

Workgroup Discussions results

Group 2

Japan-Russia Youth Exchange in the field of sports

Group Discussion Results



On the first day...

We listened to reports on:

- Kyudo;
- Yukigassen;
- Overview of sports in both countries and their ways of development under the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Esports.



Brief Background

- In Russia, we know about Judo, Kendo, Kyudo, Karate, Baseball that are popular in Japan.
- In Japan, we know about Ice Skating, Skiing, Hockey, Football in Russia.
- How can we not only exchange the information about sports, but also **the cultural details about our countries?**





Main Issues

There is a lack of full understanding of **how the system of sport activities works** in both countries. How does the youth do sports in Japan? How does the youth do sports in Russia?

Even about our own countries too, we lack the understanding of the structure of sport activities. Which of the model of development do our countries follow?

Esports clubs are gaining more and more exposure in both countries, but again, we lack full understanding of the way it works. **Do esports have the potential in consolidating the Japan-Russian relations?**

Although we have the information about all these sports, we **lack mutual understanding in this field.**



Solid Examples

- esports leagues / association between Japanese and Russian students;
- watching sport matches together;
- online teaching;
- invite teachers from both countries to increase awareness and quality of teaching;
- more youth exchange events (joint workshops, championships, etc.)



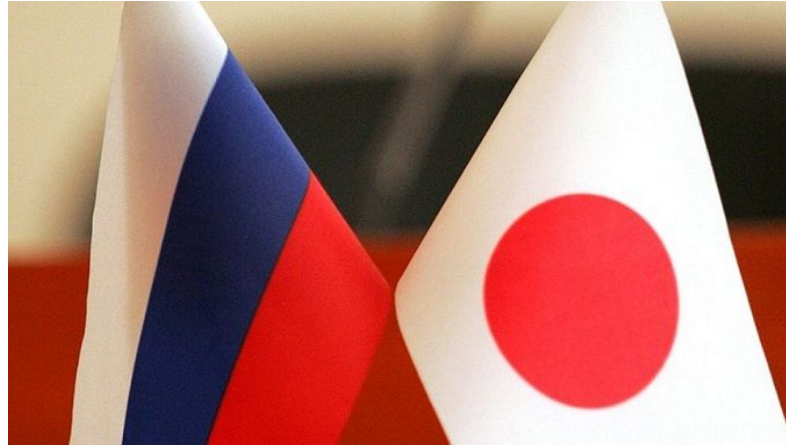


Expected Outcomes

1. Under the COVID-19 pandemic, we can still **maintain the cultural exchange in sports** through online digital technologies.
2. When the pandemic settles down, we can increase real-life exchanges and in doing so, we can **increase the awareness** about the sports in both countries.
3. In esports too, we can consolidate our relations through **creating an environment in which the Russian and the Japanese youth plays together**, online or offline.
4. Our discussion has shown that we are all very interested in sports, so in future, a **specific Japan-Russia Forum devoted to sports** can be created.



Thank you for listening!!



Presentation Structure

Time: 10 minutes

Format: Free (E.g. PPT)

Presenters: Up to 3

Content:

- A brief background of your sector.
- The main issues or areas for improvement that you have identified.
- Some solid examples of your proposed initiatives.
- Expected outcomes if these initiatives are successful.