



-Achievements, Legacy and Continuity 2020-

The JOURNEY: UT-TAIKU-TIAS-JAPAN × INDIA-SAI: SPORT COOPERATION – Towards Tokyo 2020 and Beyond

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START OF THE COOPERATION with INDIA : 2017

(it all STARTED with TIAS)



‘Japan Sport Experts’ at TAIKU and Indian Sport Organizations /Universities

2017: TIAS (SFT-JSA- Legacy at Taiiku-UT) Initiation of Sport Cooperation*

- OLYMPIC EDUCATION, ADAPTED SPORT, COACHING, SPORT SCIENCE, ANTI-DOPING and DEVELOPMENT & PEACE : Program in India – All Stakeholders in SPORT FIELD (Universities: Private-National, SAI and NS-NIS (GoI), NGOs, Schools) JOINED for the FIRST TIME (Feb., 2017).
- First Contact and Program with SAI and NS-NIS (Coordination – TIAS 2nd Batch Student and SAI, AD, Mr. Manikant Sharma & Prof. Randeep Rakwal, UT) – Dr. Purnima Rupal, Counselor, S&T, Eol, Tokyo / Profs./Students from Japan – http://ias.tsukuba.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/2017_India-Japanese-Exchange-III_Olympism-for-Humanity-Restoration-Enterprise-Academic-Legacy-Goals-Scope-and-Foundations-Towards-Tokyo-2020_INDIA-February-13-18.pdf

2016 - MOC (Japan -India) SPORT

*Prior to signing the MOU: ‘Letter of Intent’ between SAI and LNIPE and UT LOIs, signed Sep 2017-UT – Exchanged between PM Abe and PM Modi in INDIA SUMMIT

Year-Long (2017-2020) PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES (Enhanced COOPERATION in SPORT)

- ✓ SAI High-Level delegation (led by Director General of SAI / Secretary, Sports) visit to Japan / UT : **JUNE, 2017**
- ✓ SIGNING OF LOIs between UT and SAI and LNIPE: Exchange during PM Abe Summit (Sep., 14, 2017) with PM Modi in India (see Note 47 - <https://www.mea.gov.in/bilateral-documents.htm?dtl/28946/IndiaJapan>)
- ✓ UT-TAIKU SPORT SCIENCE High Performance Workshop in Delhi, India (SWIMMING-FOCUSED) : **SEP, 2017**
- ✓ UT-SAI Football Coaching Program (for Indian National Coaches) in UT : **SEP, 2017**
- ✓ SAICON 2017 Participation (UT) in India / NS-NIS Feasibility Study - Sport Science : **DEC, 2017**
- ✓ UT-Olympic Education (NS-NIS Diploma Trainees, Administrators and Scientists) and Football Coaching (Diploma Trainees) program in India : **FEB, 2018**
- ✓ DDG (Deputy Director General) – SAI, Sh. Sandip Pradhan visit to Japan / UT-Tsukuba, **APRIL, 2019**
- ✓ JS (Joint Secretary, Sports) – MYAS, Sh. L.S. Singh visit to Japan / UT-Tsukuba-Kurobe, **October, 2019**
- ✓ TIAS-OMOTENASHI WORKSHOP in INDIA for Olympic-Paralympic Athletes-Coaches-Administrators with IOA and SAI, **Feb-March 2020**

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NEXT STEPS (2020) PROGRAM'S (Second-Stage of COOPERATION in SPORT)

- 1) SIGNING OF MOU between UT&SAI-2018 [LNIPE-in progress] (UT, JSA and MEXT) and (SAI and L&T Division, MEA-Ministry of External Affairs, GoI) *(<https://mea.gov.in/bilateraldocuments.htm?dtl%2F30542%2FList+of+Announcements+Agreements+signed+between+India+and+Japan+during+visit+of+Prime+Minister+to+Japan>)
- 2) COACHING-TRAINING (Football, Swimming, T&F, Judo, etc.), & EDUCATION (Olympic-Paralympic, PE, Sport Science, etc.) Programs in India-Japan; including pre-GAMES (Tokyo 2020) TRAINING CAMPS (http://ias.tsukuba.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/October2019_MYAS_SAI_NOC_Federations_SPORTS-Delegation-and-Eol-Report_Prof-Rakwal.pdf)
- 3) STUDENT - SPORT SCIENTIST Exchange and Scholarships for Master's and PhD program in Sports Science/Sports Subjects (developing human resources – a long-term vision) (Embassy of Japan, Delhi, India and MEXT; April 2019 – Call for Students)

