

- Association founded 1921
- Affiliated to FIFA in 1929



Flag



Association emblem



World map



Football in Japan

Founded in 1921, the Japanese football association is one of the most active members of our global football family. After joining FIFA in 1929, the new member achieved its first tournament victory twelve months later in the Far Eastern Games - a triumph that was to be repeated at various other events. The association has often excelled in the role of host. An exhaustive list of all of the tournaments would be impossible; suffice it to say that it has hosted all of the types of football recognised by FIFA. The Japan Football Association played an exemplary role in founding its own league (JSL) in 1965 that is still thriving today in a variety of forms. The Japanese association supervises 47 regional associations and coordinates their demands and needs. Having organised various FIFA competitions at world level, starting with the U-20 FIFA World Cup in 1979, reaching a climax with the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan™, and including the FIFA Club World Cup that has been regularly held in Japan since 2005, the Japan Football Association is the most active FIFA member in this respect.

Goal Project

On 4 February 2008, the *Goal* Bureau gave the green light to a special project for the Japanese football association, comprising a medical centre in the J-Village, the Japanese national football centre. It is intended that all sports medical examinations will be coordinated from this centre and data concerning young players compiled and analysed. Furthermore, measures to prevent football injuries will be elaborated here before being published. Construction is expected to begin on 1 June 2008 and to be completed within 14 months.

Use of FAP funds

Project

Medical centre in the J-Village, the national football centre in Fukushima

Project approved

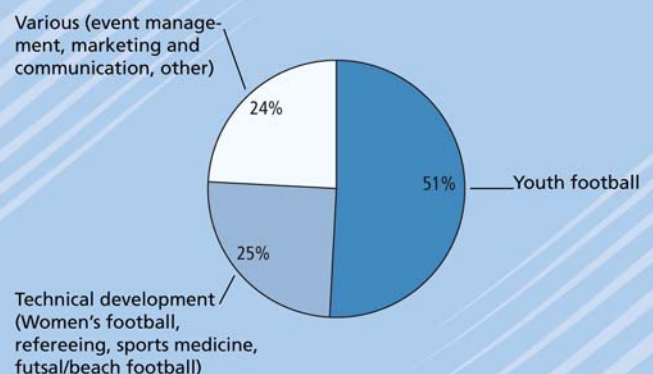
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Status

Implementation

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
Other sources	USD	1,350,000
Association	USD	1,580,000
Total cost	USD	3,330,000



Football education and courses	No of courses until 1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
		FUTURO III regional courses																			
Refereeing (men and women)																		●			
Coaching (men)																					
Coaching (women)																					
Administration and management																					
Football medicine																					
Seminars																					
Women's football																					
Futsal																					
Com-Unity																					
MA Seminars																					
MA courses																					
Administration																					
Refereeing (men and women)				●																	
Coaching (men and women)																					
Beach soccer																		●			
Futsal																					
Olympic solidarity coaching courses																					
Development courses and academies (1975 - 1990)	1																				
FUTURO I-II courses for all football branches																					

●: Course host country □: Course participant in another country

Women's football

When, in 1995, today's FIFA President said "The future of football is feminine", it was more than mere lip service. It reflected a strong belief in the huge potential that women's football has to develop. Ever since, FIFA has given targeted support for the efforts of associations who offer women the same opportunities to develop as male players. Launched in 1998, FIFA's Financial Assistance Programme (FAP) introduced a requirement in 2004 for the associations and confederations to invest at least 4% of their FAP funding into women's football. This threshold was increased to 10% in 2005. On top of this commitment, FIFA also promotes the women's game in more general ways by directly financing women's matches and organising competitions and symposiums. Thanks to its development programmes, FIFA is also playing an active role in the training of administrators, coaches, referees and sports doctors.



The U-16 Women's National Team

Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	2000
From which age on, players are registered?	12
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	1,422
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	369
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	yes
University competitions	yes
School competitions	yes
Futsal competitions	yes
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	U-16, U-17, U-18, U-19



The Japan Women's "A" National Team