Elite Student Athletes in Team Japan 2012

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Do we have Dual Career support in Japan?

A lot to do...



But we are trying!

Presentation by Kawai (Univ. of Tsukuba) & Hatta (JOC/ JFA) at EAS2011 (Sep 2011, Newcastle, UK)

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Purposes of This Presentation

- **To show the significant role of secondary/ higher education sector in the development of Japanese elite sport, by showing the composition of Team Japan 2012**

- **To illustrate the rise of awareness in Japan regarding Dual career in this passing year**

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Team Japan 2012

Overall Review of the 30th Olympic Games London 2012, by Project Tokyo-J/ London J, JISS-JSC (5 Sep. 2012)

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総括レポート

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Team Japan 2012 -- Delegations

293 Athletes (Men 137, Women 156)		
Age as of 29 July 2012	Oldest	71 y.o.
	Youngest	15 y.o.
Mean Age	25.17 y.o. (after eliminating oldest and youngest)	

(AP/ アフロJOC)



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Team Japan 2012 -- Results

Gold	Silver	Bronze	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Total
7	14	17	5	15	7	8	7	80
Total 38*			Total 42					
Gold Medal Table--11th / Total Medal Table—6th								

Target set by JOC -- 15 Gold Medals

JOC Gold Plan Stage II (2008) -- Top 3 in Gold Medal by 2016 Rio

Basic Act on Sport (2011) -- Top 5 in Gold Medal

*Medals won at Athens (2004) -- Total 37 (G16, S 9, B 12)

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Team Japan2012--Number of Student Athletes

Schools	High School (16-18)	Under Graduate (19-22)	Graduate Student (23-)	Left/ grad. In last 2 yrs
# of Athletes	11	52	6	34
	69 (23 %)			
# of Athletes spent London cycle at school	*103 (35 %)*			

Team Japan2012--Number of Student Athletes

Sport	HS (16-18)	UG (19-22)	Grad. (23-)	Student Total	Team Total
Aquatic/ Diving					1
Aquatic / Swimming	4	11			27
Aquatic / Open water		1			2
Aquatic/ Synchronized	1	5			9
Archery		1			6
Athletics	1	11	1	13	46
Badminton		1		1	11
Canoe		1		1	8
Cycling		1			9
Fencing		1			8
Football/ /Women		1			18
Gymnastic/ Artistic	1	4			10
Gymnastic/ Rhythmic	3	3			6
Gymnastic/ Trampoline		1	2	3	3
Hockey (women)		1		1	16
Judo		3		3	14
Rowing		1		1	5
Sailing		1		1	9
Table Tennis	1	1		2	6
Taekwondo		1		1	2
Weight Lifting		2		2	5
Totol	11	52	6	69	

Swimming (W) 21.8 y.o.

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Where were our elite athletes coming from???

