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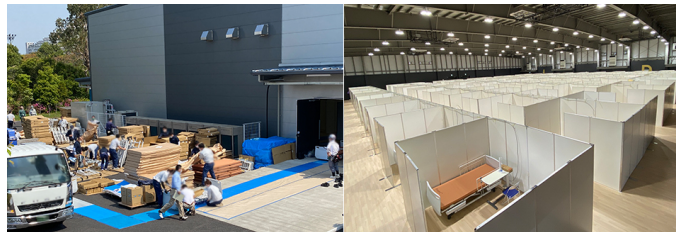
## [The Nippon Foundation News] New Coronavirus Updates

Japan's Golden Week of four national holidays ended last week under a nationwide state of emergency in response to the new coronavirus. This would normally be one of the busiest travel times of the year, but this year train and airplane travel was down roughly 90% from last year, and with many stores and restaurants closed entertainment districts were deserted as well.

The Nippon Foundation continues to respond to the crisis in a number of ways. The temporary medical facility being set up at The Nippon Foundation Para Arena is almost ready to begin accepting patients with mild symptoms and their families, and after touring the facility on May 8, Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike expressed her appreciation for the work being done there. The Foundation also held a live charity event on the video streaming platform TikTok on May 9 as a way to encourage people to enjoy themselves while staying at home and to accept donations to support health care workers, and the LOVE POCKET FUND has been set up in cooperation with popular entertainers to accept donations as well.

In addition, the 25th installment of the Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds was carried out in mid-April on the subject of the new coronavirus. The survey showed that 87% of respondents were complying with the government's request to refrain from going out, 91% said that school closings and cancellations and the scaling down of school entrance and graduation ceremonies were unavoidable, and 58% felt that going forward, everyone should be more aware of taking precautions to protect themselves. Furthermore, 67% of respondents expected Japan to change after the crisis is brought under control, with government, medical care, and the economy as the top areas where change is needed.

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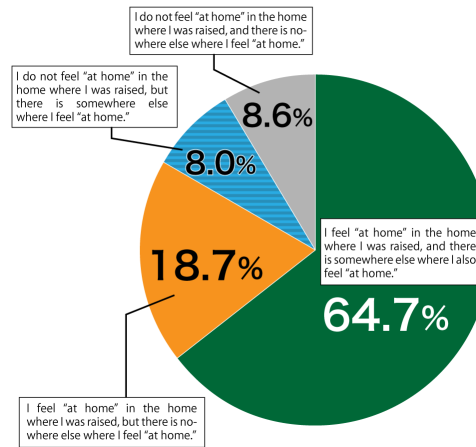
*Construction work at The Nippon Foundation Para Arena (left); Beds set up inside the arena (right)*

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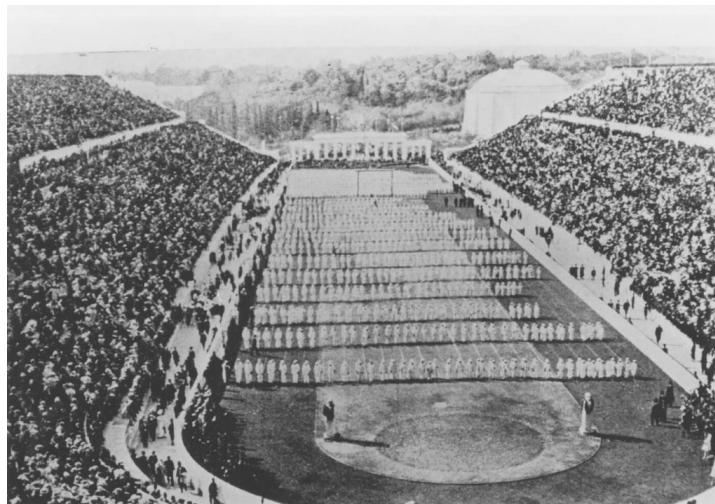


The 24th installment of the Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds was carried out in mid-March on the theme of "Children and Family." The survey found that roughly 90% of respondents felt that there was somewhere, either their home or somewhere else, where they felt "at home." Close to two-thirds did not approve of corporal punishment as a form of discipline, and 80% of respondents were aware of the growing issue of child abuse across Japan.

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## Stories from Past Olympics and Paralympics - 1

### Postponement of 2020 Games and 'new battle'



With no signs of the spread of new coronavirus infections being brought under control, the entire world is currently fighting an "unseen enemy." The world of sport is no exception. Four months before the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games were scheduled to start, a roughly one-year postponement was announced on March 24. Although the Olympic Games have been canceled in the past, this is the first time in history that they have been postponed.

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## Iwate Prefecture's Hop-Producing Tono City's Distinctive Craft Beer Creating a new local brewing culture



The Tono Brewing Company's brewery and Taproom brewpub were built in a refurbished sake shop in the city of Tono in Iwate Prefecture, which is one of Japan's major hop-producing regions. Normally hops are dried before shipping, but because the brewery is near the fields where the hops are grown, Tono Brewing is able to use fresh, high-quality hops to produce crisp and refreshing beers that can only be made in a "hop town."

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