

# International Relations

Japan was upgraded to the status of a Part 1 horseracing nation in 2007

Japan's horse racing industry has for many years imported superior Thoroughbreds from overseas for racing and breeding purposes as part of its efforts to improve horses bred in Japan and to enhance their racing stamina.

JRA established the Japan Cup, an international invitational race, in 1981 in an attempt to verify the results of efforts to improve horses bred in Japan and to inject new vitality into Japanese horse racing. This race, pitting champion horses from four continents against each other, has gained acceptance as an event to determine the world's turf champion and has subsequently served as a model of how to establish international invitational races in various countries. Japan's horse racing industry has rapidly absorbed the expertise of advanced horse racing nations through the Japan Cup and has managed to join their ranks. The race is highly rated around the world and the International Cataloguing Standard Committee conferred a Part 1 race rating on the Japan Cup in 1992.

JRA graded races that have systematically been opening up to foreign-trained horses since 1993 have steadily obtained Part 1 ratings. Both the GI Yasuda Kinen, run over 1,600 meters on turf, became part of the International Asian Mile Challenge series and the GII, 1,200-meter Centaur Stakes, plus the GI, 1,200-meter

Sprinters Stakes, became legs of the Global Sprint Challenge series in 2005. Meanwhile, more Japan-trained horses are touring abroad, accumulating wins in overseas graded races (listed below) and providing proof of the high quality of Japan-trained horses.

The International Cataloguing Standard Committee elevated Japan to a Part 1 nation status in 2007 as a result of Japan opening more than half of its graded races to foreign-trained horses. All JRA flat graded races will be open to foreign-trained horses in 2010.

International jockey and trophy exchange races

Jockey invitational races are a great way for Japanese jockeys and the racing fans in Japan to become acquainted with techniques of the world's leading jockeys, along with promoting international friendship. The World Super Jockeys Series was inaugurated in 1987 in an attempt to improve the riding skills of Japanese jockeys. This series of four races, in which jockeys from four continents, compete for an overall championship, has become a fixture on the global racing calendar.

Furthermore, JRA has established a short-term license system to allow top foreign jockeys to ride in Japan each year. Also, each year, JRA holds trophy exchange races with various racing authorities from foreign countries to deepen international relations and goodwill.



2009 Japan Cup (GI)

## Main Achievements of Japan Trained Horses Abroad

	Name	Date of Birth	Sire	Dam	Result
1998	Seeking the Pearl <b>USA</b>	4/16/94	Seeking the Gold (USA)	Page Proof (USA)	Prix Maurice de Gheest (GI) Win
	Taiki Shuttle <b>USA</b>	3/23/94	Devil's Bag (USA)	Welsh Muffin (GB)	Prix Jacques le Marois (GI) Win
1999	El Condor Pasa <b>USA</b>	3/17/95	Kingmambo (USA)	Saddlers Gal (IRE)	Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud (GI) Win Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (GI) Second
	Agnes World <b>USA</b>	4/28/95	Danzig (USA)	Mysteries (USA)	Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp (GI) Win
2000	Agnes World <b>USA</b>	4/28/95	Danzig (USA)	Mysteries (USA)	UK Darley July Cup (GI) Win
2001	Stay Gold <b>JPN</b>	3/24/94	Sunday Silence (USA)	Golden Sash	Dubai Sheema Classic (GII) Win Hong Kong Vase (GI) Win
	Eishin Preston <b>USA</b>	4/9/97	Green Dancer (USA)	Warranty Applied (USA)	Hong Kong Mile (GI) Win
	Agnes Digital <b>USA</b>	5/15/97	Crafty Prospector (USA)	Chancey Squaw (USA)	Hong Kong Cup (GI) Win
2002	Eishin Preston <b>USA</b>	4/9/97	Green Dancer (USA)	Warranty Applied (USA)	Hong Kong Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup (GI) Win
	Agnes Digital <b>USA</b>	5/15/97	Crafty Prospector (USA)	Chancey Squaw (USA)	Hong Kong Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup (GI) Second One-Two finish for Japan-trained horses
2003	Eishin Preston <b>USA</b>	4/9/97	Green Dancer (USA)	Warranty Applied (USA)	Hong Kong Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup (GI) Win
2005	Cesario <b>JPN</b>	3/31/02	Special Week	Kirov Premiere	American Oaks (GI) Win
	Hat Trick <b>JPN</b>	4/26/01	Sunday Silence (USA)	Tricky Code (USA)	Hong Kong Mile (GI) Win
2006	Heart's Cry <b>JPN</b>	4/15/01	Sunday Silence (USA)	Irish Dance	Dubai Sheema Classic (GI) Win
	Utopia <b>JPN</b>	3/1/00	Forty Niner (USA)	Dream Vision	Godolphin Mile (GII) Win
	Cosmo Bulk <b>JPN</b>	2/10/01	Zagreb (USA)	Iseno Toshio	Singapore Airlines International Cup (GI) Win
	Delta Blues <b>JPN</b>	5/3/01	Dance in the Dark	Dixie Splash (USA)	Melbourne Cup (GI) Win
	Pop Rock <b>JPN</b>	3/19/01	Helissio (FR)	Pops	Melbourne Cup (GI) Second One-two finish for Japan-trained horses
2007	Admire Moon <b>JPN</b>	2/23/03	End Sweep (USA)	My Katies	Dubai Duty Free (GI) Win
	Shadow Gate <b>JPN</b>	3/23/02	White Muzzle	Fabulous Turn	Singapore Airlines International Cup (GI) Win
	Cosmo Bulk <b>JPN</b>	2/10/01	Zagreb (USA)	Iseno Toshio	Singapore Airlines International Cup (GI) Second One-two finish for Japan-trained horses

