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**World Amateur
Team Championships**
JAPAN 2014

Greetings



On behalf of Japan Golf Association, it is my great privilege to extend our warmest invitation to welcome captains, players and officials from all the Member Organization of the International Golf Federation to Japan for the occasion of 2014 World Amateur Team Championships.

We always feel fortunate and honored that Japan's wish somehow became part of the step necessary toward the inauguration of World Amateur Golf Council in May of 1958 and the first World Amateur Team Championship immediately after in October at The Old Course in St. Andrews, Scotland.

We have been a very strong supporter of the Organization and its activities which we feel very proud of, as we are fortunately enough to attend every one of the Championships since the first event.

If our wishes come true, this will be the second invitation from Japan extended to all the Member Organizations as we were granted to host 1962 Championships of Eisenhower Trophy at Fuji Golf Course of Kawana Hotel in Shizuoka prefecture as representatives from 23 countries attended and all have spoken highly of the event.

At this time, after half a Century, we are looking for the opportunity, for the first time, to welcome both men and women to compete for the Eisenhower Trophy and Espirito Santo Trophy, respectively, and we have prepared Oshitate Course and Iriyama Course at Karuizawa 72 Golf Complex and Karuizawa Prince Hotel Resort in Nagano prefecture which is considered as one of the most popular summer resort in the whole area of Japan.

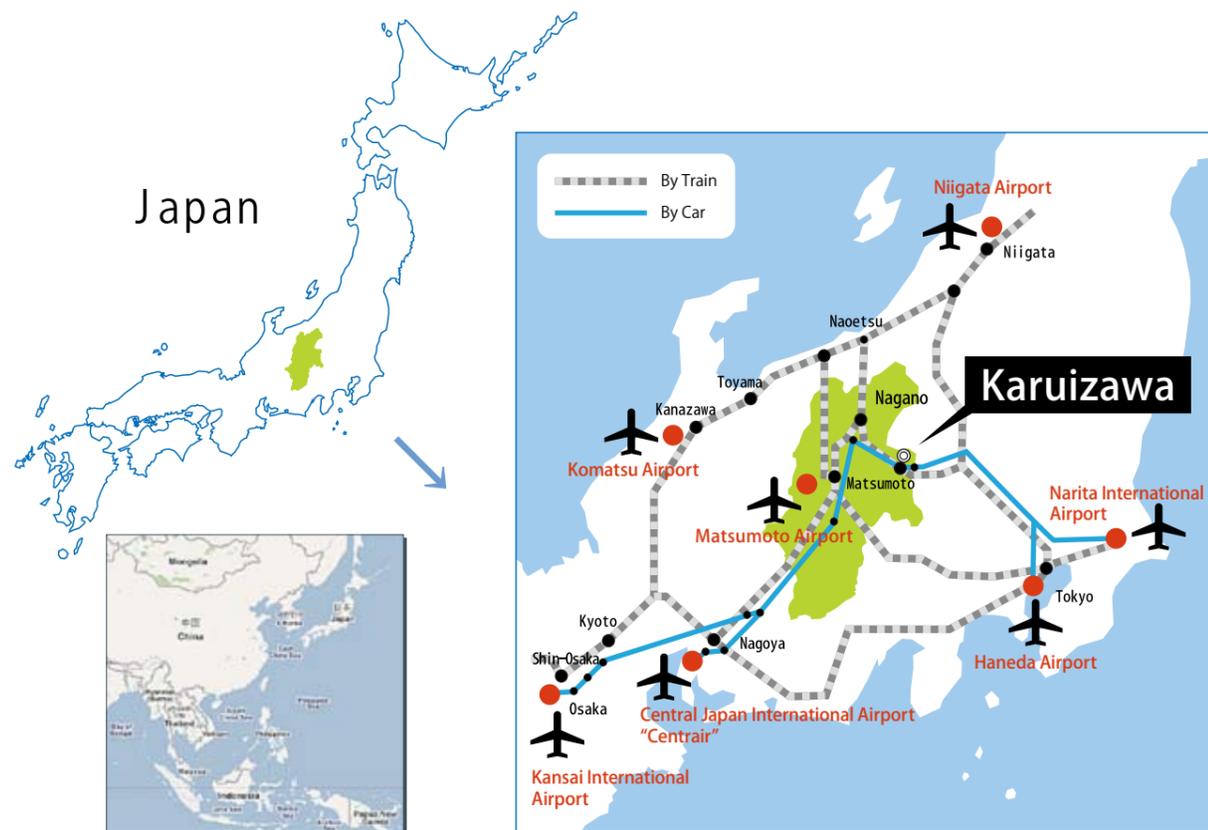
I am confident that you would enjoy visiting our country, golf courses, accommodations, scenery, but most of all, meeting our people as we will prepare with our warmest hospitality to welcome you all in September of 2014.