- Gitsugyo-dan “Company club/team”
- School Sport

Team Japan -- Profile of Medalists

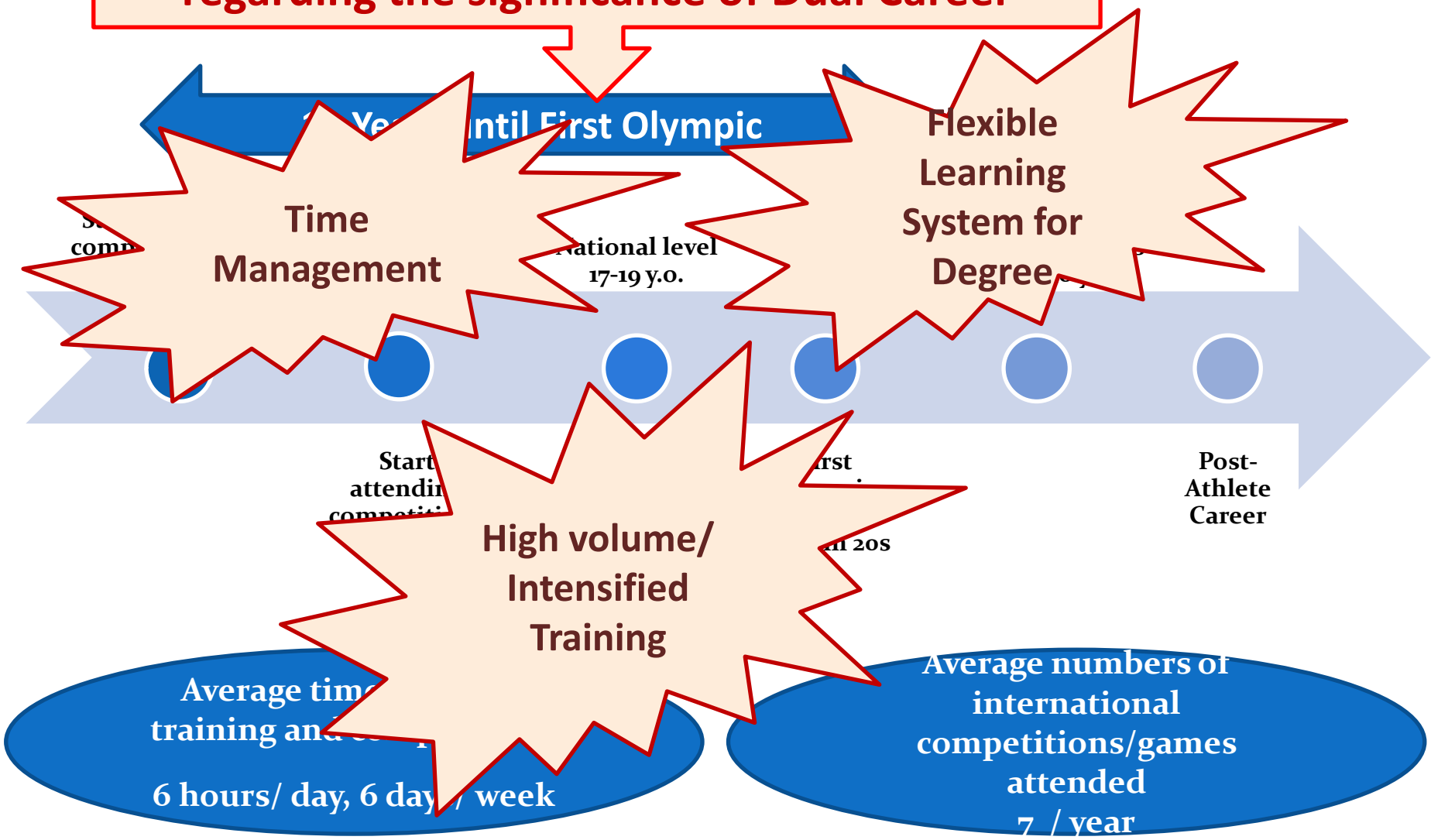
Sports		Name	Age of starting sport	Age of medal winning
Wrestling (Women 63kg)	G	Kaori ICHO	3	20.24.28
Gymnastic-Artistic (Men Individual)	G	Kohei UCHIMURA	3	19.23
Swimming (Women Back 100)	B	Aya TERAKAWA	3	27
Swimming (Men Brest200)	B	Ryo TATEISHI	4	23
Boxing (Middle 75kg)	G	Ryota MURATA	13	26
Weightlifting (Women 48kg)	S	Hiromi MIYAKE	14	26

Mean Age of last 4 OG all Medalist--

Women 25.2 y.o, Men 26.2 y.o.

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Coaches' AND Schools' understanding regarding the significance of Dual Career

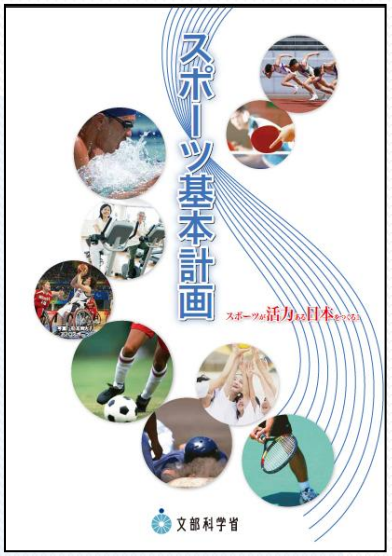


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Changes in 2011/2012

Changes in political alena ①



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7. Promotion of Cooperation and Coordination between Top Sports and Community

The national government raises the awareness of "Dual Career" among top athletes, their coaches and sports organization, while advancing the career support in sport in cooperation with Japan Sport Council, sports organizations, and universities by providing scholarships for post-athlete life, and introducing athletes to possible employees such as private sectors, Comprehensive Community Sport Club, or schools.

