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In Prague on January 16, 2017

Dear friends,

Let me invite you to a sports and cultural event called the Japan Rugby Day on Saturday May 13, 2017 in the FCC Rugby Arena RC Tatra Smíchov, Smrčinská street, Prague 5.

At the last Rugby World Cup in 2015 the Japanese national rugby team caused a sensation when it defeated South Africa, one of the tournament favourites in a pool match between the two teams. "It's unbelievable. We thought that we could play an evenly matched game, but to beat South Africa is an amazing achievement for this team. A great day for Japanese rugby! Children in Japan will want to see this and to play for the national team in the next Rugby World Cup, " said Eddie Jones, the coach of the Japanese national team, after their win in the match. He was pointing towards the next Rugby World Cup in 2019, which will be hosted by Japan. This is also the aim of the Rugby Club Tatra Smíchov in cooperation with the Japanese Embassy in Prague; to bring attention to the next Rugby World Cup and to introduce the game of rugby and the Japanese culture to the general public.

On behalf of the Rugby Club Tatra Smíchov, let me once again cordially invite you to this event. Come and enjoy a day full of rugby and Japanese culture on the home pitch of Tatra Smíchov.

If you are interested in becoming a partner of this event, please contact the club secretary at rctatrasmichov@gmail.com or call +420 733 698 824.

With kindest regards,

Roman Rygl

President RC Tatra Smíchov



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#### **RUGBY CLUB TATRA SMÍCHOV**

Rugby Club Tatra Smíchov is a sports club, which will celebrate 60 years of its existence next year. It was founded in 1958 by several enthusiastic rugby players and gradually evolved from a group of few friends into a thriving rugby club with a broad member base. Today the club has a total of 563 members, of which 344 are children aged between 4 and 19 years.

The club organizes activities for children aimed at comprehensive development of their overall sports and agility skills and offers children a quality leisure time throughout the year. Through sport children learn to win as well as to accept and deal with a defeat. They learn to cooperate in a team and to help and support each other. Rugby as a team game teaches them not only sports skills, but also many social skills useful in their entire life. On the pitch children can develop friendships for a lifetime and learn to spend their free time in a healthy and active way.

Rugby Club Tatra Smíchov is not only about training sessions, matches and tournaments. The club also wants to bring and introduce the culture of other countries and their rugby traditions to its members, fans and visitors. The Japan Rugby Day, organized by Tatra Smíchov in cooperation with the Embassy of Japan in the Czech Republic, is one of the examples. This event should bring attention to the Rugby World Cup 2019, which will be hosted by the country of the rising sun - Japan.

#### **RUGBY WORLD CUP**

Rugby World Cup (RWC) is the biggest and most prestigious international rugby tournament, which was first organized in 1987 and since then every four years. There are clear qualification rules for the RWC tournament: the team of the hosting country qualifies directly as well as the participants of the last RWC which finished 1st to 12th. Another 7 to 8 participating teams qualify from regional qualifications. And it is there, where the Czech national rugby team is now trying to qualify. The team has many experienced players. One of the former Czech rugby team players is also the mentor of the Japan Rugby Day - Martin Kafka – who has vast international experience, including a season (2005-2006) with the Japanese team Fukuoka Blues Sanix.

















#### **JAPAN RUGBY DAY**

Japan Rugby Day will be a day full of sports and Japanese culture. The program opens at 10:30 am with Classical Japanese dance performance by Mr. Rankoh Fujima. At 11:00 am follows the Extraliga ragby the RC Tatra Smíchov A side vs RC Mountfield Říčany A side (men) within the highest rugby competition in the Czech Republic, 2016/2017 match between .

The match will be followed by a rugby practise and games for children. Currently the Japanese children living in Prague are being introduced to the game of rugby in practises organized jointly by the coaches of RC Tatra Smíchov and the Sports Club.

The highlight of the day will be a friendly match between a team selected from the men's sides of RC Tatra Smíchov and the "Prague Japanese", a team of Japanese living in Europe.

Visitors can look forward to a rich cultural and entertainment programme with a Japanese theme and flavour.



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#### TIMETABLE OF THE JAPAN RUGBY DAY:

- 10:30 Classical Japanese dance by Mr. Rankoh Fujima
- 11:00 The Czech Extraliga rugby match Tatra vs Říčany
- 13:00 Open rugby practice and games for children
- 13:55 Performance by Oldřich Kříž (opera arias in Japanese)
- 14:00 Friendly rugby match Selection Tatra vs Prague Japanese
- 15:30 Theatre performance by Nagomi Kyogenkai Czech

#### **CULTURAL PROGRAMME:**

- Japanese-style catering
- Martial arts demonstration
- Traditional Japanese dance
- Calligraphy and origami demonstration

This event is co-organized by the Embassy of Japan in the Czech Republic and under the auspices of the Czech Rugby Union.

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