokkaido Government

Hidaka lies in the western area of Hidaka Mountains running in central south of Hokkaido, and one of the most famous thoroughbred breeding areas all over the world, where 80% of thoroughbred in Japan (6,000 horses per year) are bred.

Hidaka has many wonderful places to visit, especially our world-famous breeding area as well as the characteristic scenery such as mountains, sea, and farms.

Thoroughbred breeding farm (everywhere in the area)

There are about 900 farms in this area and



you can see the pastoral scenery that horses graze grass in the meadows full of green, and meet many famous horses which won and/or placed in many major races. We particularly recommend you to come and see mares and foals nestle close to each other happily in early spring. For more information on the farm tour, please contact Information Desk for the home of racehorses (Tel: +81-(0)146-43-2121, non-fixed closing day)

Mombetsu Racecourse (Hidaka-cho)

This is the only racecourse located in horse breeding area in Japan, where exciting night races are held every Tuesday, Wednesday and



others in foreign countries. After a buyer bids, the auctioneer tries to cajole another bid from the crowd of buyers. These are repeated until no buyers show signs of any higher bid. And, when the auctioneer's gavel slams the podium, it is decided that the highest bidder has the right to buy the horse. The raised and bid prices are displayed on the TV monitors by JPY and USD.

We have improved the repository system in recent years for our sale. At present, results of radiography and upper air passage endoscope tests are voluntarily delivered by the sellers to the buyers at the sale and in the future we are planning to make these information available through the Internet. There is also a medical center with veterinarians standing by for unforeseen accidents and also for the inspection after the completion of the purchase.

In this way, we are trying to satisfy various needs of the domestic and overseas buyers, and as a result, we recently have a lot of opportunities for the overseas buyers to come to our sale.

Therefore, we have provided information, such as the catalogued horses in English on the Hokkaido Sales to the domestic and overseas buyers through the website <http://www.hba.or.jp/english>. Also, the results of the sale are available as well as the live streaming video of the sale.

The Hokkaido Sales complex holds various sales such as the Selection Sale (yearlings, foals) and the Training Sale (2-year-old) as well as the Summer Sale.

Some of Japanese bred horses traded in the Hokkaido Sales have performed well in foreign racecourses. Among them, Jolie's Shinju was elected the 2009 Horse of the Year in Singapore.

We at HBA will keep making every effort for the production, training, improvement and distribution of thoroughbreds, for the provision of information to the breeders, for the coordination with other breeding areas, and also for the exchange with horseracing organizing countries in the world.

This year, the Asia Week is to be held at Sapporo Racecourse. We hope that many overseas guests take this

opportunity to visit Japanese breeding areas and the Summer Sale as well as the Sapporo Racecourse. We will work for you to deepen the understanding such as pedigrees of Japanese bred horses, its versatility dealing with various types of racing, Japanese sales system and so on.

We are really looking forward to seeing you at the "Summer Sale".



Access to Hokkaido Sales Complex
approx. 5 minutes from JR railway Shizunai station by taxi

The live streaming video of thoroughbred sales

<http://live.jbis.or.jp>

Aug. 23 (Mon)-27 (Fri)	Summer Sale (Yearling)
Jul. 12 (Mon)	Select Sale (Yearling)
Jul. 13 (Tue)	Select Sale (Foal)
Jul. 20 (Tue)	Selection Sale (Yearling)
Jul. 21 (Wed)	Selection Sale (Foal)

Prices are also shown in USD, EUR, SGD, HKD

Please keep us posted via Twitter etc.

Thursday until November 18th. At the new grandstand opened in May 2009 with a seating capacity of 800, you can enjoy tasty local foods.

JRA Hidaka Yearling Training Farm (Urakawa-cho)

It has a total area of about 1,500ha with an up-to-date training facilities such as treadmill and uphill training tracks. Horses are trained here for the races held by JRA and/or NAR.

Horse riding facilities (Hidaka-cho, Niikappu-cho, Shinhidaka-cho, Urakawa-cho)

There are a lot of facilities for horse riding, and each facility has its own characteristics such as riding on retired G1 winning horses and ponies and horse trekking in the forest and on the shore.



Cape Erimo (Erimeo-cho), Mt. Apoi (Samani-cho)

Cape Erimo is known for its scenic beauty and also selected

for the words of a popular song. And around here, gale is blowing for nearly 300 days a year. It is also famous as a habitat of kuril harbor seal. In this area, there is the heart-shaped Toyoni lake, which is called as "the horseshoe lake" by the local people, as it also looks like a horseshoe. In addition, the Mt. Apoi has abundant alpine plants and is one of the three major mountains with flowers in Hokkaido.

