

## **UKAD And JADA Share Best Practice In Preparation**

UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) hosted the Japan Anti-Doping Agency (JADA), Japan Sports Council, and Japan Sports Agency, from 19 to 21 September to share best practice and knowledge ahead of the [2019 Rugby World Cup](#) and the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

JADA, with memories of the England 2015 Rugby World Cup and the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio still fresh in mind, has started its preparations of providing a comprehensive testing and anti-doping education program at each of the events in the next three or four years.

UK Anti-Doping and the Japan Anti-Doping Agency signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the beginning of 2015 that set out a count of objectives aimed towards protecting clean sport and clean athletes both at home and abroad. UK Anti-Doping has successfully delivered a range of contracted anti-[doping](#) services to major sporting events in the UK, from Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games to major championships and World Cups across a range of sports. A wide variety of topics, including education, testing, communications, intelligence gathering and results management at recent events were presented and discussed at length with a number of vital learning achieved throughout the course of the three-day visit of JADA officials.

UKAD's Director of Business Services, Philip Bunt said it was a pleasure to welcome our colleagues from Japan and provide vital assistance in preparation for their hosting of the 2019 Rugby World Cup and the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Bunt added UK Anti-Doping has a wealth of experience when it comes to providing anti-doping programs at major sporting events and added we are fully committed to working alongside our international partners in order to benefit clean athletes by enhancing global [anti-doping programs](#) and major sporting events are a critical part of that strategy.

UK Anti-Doping interim Chief Executive, Nicole Sapstead, and the President of JADA, Professor Hidenori Sukuzi, both signed the MOU on 28 January 2015 that will run until 2020. The signing took place at The Second International Conference on The Pharmaceutical Industry and the Fight against Doping: New Developments for Clean Sport and Society held in Tokyo.

Nicole had remarked UKAD is fully committed to working together with its international partners to enhance anti-doping programs globally for the benefit of clean athletes and had also remarked that we will also be working with them to develop their educational program so that the next generation of Japanese sports men and women are instilled with the values of clean sport from a very young age.

Professor Hidenori Suzuki, President of JADA, had then remarked JADA is very much looking forward to working with UKAD over the next five years. Hidenori added we want the major sporting events being held in Japan to be the best they can be and further commented that UKAD has accumulated extensive experience in terms of best practice in anti-doping after the 2012 Games and we want to build on this knowledge base to ensure the events we will be hosting are the cleanest they can be. The President of JADA had further remarked that we want to create a legacy for the next generation where they are aware and practice the values of clean sport and integrity of sport.