We thank you all for your understanding and support.

Takayuki Anzai
President
Japan Golf Association.



Choosing Karuizawa



In inviting the World Amateur Golf Team Championships to Japan in 2014, Karuizawa 72 Golf Complex and Karuizawa Prince Hotel Resort were chosen from many candidate venues within the whole country by the selection panel of Japan Golf Association.

Karuizawa in Nagano prefecture is one of the most popular summer resort, 1000 meter or 3000 feet above sea level, and easily accessible from Tokyo.

Located approximately 150 km or 90 miles NE of Tokyo, JR Shin-etsu Bullet Train connects Tokyo Station and Karuizawa Station in 1 hour 03 minutes and runs in every 20 to 25 minutes, or comfortable 2 hour drive by car on Kan-etsu Highway..



Karuizawa was first opened as a summer resort in 1879 by Englishman, A.C.Straw because the scenery and climate reminded him of his home of Scotland, and he built villa in order to spend the summer months on the highland, and also winter in snow.

The villa expanded rapidly into Karuizawa town ship adding hotels, restaurants, shops, golf courses, skating rinks, tennis courts and other sports facilities to become very famous all-year-round resort.

Especially during the summer month, the main street of Karuizawa, stretches out toward north of the station, looks like the weekend of downtown Tokyo as thousands of visitors enjoy touring, sight seeing, dining, shopping with family and friends.



Kyu-Mikasa Hotel is a nationally designated important cultural asset. Opened in 1906, it operated for 64 year.

Karuizawa Prince Hotel Resort and Karuizawa 72 Golf Complex occupy almost 5,000,000 square meter or 1250 acre of land adjacent to the whole south side of Karuizawa Station. Prince Hotel Resoet is consists of four different hotels such as Karuizawa Prince Hotel East, West, Asama Prince Hotel, The Prince Karuizawa with the total added up to 420 rooms, plus 400 cottages of various sizes scattered in the area.

While, the Golf Complex has added golf courses year after year during it's expansion period, dating back to the late sixties, and there are altogether six 18 hole-golf courses and two 9 hole layout including Oshitate Course and Iriyama Course which will be the venue for the Eisenhower Trophy and Espirito Santo Trophy of the 2014 World Amateur Team Championships. For the benefit of all the guests, these facilities are all located adjacent to each other within the area..

Newly opened Mall with 30 restaurants and 217 shops sandwiched between Karuizawa Station and the Hotel area attracts almost 20,000 weekend visitors from neighboring cities and even from Tokyo, all year through.

World Amateur Team Championships are scheduled to be held on the first week and second week of September, and it definitely will be a longer summer expected in 2014 in the whole Karuizawa vicinity.