Special Products

Hidaka has a lot of famous special products like: well-known vegetables in Hokkaido, "Biratori tomato" and "Niikappucho green pepper," rice with name related to horses such as "Manba-ken (winning ticket with big refund)" and "Umai-be (horse dancing)," "Biratori beef," "Mitsuishi beef" and "Erimeo shorthorn beef" as well as seafood including "Hidaka kelp" dried in the sun, "Ezo-Neptunea shell," "salmon," and "Matsukawa flatfish."

We are looking forward to your coming to this attractive area.

(For more information, please contact Office of Horse Industry, Hidaka Subprefectural Bureau, Hokkaido Government, Tel +81-(0)146-22-9349)

Invitation to Sapporo Racecourse



Akinobu Kiguchi

General Manager of Sapporo Racecourse

Sapporo Racecourse, located in Sapporo City with the population of 1.9 million people in Hokkaido, is within easy access from major hotels, approx. 10 minutes by car. A lot of horseracing fans visit here from Honshu, the main island in Japan, because the climate is very cool and comfortable in summer here for horses and people. In addition, they can enjoy many kinds of beautiful restaurants.

When they come to our race meeting, they also visit stud farms and breeding farms to see their favorite horses, which have already retired from racing, as our racecourse is the nearest to the main breeding area among 10 racecourses operated by JRA.

We hold race meetings every weekend from August 14th to October 3rd this year with five graded races scheduled: the biggest race of our racecourse is the G2 Sapporo Kinen (2000m, turf, Aug. 22), and four G3 races—the Queen Stakes (1800m, turf, Aug. 15), the Keeneland Cup (1200m, turf, Aug. 29), the Elm Stakes (1700m, dirt, Sep. 20), the Sapporo Nisai Stakes (1800m, turf, Oct 2). The Sapporo Kinen is the



most prestigious race with the largest attendance in our race meeting every year, as many of its winners have won G1 races later. Moreover, it is said that outstanding thoroughbreds make debut here, and two of them won the Japanese Derby in the past 10 years. This year, the debut of first crops of Deep Impact, the 2005 Japanese Triple Crown winner, will make the fans very excited.

Exchange races with six countries are held on August 21st and 22nd as the Asia Week of racing. Why don't you come to our racecourse in Sapporo, one of the major tourist cities in Japan? All staffs of Sapporo Racecourse are looking forward to seeing you here in the best season of Hokkaido.



Access

- Approx. 10 minutes on foot from JR railway Soen Station.
- Approx. 15 minutes on foot from Sapporo Municipal Subway Tozai Line Nijuyonken Station.
- Get off at Municipal Bus (West No. 52 Line) "Keibajo Seimon Mae" (Racecourse Main Gate) bus stop.
- Free shuttle buses between Sapporo Racecourse and JR railway Soen Station or Nijuyonken Subway Station every Saturday and Sunday. (Operating days and hours: August 14th to October 3rd: 9:00-17:00)

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Website Information

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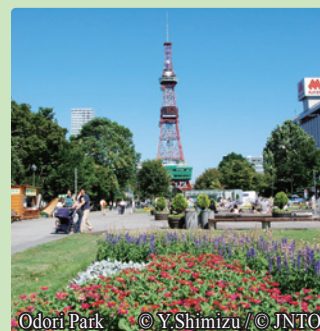
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<http://www.japanican.com/>

Information on Hokkaido

For more information on recommended hotels, sightseeing and tour in Hokkaido, please refer to the URL below:

<http://www.japanican.com/special/hokkaido/>



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G1 Race Results

The 60th YASUDA KINEN (G1) The Final Leg of Asian Mile Challenge

"Asian Mile Challenge" started in 2005 with the Champions Mile (HK) and the Yasuda Kinen (JPN). The AMC now consists of four races including the Futurity Stakes (AUS) and the Dubai Duty Free (UAE) from 2006. The Yasuda Kinen (G1) held at the Tokyo Racecourse is the final leg (the fourth race) of the AMC.

Since the Yasuda Kinen was granted International Grade 1 status in 1993, many foreign horses have come to this race. Past winners of the Yasuda Kinen include Heart Lake (UAE) in 1995, Fairy King Prawn (HK) in 2000, and Bullish Luck (HK) in 2006 which also won the Champions Mile (HK) the same year and received "USD 1 million bonus" as two-leg winner.



Three horses from Hong Kong joined the Yasuda Kinen in 2010, held on June 6 with 18 runners in total. The winner was Japanese 6-year-old horse, Showa Modern (8th favorite). He achieved the first G1 win at his 39th career since his debut by completing the firm turf course in a race record time, 1:31.7. His sire Air Jihad (by Sakura Yutaka O) also won the Yasuda Kinen in 1999.

