



# HOST TOWN INITIATIVE FOR TOKYO 2020



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he Host Town Initiative is an initiative to promote exchange between citizens of Japan and the people of other countries and regions participating in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games to be held from July to September this year. The Host Town Initiative involves communities not only supporting athletes in their preparation for the Games, but also promoting wide-ranging activities including cultural exchange, education, and even infrastructure development. Although people in registered Host Towns have not been able to meet in person with people in their counterpart countries and regions since the spread of COVID-19 in 2020, they continue to conduct exchange activities online, and it is expected that exchange will continue even after the Games are over. In this month's issue, we introduce the activities of some of the hundreds of Host Towns and counterpart countries and regions involved since the pioneering initiative was launched in 2016.

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