



PRESS RELEASE

ANA and JAL Become Supporting Partners of Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch Relay

Tokyo, 23 July 2019 – The Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Tokyo 2020) announced today that it has concluded an agreement with All Nippon Airways Co., Ltd. (ANA) and Japan Airlines Co., Ltd. (JAL) under which they will serve as Supporting Partners of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch Relay. With the support of both airlines, Tokyo 2020 will transport the flame from Greece to Japan.

Yuji Hirako, President and CEO of ANA, said, “All of Japan is looking forward to welcoming the world to Tokyo next summer for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020. ANA has always served as an ambassador for Japanese hospitality and culture, and we are honored that our airline is able to serve as a Supporting Partner, sharing the human spirit of unity and friendliness during this spectacular event.”

Yuji Akasaka, Representative Director and President of JAL, commented, “JAL supported the Olympic Games the for the first time more than half a century ago, when we transported the Olympic flame from Athens to Japan for the Olympic Games Tokyo 1964. We have signed a Supporting Partner agreement for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch Relay and we are currently working toward the successful delivery of the Olympic Games, as an Official Partner of the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020. JAL will join hands with other partner companies and contribute to realizing the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch Relay concept of ‘Hope Lights Our Way.’”

Yoshiro Mori, President of Tokyo 2020, commented: “We are delighted to welcome ANA and JAL as Supporting Partners of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch Relay. From the time both companies became Tokyo 2020 Official Airline Partners in June 2015, they have helped create momentum across Japan and contributed towards the success of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. As a Tokyo 2020 Official Airline Partners and an Olympic Torch Relay Supporting Partner, ANA and JAL will transport the Olympic flame—an important Olympic symbol—from Greece to Japan, and we will continue to work with them to ensure that the excitement of the Olympic flame’s arrival is conveyed throughout Japan.”

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch Relay Presenting Partners



Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch Relay Supporting Partners



TOKYO 2020

Please see below for further details of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch Relay

<https://tokyo2020.org/en/games/torch/olympic/>

Notes to Editors:

About the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch Relay Partnership Programme:

The programme comprises three tiers: Presenting Partners, Supporting Partners and Associating Partners. The support of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch Relay partner companies will help ensure the success of the Torch Relay, an event which athletes and torchbearers and Olympic fans around the world are unlikely to forget.

For more information: [Tokyo 2020 Online Press Room](#), ID: *media* password: *tokyo2020media*

Marketing Communications

Yuko HAYAKAWA

yuko.hayakawa@tokyo2020.jp

Ai IDO

ai.ido@tokyo2020.jp

Ai ITO

ai.ito@tokyo2020.jp

Masayuki ONAYA

masayuki.onaya@tokyo2020.jp

International Communications

Email: pressoffice@tokyo2020.jp

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)!

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch Relay Concept

Hope Lights Our Way

"Hope Lights Our Way", uniting the Japanese people around messages of supporting, accepting and encouraging one another

<https://tokyo2020.org/en/games/torch/olympic/>