Further information is available on our website.
http://japanracing.jp/_news2010/pdf/100606.pdf



The 70th OKA SHO (Japanese 1000 Guineas) (G1)

Hanshin Racecourse,
April 11, 2010
3-year-old fillies,
18 runners
1600m, Turf, Firm, 1:33.3
(Race Record)

Winner:
APAPANE (JPN)
(Masayoshi Ebina, 55.0kg) b.f.3
King Kamehameha – Salty Bid by Salt Lake
O- Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co.,Ltd.
T- Sakae Kunieda, B- Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc.
http://japanracing.jp/_news2010/pdf/100411.pdf



The 12th NAKAYAMA GRAND JUMP (J-G1)

Nakayama Racecourse,
April 17, 2010
4-year-old & up,
14 runners
4250m, Turf, Soft, 5:03.5
Winner:

Merci Mont Saint (JPN)
(Yosuke Kono, 63.5kg)
b.h.5
Admire Vega – Kanesho Dia by Diamond Shoal
O- Yasuo Nagai, T- Kohei Take, B- Mitsuishi Farm
http://japanracing.jp/_news2010/pdf/100417.pdf



The 70th SATSUKI SHO (Japanese 2000 Guineas) (G1)

Nakayama Racecourse,
April 18, 2010
3-year-old colts and
fillies, 18 runners
2000m, Turf, Good,
2:00.8

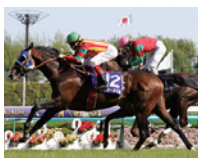
Winner:
Victoire Pisa (JPN)
(Yasunari Iwata, 57.0kg) db.c.3
Neo Universe – Whitewater Affair by Machiavellian
O- Yoshimi Ichikawa, T- Katsuhiko Sumii,
B- Shadai Farm
http://japanracing.jp/_news2010/pdf/100418.pdf



The 141st TENNO SHO (SPRING) (G1)

Kyoto Racecourse,
May 2, 2010
4-year-old & up,
18 runners
3200m, Turf, Firm, 3:15.7
(Japanese Record)

Winner:
Jaguar Mail (JPN) (Craig
Williams, 58.0kg) b.h.6
Jungle Pocket – Haya Beni Komachi by Sunday
Silence
O- Kazumi Yoshida, T- Noriyuki Hori,
B- Aioi Farm
http://japanracing.jp/_news2010/pdf/100502.pdf



The 15th NHK MILE CUP (G1)

Tokyo Racecourse,
May 9, 2010
3-year-old colts and
fillies, 18 runners
1600m, Turf, Firm, 1:31.4
(Japanese Record)

Winner:
Danon Chantilly (JPN)
(Katsumi Ando, 57.0kg) db.c.3
Fuji Kiseki – Chansonnette by Mark of Esteem
O- Danox Co.,Ltd., T- Kunihide Matsuda,
B- Darley Japan Farm
http://japanracing.jp/_news2010/pdf/100509.pdf



The 5th VICTORIA MILE (G1)

Tokyo Racecourse,
May 16, 2010
4-year-old & up, Fillies
& Mares, 18 runners
1600m, Turf, Firm, 1:32.4
Winner:

Buena Vista (JPN)
(Norihiro Yokoyama, 55.0kg) db.f.4
Special Week – Biwa Heidi by Caerleon
O- Sunday Racing Co.,Ltd.,
T- Hiroyoshi Matsuda, B- Northern Racing
http://japanracing.jp/_news2010/pdf/100516.pdf



The 71st YUSHUN HIMBA (Japanese Oaks) (G1)

Tokyo Racecourse, May 23, 2010
3-year-old fillies, 18 runners
2400m, Turf, Good, 2:29.9

Winner: *Dead Heat
APAPANE (JPN) (Masayoshi Ebina, 55.0kg) b.f.3
King Kamehameha – Salty Bid by Salt Lake
O- Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co.,Ltd.
T- Sakae Kunieda, B- Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc.
Saint Emilion (JPN) (Norihiro Yokoyama, 55.0kg) db.f.3
Zenko Rob Roy – Moteck by Last Tycoon
O- Teruya Yoshida, T- Masaaki Koga, B- Shadai Farm
http://japanracing.jp/_news2010/pdf/100523.pdf



The 77th TOKYO YUSHUN (Japanese Derby) (G1)

Tokyo Racecourse, May 30, 2010
3-year-old colts and fillies, 17 runners
2400m, Turf, Firm, 2:26.9

Winner:
Eishin Flash (JPN) (Hiroyuki Uchida, 57.0kg) db.c.3
King's Best – Moonlady by Platini
O- Toyomitsu Hirai, T- Hideaki Fujiwara,
B- Shadai Farm
http://japanracing.jp/_news2010/pdf/100530.pdf



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