



## Joint Release

### **Japan Anti-Doping Agency and Central Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organization Sign Memorandum of Understanding to Enhance Cooperation for Clean Sport**



The MOU sets out a number of objectives related to overall capacity building and strategy development for the member countries of Central Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organization (RADOCA) in line with 2021 World Anti-Doping Code.

Through this MOU, both parties agreed to co-operate especially on the development of the Education Program and the promotion of the related materials and activities. It is expected to exchange ideas as well as share practical knowledge, good practices and activities for building the capacity of the RADOCA member countries and for expanding clean sport environment in

the Central Asia region.

In light of the 2021 World Anti-Doping Code and new International Standard for Education (ISE) and Results Management (ISRM) coming into place in January 2021, RADOCA and JADA have organised a series of Webinars to support those implementations among RADOCA member countries, composed of 8 countries: Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The continuous support of the member countries' development of strategic planning for clean sport, especially of quality education programme, is one of the key elements of this MOU.



Prof. SUZUKI Hidenori, JADA Chair, welcomed this further development of collaboration under MOU:

“Over the past few years, RADOCA and JADA have worked closely for the development of clean sport capacity under the Sport for Tomorrow Project, a legacy project for Tokyo2020 Games led by the Japanese Government. We believe that this MOU can further contribute to the protection of athletes' rights to compete in drug-free sport. The development of the anti-doping capacity of those Central Asian countries under this formal agreement is a wonderful step forward for achieving a clean, fair and true sport together.”

RADOCA Chair, Dr. Maira Bakasheva commented:

“This event is truly an exciting moment for us. The memorandum is a logical continuation of our close cooperation with JADA in the field of education, actively supported over the past year. Anti-doping education is the key to the future of clean sport and a guarantee of protecting the athletes' rights to fair sport. It is noteworthy that exactly in one year the start of the Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo is planned, when athletes, despite the consequences of the pandemic throughout the world, will be able to return to their usual sport life, where the values of sport are so necessary. Therefore, the development and promotion of international educational initiatives is more relevant and important than ever.”

This MOU will contribute to protecting and developing the fundamental value of sport which should be embraced in both on-and-off the field of play in Central Asia Region.

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