



Special Olympics Nippon with TOYO University Unified Schools Summary Report 2018



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Toyo University has signed the partnership agreement with Special Olympics Nippon (SON) and Special Olympics Nippon Tokyo (SONT) on March 6th, 2018, as the very first University showing the commitment to support Unified Schools activities. Toyo Univ. has allowed SON/SONT to use sports facilities as VIK, posted their collaboration of Unified Schools on their website. Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games 2020 leads large interest in para-sports. Under such circumstances, SON and Toyo University have accelerated Unified Schools programs which lead to Inclusive Society through sports. SON thank to Prof. Shimura, who has been a contributor ever since SON was established. He has connected Toyo University and SON/SONT.

Toyo University has been involved a wide variety of activities, worked together with SON and SONT to provide unified events at classroom to co-organize Unified Sports program events at their facilities and allowed students to make presentation of their academic research on Special Olympics and people with intellectual disabilities at

Hakusan Campus Festival. The students and SO athletes played and enjoyed Boccia together.



It is important to note that some of major enterprises in the world, Toyota Motors and Coca Cola Ltd participated in this new movement to provide their resources and/or financial support.

Unified Workshop was held by SON at Toyo University Integrated Sports Center. A number of students participated to deepen the knowledge of Special Olympics activities and it's vision of building Inclusive Society. Despite a small number of students knew about SO, we received positive feedbacks. Then all students went to see the Unified basketball program and it was an eye-opener for them to see how the SO athletes and the partners play the game very well.



A symposium regarding enhancing social involvement and self-reliance of people with disabilities was held at Hakusan Campus for freshmen whose major are Social Welfare. At the symposium, The Nippon Foundation Paralympic Support Center introduced Para-sports and Paralympic, Toyota Motors talked about collaboration of Unified Sports and SON made speech about their approaches and activities on the subject. Also some senior students made speeches about what they have learned at class room and through SO activities. About 200 freshmen participated in this symposium. They said that they learned SO was not only providing sports opportunities but also raising one's mind.



Toyo University has allowed to set a Coca Cola vending machine on the Hakusan campus. A part of sales to be donated to SON Tokyo.

