I understand the hardships that come to you and your organisation with postponing the Games for the first time in history. We, the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee, share the pain of those whose lives have been affected, and ask, from the bottom of our hearts, for your continued support and cooperation in making next year’s Games a success so that we may overcome the challenging circumstances we find ourselves in.

Across the world, many lives have been lost to COVID-19, and I understand that many people in your countries or regions have had their lives and livelihoods devastated by this terrible virus. We would like to express our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies to everyone who has had their lives impacted by these difficult circumstances we find ourselves in. We would also like to express our deepest gratitude and respect to doctors, nurses, healthcare professionals and all those across the world who are working tirelessly in the fight against the virus.

Tokyo’s recent gubernatorial election saw the reelection of Governor KOIKE Yuriko. Of the many candidates in this election, she has made the Tokyo Games a centerpiece of her policies. I am reassured by this outcome and look forward to strengthening our partnership with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government as we work toward the success of the Games.

As you know, due to the worldwide spread of COVID-19, the Olympic and Paralympic Games have been postponed for the first time in history. This decision was made with the health and safety of athletes and all involved first and foremost in mind, following discussions between President Bach and Prime Minister ABE.

Following the decision to postpone the Games, Tokyo 2020 immediately formed the New Launch Task Force and began to organise systems ready to face this unprecedented challenge. Our staff have been working tirelessly around the clock on these preparations.
In light of the first Games postponement in history, it is essential that we consider how the Games should be positioned.

The world is facing new social, economic, and medical situations. In these circumstances, the Games will be unlike any before. We believe the Tokyo 2020 Games must focus on safety, security, and simplicity.

The thorough revision of all essential elements of the Games is crucial, and President Bach has agreed that we must leave no stone unturned in our mission to simplify the Games. To see this through, we look forward to the continued support and the full cooperation of all stakeholders, as we come together to plan for next year’s Games.

23 July marked one year until the opening of the Tokyo 2020 Games, where swimmer, IKEE Rikako, with Olympic Flame in-hand, delivered a message of hope to the world, from the New Olympic Stadium. Representing Japan, IKEE has won several titles such as Most Valuable Player at the Asian Games 2018. She was hospitalised for 10 months after being diagnosed with Leukaemia in 2019, and returned to the pool this year, aiming to represent Japan once again at the Paris 2024 Games. I am sure that many people were inspired by her words of "to overcome adversity, what we need most of all is hope".

I believe that the moment when athletes around the world emerge from this long, dark tunnel to gather at the Games will be a moment of pure and priceless joy. I have no doubt that people around the world will find this sight deeply moving. We will continue to give our utmost to ensure that the Tokyo Games are of special value as a symbol of unity and solidarity in overcoming the COVID-19 crisis.
AGENDA

1. Next Year’s Games
2. Games Framework
3. Simplification
4. Ticketing
5. COVID-19
6. Flame of hope
Next Year’s Games

Olympic 2021. 7.23 fri. – 8.8 sun.

Paralympic 2021. 8.24 tue. – 9.5 sun.
A New Launch

On 24 March 2020, the decision was made to postpone the Games for the first time ever.

Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee and the International Olympic Committee held an executive project review in April, where the two organisations set-up the ‘Tokyo 2020 New launch Task Force’ and the IOC ‘Here We Go’ task force, in order to establish a system to face the unprecedented challenges postponement brings.

Next Year’s Games

In June, we formulated the following three considerations:

• The positioning of the first postponed Games in Olympic and Paralympic history;
• The principles of these Games with a focus on simplification; and
• A roadmap through to next summer.
Positioning

-Core Values (Olympic) -

The essence of the Olympic Games is sport, athletes and the power of the world coming together as one.

Tokyo 2020 is focused on athletes, sustainable development, recovery, reconstruction and the power of sports to help communities find a better future.

These core pillars will be the framework for organising Tokyo 2020 in 2021.
Positioning

-Tokyo 2020 in 2021 (Olympic)-

The first-ever postponed Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The Games will be an unprecedented celebration of unity and solidarity.