Greetings



On behalf of Seibu Holdings and Prince Hotels & Resorts, we invite World Amateur Team Championships to Karuizawa, Japan. Seibu Holdings and Prince Hotels is a major operator of golf resorts in Japan with 25 golf resorts in Japan and 3 in Hawaii. More than 60 years ago, we developed an enormous golf resort in the mountains outside of Tokyo. Now, we are proud to offer the Karuizawa 72 Golf Course for use in the World Amateur Team Championships. Six courses with a total of 108 holes are spread over 1000 acres in pine woodland. In the long history of the golf resort, our facilities have hosted a lot of events, including yearly professional and amateur tournaments. In addition to the Karuizawa 72 Golf Course, we have four additional golf courses and two driving ranges. Karuizawa is truly a golfer's paradise.

Visitors from abroad may travel to Karuizawa in approximately 2 hours from Narita Airport by express train. Once they have arrived, they may stay at one of the four hotels offered by Prince Hotels & Resorts. The Prince Karuizawa offers the highest in luxury with 106 spacious rooms. The Karuizawa Prince Hotel west, East, and the Karuizawa Asama Prince Hotels offer 340 comfortable rooms. Uniquely, Karuizawa is home to 402 detached cottages for use by families and groups. Among these 4 hotels, guests may dine at 8 restaurants and relax in 6 bars. Guests may also visit the Forest Hot Spring & Spa, a high-class spa using natural spring water. Busy parents may make use of our child-care facilities. 8 minutes from the hotels is the Karuizawa Prince Shopping Plaza, which consists of 200 shops and numerous restaurants. Our extensive facilities await captains, players, officials and their families.

We warmly welcome this important Championship to return to Japan. Your players and guests are always welcome to visit us and stay with Prince Hotels & Resorts.

Takashi Goto
President
Seibu Holdings Inc.

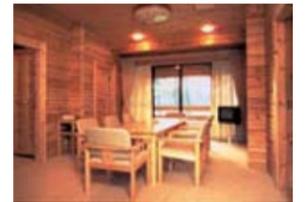
Prince Grand Resort Karuizawa



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Prince Hotel
Karuizawa East

Karuizawa Prince Hotel East

Karuizawa Prince Hotel East is in harmony with nature under the theme "forest". Well-equipped guestrooms for healing and refreshing waking and the Forest Hot Spring provides you an excellent relaxation.



Prince Cottage

Cottages spotted in the nature of Karuizawa, to protect your privacy and make you feel the closest to the nature. Enjoy as you like with your family or friends.



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The Prince
Karuizawa

The Prince Karuizawa

Special hospitality and space that provide profound relaxation for guests who understand worthwhile things. This is the Prince Hotel's flagship.

Karuizawa Prince Hotel West

Four seasonal sceneries created by the nature embraces the Karuizawa Prince Hotel West. Functional banquet rooms, conference rooms and guestrooms are all adjacent each other to offer a perfect place for events that may involve accommodations.



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Prince Hotel
Karuizawa West



Banquet Halls & Conference Rooms

A variety of halls, such as the main banquet hall NAGANO that holds up to 2,000 people, the international convention hall ASAMA with the lighting/sound/video equipments, and other meeting rooms for small groups.



Karuizawa Prince Shopping Plaza

The expansive shopping plaza containing about 200 shops, 144 of which are brand outlet shops. Enjoy the new style shopping and entertainment in the fresh air and beautiful scenery of Karuizawa.



Karuizawa 72 Golf Course

6 Courses 108 Holes

Karuizawa 72 Golf

The Karuizawa 72 golf Complex is a 108 hole, 6 course extremely large golf resort that spreads itself out in the South Karuizawa highlands with a distant view of Mt.Asama. Making the most of land's natural features and extending over 110,000 acres, the layout is marked by its individuality.



The first official tournament was held in 1973 when 19 years old Tommy Nakajima won the Japan Amateur Championship on the Robert Trent Jones Sr. designed West Gold Course, and ever since, other courses on the Complex including Oshitate and Iriyama have welcomed NEC Karuizawa Tournament, one of the most popular event on Ladies Professional Golfer's Association of Japan Tour every year for the last three decades, and it became the main event of the summer activities.