Incorporation of University Tsukuba-TAIKU Model of Education and Research (Sports Science) to Indian Sport and Universities

PERSPECTIVE

Education : Sharing educational value and system through feedback from India: **INDIAN - Asian Perspective**
Research : Establishment of new sport and health sciences dealing with the diversity of athletes and society: **Global Perspective**

<https://www.taiiku.tsukuba.ac.jp/en/> - <http://ias.tsukuba.ac.jp/> - MOC- Memorandum of Cooperation; SAI: Sport Authority of India (equivalent to JSA); NS-NIS: National Institute of Sport (equivalent to JISS); AD: Assistant Director; GoI: Government of India; LNIPE: Lakshmbhai National University of Physical Education; Eol: Embassy of India; MYAS: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

Manikant SHARMA (2nd Batch):
 1. TIAS as an institution (part of Taiiku, Faculty of Health and Sport Sciences, University of Tsukuba) played a key role in laying foundation for strong bilateral cooperation in Sports between India and Japan. I was fortunate to be directly associated with various projects that were initiated in India with Sports Authority of India (SAI), Government and Private Sport Universities, and NGOs. The projects focused primarily on Coach Development and Capacity Building, training in Research Methodologies, Sports Science and Olympism. The programs were conducted with people contact, benefiting over 250 coaches and athletes. In the backdrop of Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games (Tokyo 2020) introduction of Japanese culture was also part of various workshops conducted for coaches and athletes. I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Professor Hisashi Sanada under whose guidance the programs were conducted. Professor Rakwal who was chief coordinator, Coach (late) Prof. Guido Geisler, Prof. Alexis Lyras, Mrs. Izumi Egami (OMOTENASHI), and Prof. Sengulha and Takagi who led the Swimming High Performance Training and Workshop. It is my firm conviction that the projects that were initiated with TIAS have immensely contributed capacity building and knowledge enhancement in the current and future coaches of India, ultimately helping athletes score more medals at sporting events especially the Olympics and Paralympics.

2. TIAS 2.0 assures the long-term vision of TAIKU and its commitment to international community for creating future leaders in Sports. It's a natural outcome though owing to the strong foundation and international support during its first phase as TIAS. Strong alumni network across the globe, research collaborations and international journals have paved way for TIAS 2.0 to rewrite the success beyond. I shall continue to be associated personally and professionally with TIAS 2.0 and will be happy to contribute in all possible way.

Dhandapani CHOKKAIAN (4th Batch):
 1. I was associated with certain projects carried out with SAI in association with my colleague Mr. Manikant Sharma (Deputy Director SAI), particularly a MoU entered between SAI and University of Tsukuba (in 2019) on multiple subjects such as exchange of human resource and enhancing the potential of coaching community for the development of sports from grassroots to elite level (<http://ias.tsukuba.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/IAS-SAI-MOU-2019-141-09.pdf>), http://ias.tsukuba.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/IAS_SAI_MOU_2019-141-09.pdf, http://ias.tsukuba.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/IAS_2020_INDIA_SAI_IOA_OMOTENASHI_HORSHOP-Programs-Annals.pdf. I am happy to note that I could connect one of my administrators to the NCDA (NSUI) partner university in the Tri-Academy project for Sport for Tomorrow-SFT Consortium Coaching program in Tokyo and also Archery Federation to the Karate Hoer Town (Oyama prefecture) facilitated by Prof. Rakwal (my general mentor). This linkage and networks will further strengthen India sport cooperation in my belief. The strong sports culture of Japan and its base knowledge in diverse sport areas from Olympic education to Coaching and Sports Science and Sport Management, will definitely be a powerful incentive for the Indian SPORTS as a whole.

2. I am happy to see the launch of the TIAS 2.0 degree program, a continuity form TIAS and that will be a great legacy of the SFT initiative and an education legacy of the Tokyo 2020 Games. TIAS 2.0 will nurture the future sports leaders imparting new knowledge and opportunities for international cooperation and research. Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, institutions like TIAS 2.0, TAIKU, University of Tsukuba are required to imbibe the concepts and importance of sports in our daily life. Not only will I continue to remain physically active but will also motivate others to do so. Furthermore, upon graduation, I have produced two publications through SOPS journal (*Asian Journal of Physical Education, Sport for Social Change: Two of Seven Indian Olympic Athletes Engage in Corporate Social Responsibility Initiatives* - 91-102, & *Ravi Shankar Tiwari - The Legacy of Kama Jyoti: Judo and Education* - 164-178, & *Dhandapani Chokkaian - Survey on Athletes Experiences of Corporate Social Responsibility to Participate in Khasi India Sports Competition* - 179-192) and shall continue to do so in the form of SOPS and other international journals. I also look forward to working closely with TIAS 2.0 and University of Tsukuba under and beyond the MoU with SAI, as a SAI administrator.

