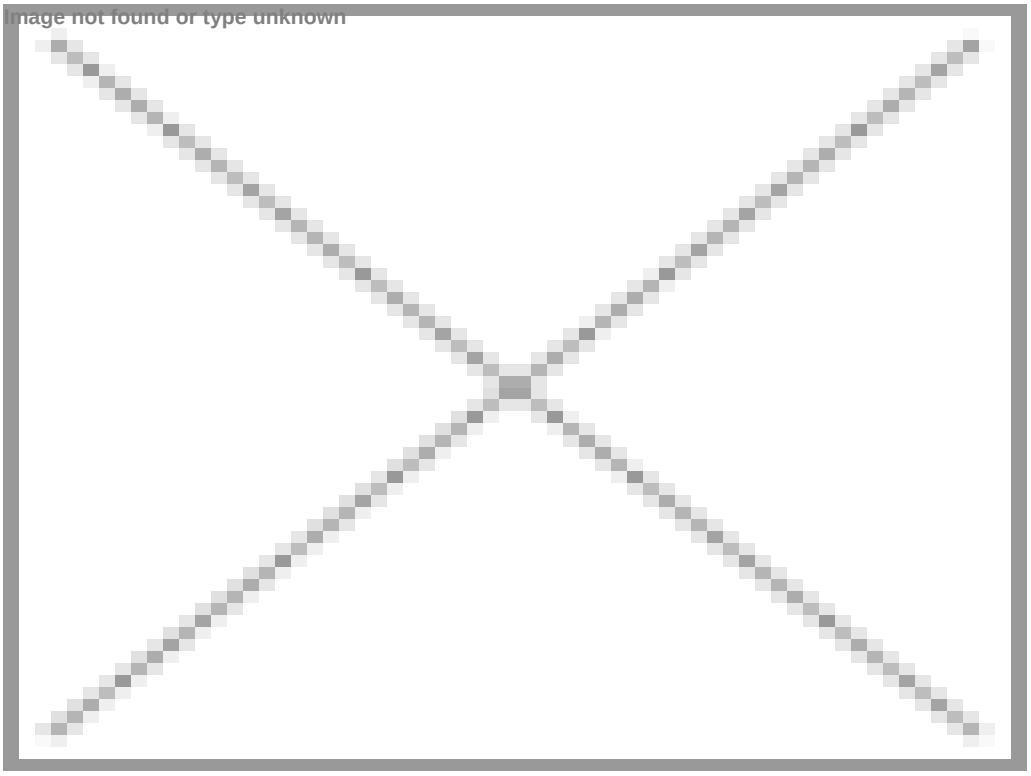
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TOKYO ORGANISING COMMITTEE FORMALLY ESTABLISHED



The Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Tokyo 2020) was formally established today and will be headed by former Prime Minister of Japan Yoshiro Mori. Tokyo 2020 has reached a new milestone in its journey to deliver a superb Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2020.

The appointments of Yoshiro Mori as President of The Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games and Toshiro Muto as Chief Executive Officer were also officially confirmed today.

Yoshiro Mori said: “I am honoured to have been selected to lead the new organising committee, and I am fully committed to ensuring that we will deliver a fantastic Games that will showcase the power of sport and further reinforce the Olympic values.

“I am also pleased that Mr Muto will serve as Chief Executive Officer of the organising committee. I believe he will provide the requisite strong leadership to organise the 3,000 staff members and the 80,000 volunteers who will be working during Games time.

”Now that the new organising committee has been established, our work begins in earnest. We will collaborate closely with the members of the Olympic and Paralympic Families and dedicate our entire efforts towards the successful delivery of a Games and a celebration of sport that will live long in the memories of all members of the Olympic Movement, the athletes, the spectators, and people watching around the world.”

A series of key meetings were held today at the Tokyo Metropolitan Government building, including the Multi-Party Leaders' Meeting (Olympic Board), the Executive Meeting at Incorporation, the Council Board Meeting and the Executive Board Meeting.

The Multi-Party Leaders' Meeting (Olympic Board) was attended by Yoshiro Mori, Tsunekazu Takeda, IOC member and President of the Japanese Olympic Committee, Toshiyuki Akiyama, Vice Governor of Tokyo, and Hakubun Shimomura, Minister in charge of the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games and Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

Newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of The Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, Toshiro Muto, was also very humbled by his new appointment: “I am delighted and deeply honoured to be part of this Olympic journey. I will draw on all my previous experiences and place myself entirely at the service of Tokyo 2020. This new appointment has given me renewed motivation to deliver a wonderful Olympic and Paralympic Games that will inspire new generations both in Japan and around the world to achieve their own hopes and dreams.

“The team will be composed of staff from the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, the national government, and the sporting communities from Japan and overseas, as well as staff from private sector companies in the future. We are eager to begin putting in place our plans for the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games; we are keen to start working on that right away.”