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The entire list of JRA Graded Races and other races open to foreign-trained horses is available on the website ([japanracing.jp](http://japanracing.jp)).

## 2010 JRA Graded I Races (Flat races)

Date	Race	Course	Distance (m)	Age/Sex
Feb. 21	February Stakes (GI)	Tokyo	1,600 / Dirt	4yo & up
Mar. 28	Takamatsunomiya Kinen (GI)	Chukyo	1,200 / Turf	4yo & up
Apr. 11	Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) (GI) (1st leg of fillies' triple crown)	Hanshin	1,600 / Turf	3yo Fillies
Apr. 18	Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) (GI) (1st leg of triple crown)	Nakayama	2,000 / Turf	3yo Colts & Fillies
May 2	Tenno Sho (Spring) (GI)	Kyoto	3,200 / Turf	4yo & up No Geldings
May 9	NHK Mile Cup (GI)	Tokyo	1,600 / Turf	3yo Colts & Fillies
May 16	Victoria Mile (GI)	Tokyo	1,600 / Turf	4yo & up Fillies & Mares
May 23	Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) (GI) (2nd leg of fillies' triple crown)	Tokyo	2,400 / Turf	3yo Fillies
May 30	Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) (GI) (2nd leg of triple crown)	Tokyo	2,400 / Turf	3yo Colts & Fillies
Jun. 6	Yasuda Kinen (GI) (Final Leg of the Asian Mile Challenge)	Tokyo	1,600 / Turf	3yo & up
Jun. 27	Takarazuka Kinen (GI)	Hanshin	2,200 / Turf	3yo & up
Oct. 3	Sprinters Stakes (GI) (6th Leg of the Global Sprint Challenge)	Nakayama	1,200 / Turf	3yo & up
Oct. 17	Shuka Sho (GI) (Final leg of fillies' triple crown)	Kyoto	2,000 / Turf	3yo Fillies
Oct. 24	Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger) (GI) (Final leg of triple crown)	Kyoto	3,000 / Turf	3yo Colts & Fillies
Oct. 31	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (GI)	Tokyo	2,000 / Turf	3yo & up No Gelding
Nov. 14	Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup (GI)	Kyoto	2,200 / Turf	3yo & up Fillies & Mares
Nov. 21	Mile Championship (GI)	Kyoto	1,600 / Turf	3yo & up
Nov. 28	Japan Cup (GI) (International Invitational Race)	Tokyo	2,400 / Turf	3yo & up
Dec. 5	Japan Cup Dirt (GI) (International Invitational Race)	Hanshin	1,800 / Dirt	3yo & up
Dec. 12	Hanshin Juvenile Fillies (GI)	Hanshin	1,600 / Turf	2yo Fillies
Dec. 19	Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (GI)	Nakayama	1,600 / Turf	2yo Colts & Fillies
Dec. 26	Arima Kinen ( The Grand Prix) (GI)	Nakayama	2,500 / Turf	3yo & up

## 2010 JRA International Jump Races

Mar. 27	Pegasus Jump Stakes	Nakayama	3,350 / Turf	4yo & up
Apr. 17	Nakayama Grand Jump (J-GI) (International Invitational Race)	Nakayama	4,250 / Turf	4yo & up



2009 Yasuda Kinen (GI)



2009 Sprinters Stakes (GI)



2009 Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup (GI)



2009 Mile Championship (GI)



2009 Japan Cup Dirt (GI)



2009 Nakayama Grand Jump (J-GI)



2009 World Super Jockeys Series Ceremony



Admire Moon wins the 2007 Dubai Duty Free (GI)  
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