Changes in political arena ②

- Committee on Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, the House of Representatives, The 180th National Diet of Japan, 24 August 2012

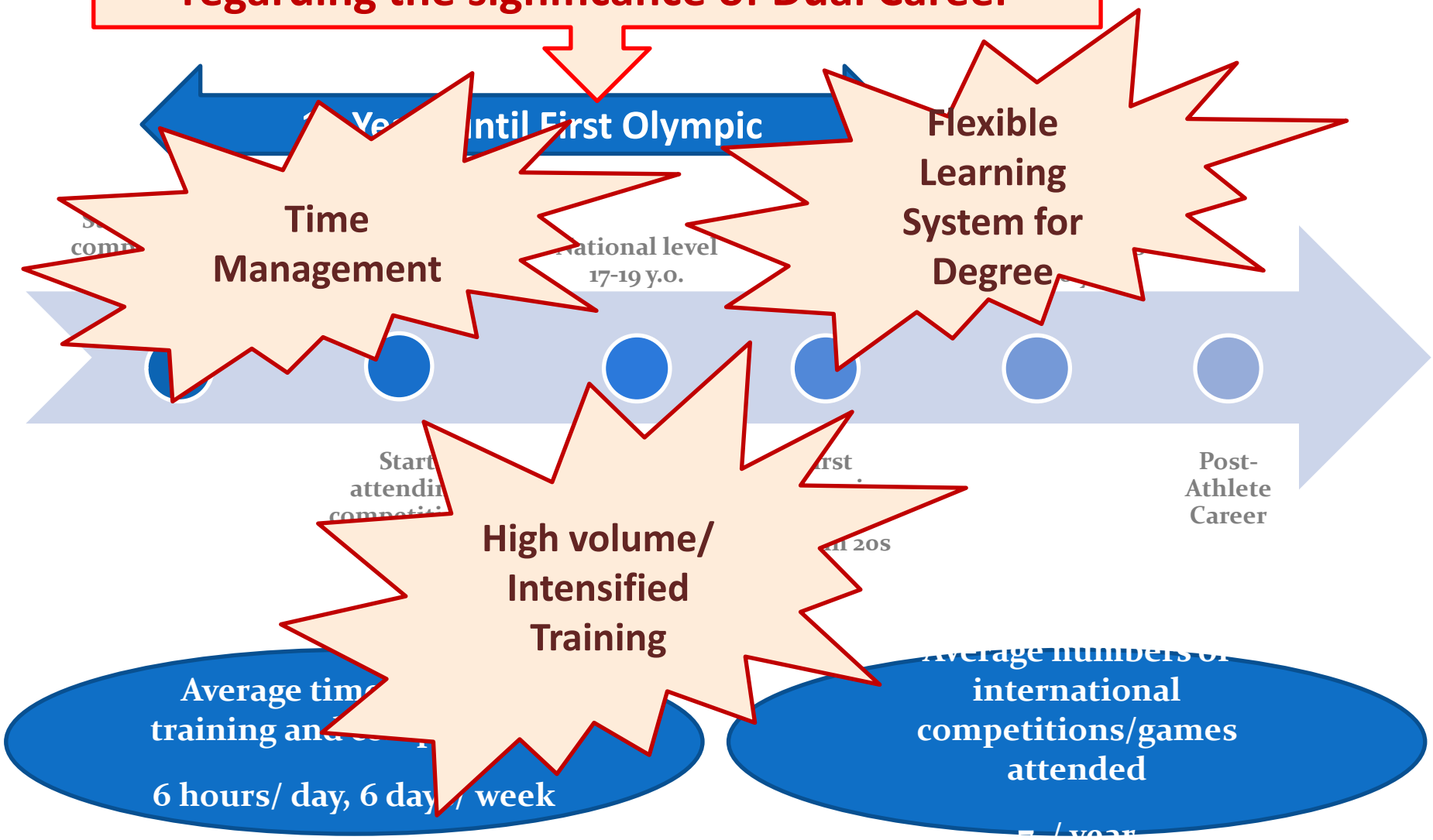
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Dual Career ?



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Thank you !

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