The Games will be a milestone in the world’s shared journey of recovery and a light at the end of the tunnel.

The Games will be a symbol of hope, resilience and the power of humanity working together as one.

The Games will be a sustainable springboard to the future, bringing together the best of Japan, supporting the economy and showing how sport can improve the health and happiness of people and the world.

The Games will be sport at its best.
Positioning

- Core Values (Paralympic) -

The essence of the Tokyo 2020 Games is sport and athletes. It creates momentum for raising awareness and respect for diversity, and contributes towards realising an inclusive society.

Tokyo 2020 is focused on athletes, sustainable development, recovery and reconstruction, and the power of sports to help communities find a better future.

Tokyo 2020 respects the Paralympic Values of courage, determination, inspiration and equality, to further develop the Paralympic Movement in and outside Japan.

These core pillars will be the framework for organising the Tokyo 2020 Games in 2021.
Positioning

- Tokyo 2020 in 2021 (Paralympic) -

The first-ever postponed Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The Tokyo 2020 Games will be an unprecedented celebration of unity and solidarity.

The Tokyo 2020 Games will be a milestone in the world’s shared journey of recovery and a light at the end of the tunnel.

The Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games will be a global celebration of human endeavour, resilience and hope.

The Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games will be a sustainable springboard to an inclusive future, bringing together the best of humanity in Japan, supporting the economy and inspiring the world through sport.

The Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games will be a spectacular showcase of sport with Para athletes entertaining the world and advancing a more inclusive world.
Positioning

- Games preparation -

With this vision in mind, we will work together to carry out preparations for the Games following three principles:

• To prioritise the health and safety of athletes, spectators, stakeholders, volunteers and staff.

• To reduce the cost impact of postponement and promote public interest.

• To simplify and reduce the complexity of the Games to ensure they can be organized efficiently, safely and sustainably in this new context.
Principles

Simplify and optimise the Games preparation and delivery, while keeping a focus on sport and athletes, to reduce the cost impact of postponement and promote public interest, reflecting the new global economic, societal and public health contexts.
**Roadmap to 2021 Summer**

### Key Date
- **2020**
  - April: Executive PR (IOC)
  - May: Tokyo 2020 Executive Board
  - June: IOC Executive Board
  - July: IPC Executive Board
  - August: Information sharing with athletes, Media, etc.
- **2021**
  - January: CoCom (tentative)
  - February: PR (IOC) (tentative)
  - March: PR (IPC) (tentative)
  - April: PR (IOC) (tentative)
  - May: PR (IPC) (tentative)
  - June: CoCom (tentative)
  - July: Olympic Torch Relay
  - August: Paralympic Games
  - September: Paralympic Torch Relay

### Outline
- **Phase**
  - **Confirmation of framework**
    - (competition schedule, venues, etc)
  - **Reexamination, Review**
    - (Service level, scope, scale, etc)
  - **Additional Countermeasures**
    - (Core Countermeasures for COVID-19, etc)
  - **Preparation for implementation**
  - **Final Preparation**
  - **Games-time**

- **2020**
  - April: Coordination of competition schedule/venue
  - May: Clarification of challenges caused by postponement, coordination of policy
  - June: Coordination of the roadmap toward the Games in 2021
  - July: Refinement of plans
  - August: Coordination with delivery partners/stakeholders towards basic agreement of service levels
  - September: Countermeasures for challenges caused by postponement
  - October: Consideration of core countermeasures for COVID-19 based on condition at that time
  - November: Examination of operations modified by reviewing service level and refining the plans
  - December: Enhancement of operational capabilities through readiness activities

- **2021**
  - January: Final adjustment of plans and development of manuals
  - February: Shift to Games-time structure (Main Operations Centre (MOC) operation, Bump-in, Move-in)
  - March: Safe and successful Games delivery

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※ Schedules can be changed

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*CoCom: Coordination Commission PR: Project Review*
Competition schedule

Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee decided upon a competition schedule for the year 2021 that maintained the same schedule as was originally planned for 2020.