Aman SHAM (2nd Batch):
 1. I was able to be a part of multiple workshops and projects by virtue of being a TIAS student and these have helped me tremendously in my professional growth. Despite not being associated with the government, as a TIAS student, I was able to play a role in various India-Japan Sport cooperation projects including being part of a coach development workshop (Coach (late) Guido Geisler and my Mentor and Academic Supervisor in TIAS) at the Nippon Shimbun National Institute of Sport (NSNIS) in Fukuoka in 2018 (https://ias.tsukuba.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2017_SAI_Japan-Visit-JUNE-26-29.pdf), http://ias.tsukuba.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/2017_UT-SAI-Workshop-and-Feasibility-Study-of-Swimming-High-Performance-Centre-Dr-S-P-Mookerjee-Swimming-Pool-Complex-New-Delhi-INDIA-September-11-13.pdf. Furthermore, my association and interaction with the Sports Authority of India (SAI) has helped me in my current role as Head of Olympic Program Partnerships and Communications at JSW Sports, a private Indian conglomerate with major interests in Olympic Sports. In my current role, I have been able to build further from the collaborations forged during my time in Japan, and have helped establish private partnerships with universities as well as be a key member of Team India's Task Force for the Olympic Games as a representative of a private sports corporation. I am also selected and honored to be part of the TORCH Relay for TOKYO 2020.

2. I have both personal and professional relationships and collaborative projects ongoing with the University of Tsukuba and SAI, specifically the SFT program in India, and the SAI and the Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS) (http://ias.tsukuba.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/IAS_JISW_IIS-DOKAS-Initiative-Under-Tokyo-Training-Via-Sport-India-Shikha-Laxmi-Rajput.pdf). In terms of next steps, I would look at further strengthening the Letter of Intent signed between the University of Tsukuba and IIS, and help foster more opportunities for athletic and coach exchange, academic research partnerships between the two institutes. Furthermore, I would also look at developing internship opportunities for TIAS 2.0 and TAIKU students and researchers within India for them to help bring meaningful change through closer India-Japan collaboration and synergies in sports and physical education within India. I feel the University and Japan's more structured PE syllabus present many opportunities to be explored in this respect.

Ravi PANDIT (4th Batch):
 1. TIAS carried out numerous projects with India, specifically the Sports Authority of India (SAI), MYAS, GoI, but I was not associated with these projects, however, I had the opportunity to attend one workshop in Chandigarh in 2018, where I met Professors Guido Geisler (late) and a great coach and researcher (see page 28 https://ias.tsukuba.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2017_SAI_Japan-Visit-JUNE-26-29.pdf). I was also invited to participate in the SFT Consortium Coaching program in Tokyo and also Archery Federation to the Karate Hoer Town (Oyama prefecture) facilitated by Prof. Rakwal (my general mentor). This linkage and networks will further strengthen India sport cooperation in my belief. The strong sports culture of Japan and its base knowledge in diverse sport areas from Olympic education to Coaching and Sports Science and Sport Management, will definitely be a powerful incentive for the Indian SPORTS as a whole.

2. TIAS 2.0 is a restructured academic institution installed to churn out the future leaders in sport. Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, institutions like TIAS 2.0 (Master's Program in Sport and Olympic Studies, Degree Program in Comprehensive Human Sciences, Graduate School of Comprehensive Human Sciences, IAIKUI, University of Tsukuba) are required to imbibe the concepts and importance of sports in our daily life. Not only will I continue to remain physically active but will also motivate others to do so. Furthermore, upon graduation, I have produced two publications through SOPS journal (*Asian Journal of Physical Education, Sport for Social Change: Two of Seven Indian Olympic Athletes Engage in Corporate Social Responsibility Initiatives* - 91-102, & *Ravi Shankar Tiwari - The Legacy of Kama Jyoti: Judo and Education* - 164-178, & *Dhandapani Chokkaian - Survey on Athletes Experiences of Corporate Social Responsibility to Participate in Khasi India Sports Competition* - 179-192) and shall continue to do so in the form of SOPS and other international journals. In addition, I shall explore new avenues of research collaborations with my future university for PhD work. Lastly, the new students of TIAS along with the alumni's shall provide a stream for collaborative work across several countries.

