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Nagase & Co., Ltd.

**“An Inclusive Athletics Competition Anyone Can Join”: WPA-Approved NAGASE Cup 2026
To Be Held at MUFG Stadium (Japan National Stadium) for the Fourth Year in a Row
Monday, September 21 and Tuesday, September 22, 2026**

NAGASE Cup 2026, an athletics competition specially sponsored by Nagase & Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director, President and CEO: Hiroyuki Ueshima), will take place on Monday, September 21 and Tuesday, September 22, 2026 (both holidays) at the MUFG Stadium (Japan National Stadium). The NAGASE Cup is a World Para Athletics (WPA) approved athletics competition held by Japan Para Athletics, and this will be the fifth competition since it was first held in 2022. As “an inclusive competition anyone can join,” a variety of athletes with different backgrounds compete together in events regardless of differences such as age, nationality, or whether or not they have disabilities.

With the concept of “Further, We Go. Towards Yet Unseen Scenery,” the NAGASE Cup has provided a place where everyone can compete regardless of factors such as whether or not they have disabilities, ever since the first NAGASE Cup in 2022. With the aim of spreading inclusivity even further, initiatives were enhanced in the previous competition to ensure both athletes and spectators could easily participate and enjoy themselves, and a total of approximately 1,800 athletes participated over the two days (counting participation on each day separately), the most yet at any NAGASE Cup, with approximately 8,000 visitors to the venue including athletes. For the fifth NAGASE Cup, we aim to build a competition providing each participant the opportunity to think about inclusivity by seeing the athletes competing. With the MUFG Stadium (Japan National Stadium), a mecca for athletes, as the venue once again, we will plan events and programs to encourage even more athletes and spectators to visit. In particular, there are plans for providing visitors with the opportunity to try out para sports, as well as for programs that children with disabilities can participate in.

Under the NAGASE Group’s slogan of “Delivering next.,” the NAGASE Cup encourages athletes to work towards their “next,” as well as providing a place where spectators, competitors, volunteers and local residents can encounter new experiences and values, with the goal of spreading inclusivity and the recognition of diversity throughout society



■ Competition Overview

Competition Name: NAGASE Cup 2026

Host: Japan Para Athletics

Special Sponsor: Nagase & Co.

Dates: Monday, September 21 and Tuesday, September 22, 2026 (both holidays)

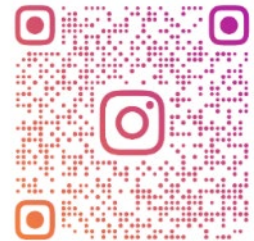
Venue: MUFG Stadium (Japan National Stadium)(10-1 Kasumigaokamachi, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo)

No entry fee or tickets required

■ Competition Official Media Accounts

Website: <https://www.nagase.co.jp/nagasecup/>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/nagasecup_since2022/



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Official Instagram Account

■ Report on Last Year's NAGASE Cup

Details: [NAGASE Cup 2025 Report](#)

- Approximately 8,000* athletes and spectators visited over the two days. Approximately 1,700* athletes from Japan and abroad (including 291 para athletes) participated, the most of any NAGASE Cup yet. International athletes from countries such as Indonesia and Singapore also performed very well. *Counting each day separately
- The most records yet at a NAGASE Cup were made in para events, including 3 world records, 7 Asian records, and 16 Japanese records.
- 100m hurdles Olympian and former Japan record holder Asuka Terada and Yoshihide Kiryu, one of the top Japanese sprinters, visited as guests and interacted with the athletes and spectators.
- Selected as a Model Creation Project for Creating Environments for Para Sports for the FY2025 Para Sports Promotion Project by the Japan Sports Agency (selected for the second year in a row)
- As a place to think about inclusivity and diversity, spectators were given the opportunity to experience what it is like to have a prosthetic leg or use a racing wheelchair.



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