

第 31 回ラクロス国際親善試合に参加される選手、関係者の皆さん、ようこそ江戸川区にお越しくださいました。心から歓迎いたします。

海外の強豪チームと日本代表チームの親善試合が、スピーアーズえどりくフィールドで開催されますことは誠に光栄です。

今回は女子英国代表チームが来日し、女子日本代表チームと試合を行います。両チームともに、8月に中国・成都市で開催される第 12 回ワールドゲームズへの出場を控えており、大会に向けて日々練習を積み重ね、チームワークに更なる磨きをかけていると思います。両国の精鋭による卓越したプレーを披露していただき、本大会へ弾みをつける試合となることを期待しています。この試合が日英両国の親善に大きく寄与することを心から願っております。

また、同日には日本代表チャレンジも開催されます。男子 20 歳以下日本代表にとっては、韓国・済州島で8月に開催される 2025 World Lacrosse Men's U20 Championship へ臨む前哨戦となります。若い選手たちのアグレッシブで力強いプレーを男子日本代表チームに全力でぶつけていただき、世界へ挑む力をより一層強いものにしてください。

「地上最速の格闘球技」と形容されるラクロス。2026 年、27 年には男女 WORLD LACROSSE 世界選手権大会が日本で開催され、2028 年のロサンゼルス五輪では 120 年ぶりにラクロスがオリンピックに戻ってまいります。世界を相手に戦う選手たちを応援できる機会が続くことが契機となり、ラクロスがより一層盛り上がっていくことを期待しています。

近年、ラクロス日本代表チームは一段とレベルを上げ、世界の舞台上で素晴らしい成績を残しています。これもひとえに佐々木理事長をはじめとする関係者の皆様が「Lacrosse makes Friends.」という理念のもと、長年にわたるラクロスの振興に情熱を持って取り組まれてきた賜物であり、深く敬意を表します。

結びに、選手の皆さんの限りない健闘を心から祈念して、歓迎のあいさつといたします。

I am delighted to proclaim the holding of the 31st Lacrosse International Friendship Games here in Edogawa City. Upon this proud occasion, I extend the warmest welcomes to the players, coaches and all the other participants.

On behalf of the Edogawa community, it is a great honor to be holding the International Lacrosse Friendship Games 2025 between a powerful overseas team and the Japanese National Team here, at SPEARS EDORIKU FIELD.

On this occasion, the English Women's National Team has come to Japan to compete against the Japanese Women's National Team. Both of these teams will be taking part in the upcoming World Games 2025 set for Chengdu, China this August. I am certain that these athletes are vigorously preparing for that event, in efforts to further raise their individual skills and teamwork. Today, we look forward to outstanding play from the best players of both nations in generating maximum momentum for the coming tournament, while likewise helping to cultivate foster even greater levels of friendship and interaction between Great Britain and Japan.

Also scheduled for this day is the Lacrosse Japan Challenge 2025 match between the Japan Men's U20 National Team and regular Japan Men's National Team. For the U20 Lacrosse Japanese Men's National Team, this will serve as a vital preliminary match for the 2025 World Lacrosse Men's U20 Championship coming up this August on Jeju Island in Korea. Here again, I am confident that the young athletes taking part will do their best against the Japan National Team with maximum strength and spirit, mounting expanded levels of skills and confidence in preparation for their upcoming international challenge.

Lacrosse is often described as the "world's fastest paced martial art played with a ball." Looking ahead, Japan is scheduled to host the 2026 World Lacrosse Women's World Championship and the 2027 World Lacrosse Men's World Championship. Then, at the Los Angeles 2028 Summer Olympic Games, lacrosse will return as an official Olympic event for the first time in 120 years. In this way, we have a steady series of opportunities to support Japan's lacrosse athletes in their matches against overseas teams, helping to expand interest in this sport going forward.

Japan Lacrosse National Teams have steadily raised their level of play in recent years, achieving great results on the global stage. Such progress owes in great part to the long, enthusiastic initiatives to promote Lacrosse by Mr. Yusuke Sasaki, President and Representative Director of the Japan Lacrosse Association, and all those involved, under the principle represented by the slogan "Lacrosse makes Friends." As such, please join me in extending our most profound gratitude and esteem to these highly committed individuals.

Last but certainly not least, I have the utmost expectations for exciting and hard-fought matches, and wish all of the athletes the very best of luck and success in this top-caliber sporting event.



江戸川区長
齊藤 猛

Mayor of
Edogawa City
Takeshi Saito

The Japan Lacrosse Association (JLA) has a slogan that has always been important to us: "Lacrosse Makes Friends." This is the words of Norio Endo, the first President of the JLA, a second-generation Japanese American who had been a Prisoner of war in the US. Internment camp during the WW II. The slogan is based on the strong

hope that the friendships between the young generation that transcend national borders, fostered through lacrosse, will last a lifetime, and that if each individual becomes a future leader of his or her country, all conflicts and disputes in the world can be avoided and resolved. He understood the importance of "peace" and "cross-cultural communication" more than anyone else, and entrusted Japanese students and lacrosse with the solution to this social agenda.

In this sense, this international friendship games is the symbolic of the origins of lacrosse in Japan. We hope that this game between the National teams of the British and Japanese lacrosse SIXES will be a wonderful opportunity to deepen the friendship between the two countries and to contribute to the high performance of each teams.



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日本ラクロス協会
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佐々木 裕介

JLA Chairman
Yusuke Sasaki

このたび、英国女子ラクロス代表チームを日本にお迎えできますことを、大変嬉しく思います。代表選手の皆さんが、日本での試合で存分に力を発揮できるよう、心よりご健闘お祈りいたします。また、この「ラクロス国際親善試合」を東京で開催してくださった公益社団法人日本ラクロス協会の皆さまには、心より感謝申し上げます。

両国はスポーツを深く愛し、英国と日本には多くの素晴らしいスポーツの繋がりがあります。そして、ラクロスがその友好の歴史に新たな 1 章を加えることを、大変喜ばしく思います。英国代表チームは、日本の強豪チームとの対戦を楽しみにしていることでしょう。

本遠征が、卓越したプレーやチームワークの披露の場となり、そして日英のスポーツの絆がさらに深まることを、切に願っております。



駐日英国大使
ジュリア・ロングボトム

British Ambassador to Japan
Julia Longbottom

I'm delighted to welcome the Great Britain women's lacrosse team to Japan and to wish them all the very best of luck for their matches here. I would also like to express my thanks to the Japan Lacrosse Association for hosting the International Lacrosse Friendship Games in Tokyo. Our countries share a great love of sport, and the UK and Japan have many great sporting connections. I'm delighted that lacrosse will add another chapter to this story, and I know the team will be looking forward to testing their mettle against some great Japanese opponents.

I hope this tour will witness some great lacrosse, displays of individual and team brilliance, and that it will serve to enhance further our sporting friendship.