

INTERNATIONAL ABILYMPIC FEDERATION

Newsletter

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Change of IAF President

Due to the personnel change in Japan Organization for Employment of Elderly, Persons with Disabilities and Job Seekers (JEED), Mr. TABATA Kazuo resigned from JEED and IAF Presidency. Based on the IAF Constitution Article 6-7, IAF EXCO approved the appointment of Mr. WAJIMA Shinobu, new Vice President of JEED, to serve as IAF President effective November 1, 2021



After joining KEIDANREN (Japan Business Federation) in 1985, Mr. WAJIMA has gained a career in labour legislation in the Labour Management Department, International Department, and Labour Law Department, and has been active as a leader in the issue of employment of persons with disabilities in the organization. He has also served as a member of the Subcommittee for the Employment of Person with Disabilities under the Labour Policy Council of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, and has dedicated himself to promoting the employment of persons with disabilities in Japan from the standpoint of their employer.

Greeting of New IAF President

Dear IAF members,

I took over IAF Presidency from my predecessor, Mr. TABATA Kazuo as of November 1 with the approval of the IAF EXCO members. I'm honored to assume this prestigious position.

Currently, the world is suffering from a pandemic of coronavirus infection, and I would like to express my respect for the continued preparation for the postponed 10th IA in this difficult time. I sincerely hope that the 10th IA will be held in a safe and secure situation and it will satisfy everyone.

Meanwhile, the new coronavirus infection has been changing our ordinary lives and the way we work. The way people with disabilities work will also change in line with the new era. I would like to do my best with your cooperation so that Abilympic Movement could help people with disabilities live more actively in the "new society (post-corona society)". I would ask for your continued cooperation in the future.

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