Olympic: 23 July 2021 – 8 August 2021
Some competitions are held before the opening ceremony

Paralympic: 24 August 2021 – 5 September 2021

Please see the Tokyo 2020 website for details of each event.


Venues

Tokyo 2020 are pleased to announce that the same facilities originally planned for all competition venues, the Olympic and Paralympic Village and the IBC/MPC will be used in 2021.

We maintain close relationships with all parties involved in order to further discuss the operational use of the venues during Games time (e.g. period of use).
Simplification

The principle of the Games was confirmed at the IOC Executive Board meeting in June: for all Games stakeholders, including International Federations (IFs), National Olympic Committees (NOCs)/National Paralympic Committees (NPCs), partner companies and rights-holding broadcasters, to work together to streamline their services and deliver a simple and meaningful Games.

Discussions regarding simplification have already begun. The first priority remains to preserve the fundamentals for the athletes and sport. Specific topics for simplification include the viability of optimising stakeholder delegations, re-examining service levels and requirements in every possible area.
Communication with stakeholders

We held a remote seminar for each IF on 14th of July to start the feedback process. As we continue to communicate with each IF, we also hope to discuss any topics other than simplification that may arise.

In June and July 2020, Tokyo 2020 conducted one-to-one meetings with all NOCs and NPCs. The purpose of these meetings was to understand how postponement has affected NOC and NPC plans for the Games and to help Tokyo 2020 Functional Areas to plan for the months ahead.

In October, Tokyo 2020 will conduct Chefs de Mission Webinars in English, French and Spanish. This will be an opportunity for Tokyo 2020 to provide a detailed update regarding Games operations and services following postponement.
Ticketing

Tickets already purchased will remain valid.

The refund procedure for spectators that are no longer able to attend the postponed Games will take place after Autumn 2020.

More detailed information will also be provided to ticket purchasers based on the announcement of competition venues and schedules.
COVID-19 Countermeasures

Tokyo 2020 is working in close collaboration with the IOC and stakeholders in the APTF (All Partners Task Force), which includes WHO experts.

Tokyo 2020 is working towards a full-scale review of comprehensive measures against COVID-19 this autumn onwards.

It is essential for us to have a leadership of the national government and a cooperation of Tokyo Metropolitan Government as the host city in areas regarding immigration control, inspection/treatment systems, epidemiological studies, venue management policy, measures for the athlete village, transportation, etc.

With insights from experts in these areas, we will take a holistic approach to promptly consider the matter by holding meetings among the three parties.
Japan's pro-sports situation

Professional baseball league (NPB) made its season opened on 19 June and football league (J.LEAGUE) restarted on 4 July, with no spectators.

On 10 July, both leagues started to accommodate spectators with a set-capacity whichever the smaller 50% of the capacity or 5,000 spectators.

Indoor sports will restart this autumn, with international tournaments also scheduled to restart.
On 31 July, the JOC (Japanese Olympic Committee) held an online ‘Athletes Meeting’, where athletes who have qualified and aim for the Tokyo 2020 Games were able to share and discuss how they’re managing their individual circumstances after postponement. Many athletes from 19 different sports attended the online meeting.

Tokyo 2020 updated the athletes on the current status of Games preparation. Along with discussing their current circumstances, athletes were able to share opinions about what they can do to prepare for the Games.

After the discussion, athletes said they finally sensed that the Games were coming, and that they enjoyed being able to discuss the things that athletes themselves can do to help the current situation. The meeting proved to be a great opportunity to think deeper about the power and possibilities of sport as well as increase motivation for the athletes who attended.
The Flame of Hope

Succeeded from Greece to Japan,
The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Flame
Gives strength to aspiring athletes
Gives people hope for the future
Praying for world peace and harmony
The flame of hope continues to shine.

23 July marked one year until the opening of the Tokyo 2020 Games. To commemorate the occasion, Swimmer, IKEE Rikako, delivered a message of hope to the world from the new Olympic Stadium, where she expressed her desire for the flame of hope to “one year from today the flame of home will light these very grounds”.

Please click on the link below for more information