Karuizawa 72 Golf Course

Oshitate Course

Relatively wide open layout but good accurate iron shots to the green make the difference of playing the course well or not.

Greens on the Oshitate Course look flat at the first glance but be careful on the optical illusion hidden on the surface.

The signature hole is the 18 hole which stretches to 742 yards with the par of 6 with the green protected by water in front.



Iriyama Course

Iriyama Course is probably the most demanding course to play well for the good players among the six golf courses in the area.

Layed out on the natural terrain at the base of Mt. Asama, there are some holes required to aim at the fairway 50 feet below the tee, all uphill long par four, water protecting greens, dogleg left, dogleg right etc., you need variety of shots when necessary.

Long drive off the tee is favorable but accuracy is more essential to play consistently.



No	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out
Par	4	5	3	4	3	5	4	4	4	36
Back	369	531	204	384	165	591	364	401	441	3,450
Front	336	439	142	284	115	492	317	313	317	2,755

No	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Par	5	3	4	4	5	4	3	4	4	36	72
Back	527	185	388	421	549	413	172	415	421	3,491	6,941
Front	462	111	340	342	484	345	90	348	364	2,886	5,641

*some of the yardages may be extended for the Championships.

No	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out
Par	4	4	4	3	4	3	5	3	4	34
Back	346	432	435	157	355	193	485	218	459	3,080
Front	303	330	359	101	267	121	434	147	370	2,432

No	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Par	4	4	3	5	4	5	4	3	6	38	72
Back	433	397	203	533	419	545	334	152	742	3,758	6,838
Front	342	329	124	459	354	449	306	98	666	3,127	5,559

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History – World Amateur Team Championships

Welcome to Japan in 2014

International Golf Federation's website home page explains the beginning of when it all started, as follows:

“ History of The International Golf Federation “

A dilemma, but a good one:

By the 1950s, the United States Golf Association (USGA) has received too many invitations for international matches against individual countries to be able to accept them all.

January, 1958

The USGA Executive Committee, discussing yet another of these generous invitations --this time from Japan – proposes the establishment of an international team competition so that all countries can participate in these type of events.

March, 1958

Representatives from the USGA travel to Scotland to discuss the idea with representatives of the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland (the R&A). The concept is enthusiastically received.

What happened next is representatives from 35 countries met in Washington D. C. in May of 1958, and agreed to establish the World Amateur Golf Council, later changed it's name to IGF, so that it may conduct the World Amateur Team Championship.

The first Championship was hosted by the R&A on the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland in October of 1958, mere 5 months in preparation.

