

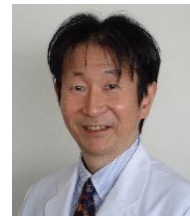
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Welcome to the ISCEV Olympics in Kyoto!

We hope that many of our guests will join in and participate in the games and, in doing so, deepen our friendship.

The Olympic 'teams' will be made up of four regional groups;

- 1) Europe and Africa, led by Dr Maja Sustar Habjan (Slovenia)
- 2) North/South America and Australia, led by Dr Quentin Davis (USA)
- 3) Asia, except Japan, led by Dr Shi Ying Li (China)
- 4) Japan, led by Dr Shigeki Machida (Japan).

We have chosen three games from a typical sports-day event played by elementary school children in Japan.

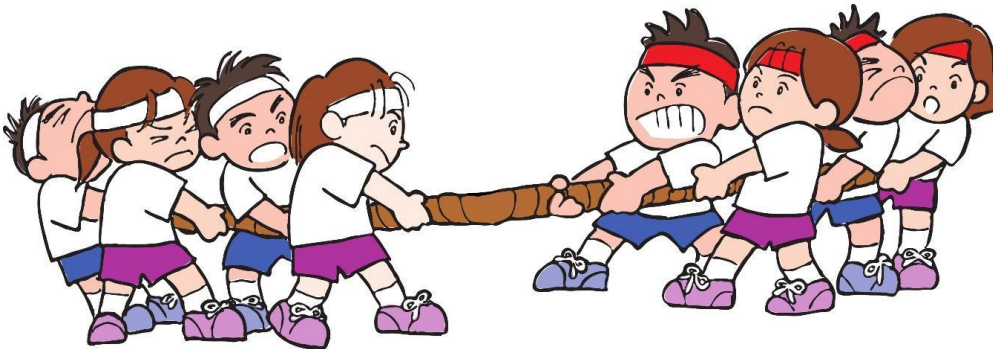
Firstly we will compete in Tug of War, secondly, a game called Beanbag Toss (Tama-ire in Japanese) and lastly, a sport I hope you will all know; Sumo Wrestling!

In each game, 30 points will be awarded to the 1st place team, 20 points to the 2nd place team and 10 points to the 3rd place team. The winner of the Olympic games will be the team which accumulates the highest score in total.

1) Tug of War

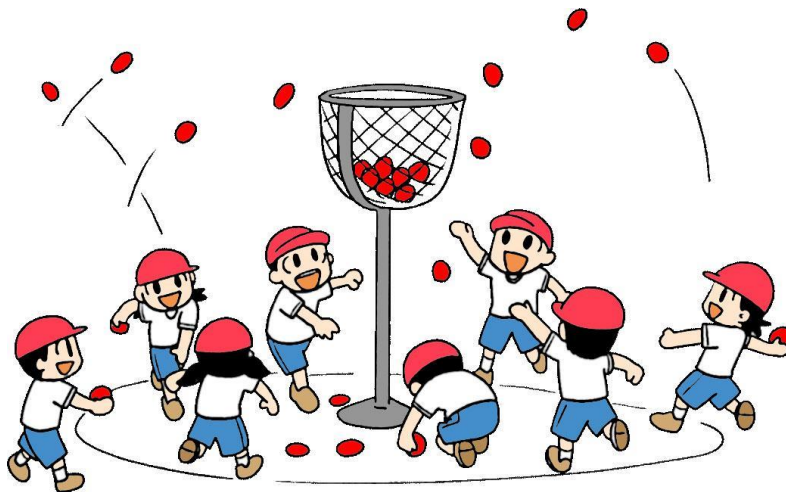
Tug of War has a long history and is played in many countries at the international level. In each round, two teams will compete, and each team will have 10 participants. The top two teams will compete for a final pull, and there will be a third-place playoff to decide the final points available.

For safety reasons, all participants will have gloves as we don't want anyone to get rope burns or get hurt.



2) Beanbag Toss (Tama-ire)

This is an original Japanese game for children, it is fast-paced and fun and we hope you all will enjoy it. Two teams compete to see which team can throw the most beanbags into a small basket, which is placed on the top of a high pole. After a one-minute trial, we count how many beanbags are in each basket, and the team which has the most wins. Once again, every team will play each other and there will be a final and third-place playoff to allocate all the points.



3) Sumo wrestling

Sumo is one of the most popular Martial Arts in Japan and is considered the national sport.

(See the website of Japan Sumo Association; <http://www.sumo.or.jp/eng/>)



This will be great fun, but we don't want anyone getting hurt so we have modified the rules and will play a format of Sumo called "single leg stance," which is safe for everyone. Players will also wear special Sumo-suits during the match. Stand by for some really fun moments that all the spectators are sure to enjoy!

The game will be played as a team and each team will nominate five players. There will be four rounds of team competitions to determine the ranking.



The host, Prof. Horiguchi, is wearing a Sumo-suit.