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Change of IAF President

Dear IAF Members,



Due to the personnel change made in the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW), I resigned from Japan Organization of the Elderly, Persons with Disabilities and Job Seekers (JEED). According to this resignation, I resigned my position as IAF President as well. Based on the IAF Constitution Article 6-7, IAF EXCO members approved my decision to appoint Mr. Kazuo Tabata, new Vice President of JEED, to serve as IAF President, effective September 1, 2019.

At MHLW, Mr. Tabata served until recently as Councillor in charge of the issue of employment security at Minister's Secretariat. Also, as Director of Human Resource Development Division, he took in charge of the job training for the disabilities as well as National Abilympics in Japan. He has accumulated abundant knowledge and experience especially in the disabilities' employment field also through the duties at the Division of Employment Measures for Persons with Disabilities.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your kind support during my tenure as IAF president and I will be very appreciative of your continued support to the new IAF President in order to further develop the Abilympic movement.

Sincerely yours,

Hiroshi Tsujita
Former President of IAF

Letter from New IAF President

Dear IAF Members,

It is my great honor and pleasure to take over the position of the IAF President from Mr. Hiroshi Tsujita, effective September 1, 2019.

Looking back at the history of International Abilympics, I respect the great efforts and achievements of all the IAF EXCO members and predecessors. I reaffirm this dedication to the many responsibilities of serving as IAF President.



Since last IA in France in 2016, IAF Secretariat is making an effort to decide the 10th IA host. I fully understand the importance of holding IA continuously, so I sincerely hope that all of you and the hardworking contestants who are anxious about the next IA host will have the good news shortly.

Your kind advice and assistance would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Kazuo Tabata
President of IAF