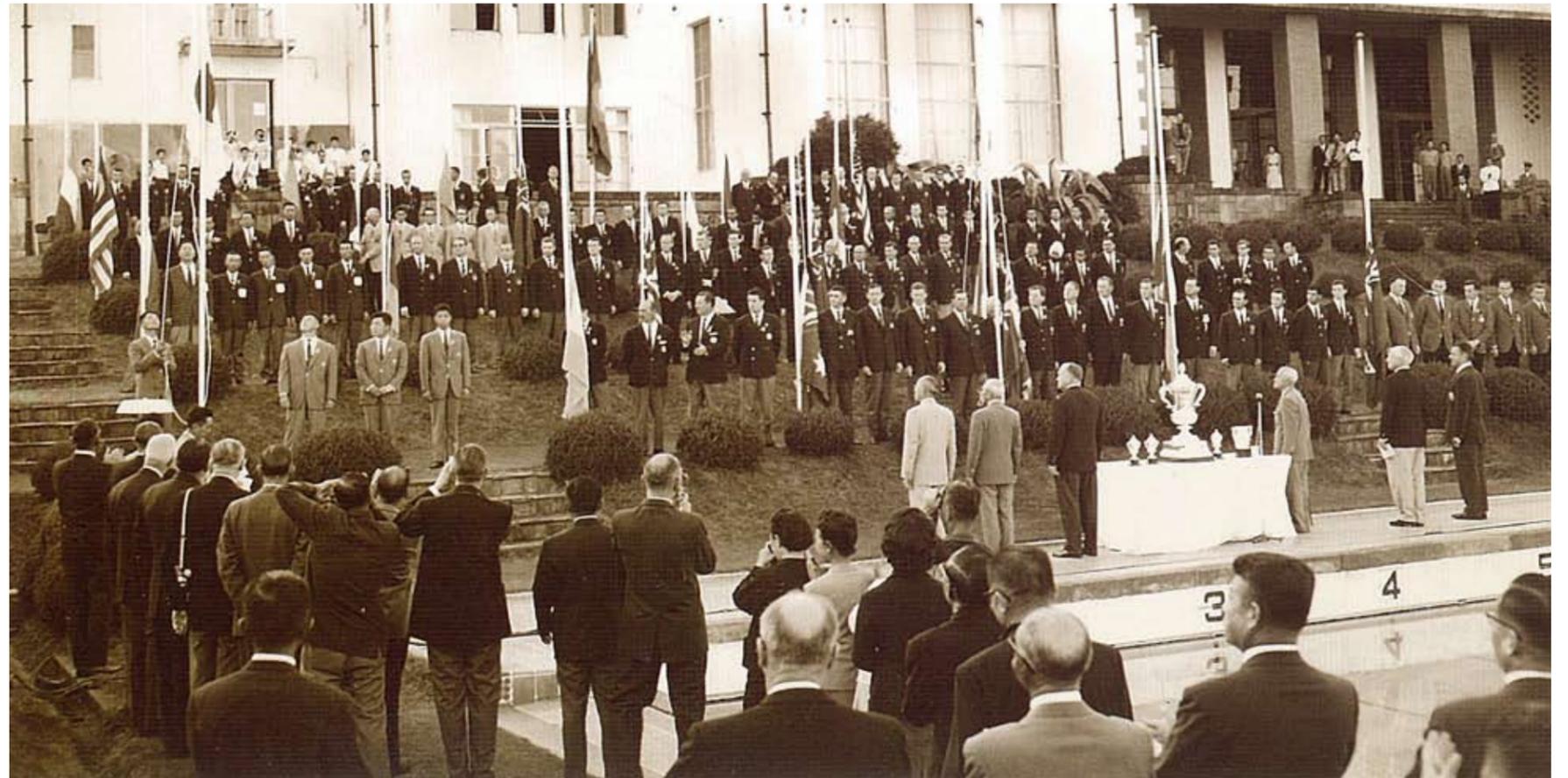
After the Championship moved to Merion, USA in 1960, Japan was granted the third WATC in 1962 to host the event at Fuji Golf Course of Kawana Hotel, seaside golf links, 6691 yards with the par of 70, on the foot of Mt. Fuji.

While the team of USA consisting of Billy Joe Patton, Deane Beman, Labron Harris and R.H.Sikes defended the team title with Gary Cowan of Canada was the low individual, players and officials from 23 countries visited the Far East, and the event was concluded as a huge success.

It indeed proved to be tremendously influential to our golfing world, and Japan enjoyed “ Golf Boom “ for the next 20-30years and the number of golf courses grown to eventually in the neighborhood of 2400 as of now, and the golfing population of 9 million enthusiasts.

At the same time, as placed tied for 9th as a Team, we became confident that we can compete with the world in the near future.

After being runner-up three times in 1974, 1976 and 1982, Japan was finally victorious during the 1984 Championship in Hong Kong with exceptional performances, good luck and excellent team work of Tetsuo Sakata, Kazuhiko Kato, Noriaki Kimura and Kiyotaka Oie under the captaincy of late Ginjiro Nakabe which we are thankful and very much proud of.



Flag-Raising Ceremony in 1962 at the Kawana Hotel.



The Japanese team with Eisenhower Trophy in 1984.



Reception at the Okura Hotel.

More than half a Century has passed since the inauguration of IGF, and we feel proud that our predecessor's approach to the USGA in the late 1957 was, as mentioned on the IGF's homepage, one of the trigger to start the whole movement of

this wonderful organization which we all appreciate being a member, and WATC which we all enjoy meeting and competing every other year since 1958. At this time, we feel honored to raise our hand to once again asking all the Member Organization's approval to host the World Amateur Team Championships of 2014, this time Espirito Santo Trophy included, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation. JGA has selected Karuizawa, one of the most popular summer resort, the best possible WATC venue we can offer in September of 2014 We would like for all of you to come and visit Japan after half a Century to see how we are doing, and we will be ready to welcome you all with our warmest hospitality so that you can enjoy your stay in our country.



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Japan Golf Association started its operation 23 years after the Game of Golf landed in our country in 1901 with four-hole golf course was built on Mt Rokko, near Kobe city.

This four-hole golf course was expanded to 9 holes in 1903 to become Kobe Golf Club, first organized Club in Japan.

7 Clubs headed by Kobe Golf Club, Negishi, Tokyo, Naruo, Maiko, Hodogaya and Konan met in 1924 and agreed to form Japan Golf Association in order to govern the Game of Golf throughout our country with all the activity related such as institute the rules, competition, handicaps, promotion and further development of the good game under the spirit of public service as established at absolutely non-profit organization.

84 years since its inauguration, the activities we do on the Game of Golf has grown into different level, and thus, cover more than 9 million golfers in our region. JGA is basically composed of 8 regional federations, Hokkaido, Tohoku, Kanto, Chubu, Kansai, Chugoku, Shikoku and Kyushu, and affiliated Clubs are totaled up to 1571 Clubs out of approximately 2400 golf courses throughout Japan in 2010.

New membership structure started in 1989 even added Individual Membership, Junior Membership, Group Membership along with Associate Membership of companies and local government affiliated to support the whole programs.

JGA has 10 Committees to promote its activities, and each consists of constructive volunteer work of individual members.

- 1) General Committee
- 2) Rules Committee
- 3) Championship Committee of Men's and Women's
- 4) Handicap Committee
- 5) Junior Committee
- 6) Men's National Team Committee
- 7) Women's National Team Committee
- 8) International Affairs Committee
- 9) Anti-Doping Committee
- 10) Public Relations Committee

Along with the above, there are 7 Ad-Hoc

Committees of various projects at times such as Open Championship Operations, Merchandising plan and Sales, Membership Systems, Museum, Security Control etc. to support ordinal Committee activities.

JGA conducts annually 16 National Championships as follows:

- Japan Amateur Championship, since 1907
- Women's Amateur Championship, since 1953
- Mid-Amateur Championship, 30 and over, since 1996
- Women's Mid-Amateur Championship, 30 and over, since 1996
- Senior Championship, 55 and over, since 1979
- Mid-Senior Championship, 65 to 69, since 1994
- Grand Senior Championship, 70 and over, since 1994
- Women's Senior Championship, 50 and over, since 1993
- Junior Championship, Boys and Girls, 12-14, 15-17, since 1957
- National Collegiate Championship, since 1935
- Women's National Collegiate Championship, since 1964
- Japan Open Championship, since 1927
- Women's Open Championship, since 1968
- Senior Open Championship since 1991
- National Sports Festival Inter-State Championship, since 1999
- Japan Sports Masters, Age Group Championship, since 2001

In addition to the above, JGA has conducted the following International Competition:

- World Cup (Formerly Canada Cup).....1957, 1966
- World Amateur Team Championship, Eisenhower Trophy.....1962
- Nomura Cup Asia-Pacific Amateur Team Championship.....1965, 1975, 2005
- Queen Sirikit Cup Asia-Pacific Women's Amateur Team Championship.....1981, 1995, 2008

Hope to see you all during the World Amateur Team Championships of Eisenhower Trophy and Espirito Santo Trophy in 2014.