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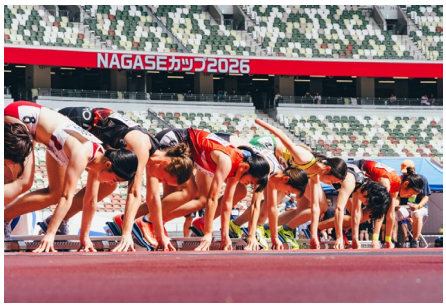
Report on Inclusive Athletics Competition NAGASE Cup 2026 —In One Day, Approximately 4,200 People from Japan and Abroad Attended a Competition Anyone Can Join, from Children to Adults

NAGASE Cup 2026 (WRk World Ranking qualifying/WPA approved), an athletics competition specially sponsored by Nagase & Co., Ltd. (Chuo-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director, President and CEO: Hiroyuki Ueshima), was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 (a holiday) at MUFG Stadium (Japan National Stadium; Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo). A total of 671 athletes from around the world, including 241 para athletes, participated, with a total of around 4,200 visitors to the venue.

The NAGASE Cup is an athletics competition hosted by Japan Para Athletics and the Tokyo Athletics Association, with both a JAAF Approved Division and a Para Approved Division. Under the concept of “Further, We Go. Towards Yet Unseen Scenery,” the NAGASE Cup was first held in 2022 as an inclusive competition in which anyone can participate, regardless of age, nationality, or disabilities. This was the fifth NAGASE Cup.



An Elite Race, held for the first time





The new Elementary Student Division 50m

Due to the approach of Typhoon No. 25 (Dujuan), the competition was only held on the 22nd (Tuesday and a holiday), with athletes participating from 38 prefectures throughout Japan, from Okinawa to Hokkaido, and from four other countries including the UK and Singapore (based on Nagase examining the start lists). With new records in para events, including a new Asian record*, as well as Elite Races, invitational races with record holders including para athletes, being held for the first time, it was a competition in which athletes could compete and challenge themselves while bridging various boundaries.

At this NAGASE Cup, as part of efforts to create an event in which each participant could have the opportunity to think about what inclusivity means, programs were also held for children, the ones who will support the future. In addition to a newly added Elementary School Division 50m

race, a variety of other events and experiential programs were held.

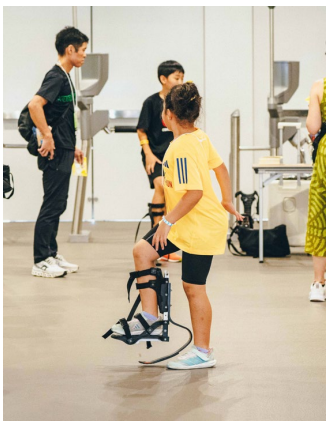
With the slogan of “Delivering next.”, the NAGASE Group is bringing the next value to the society of the future. As well as encouraging athletes to work towards their “next” through the NAGASE Cup, our goal is to spread inclusivity and the recognition of diversity throughout society by making it into a place where spectators, competitors, volunteers and local residents can encounter new experiences and values.



“Child Journalist” program for elementary school students



Athlete interview by NAGASE Cup guests Ms. Asuka Terada (left) and Mr. Yutaro Hamada (right)



At the “Experience Corner” in the venue concourse, many visitors experienced prosthetic legs and racing wheelchairs

*See here for records (Japanese only):
https://para-ath.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/2_shinkiroku.pdf

■Competition Overview

Competition Name: NAGASE Cup 2026

Hosts: Japan Para Athletics, Tokyo Athletics Association

Special Sponsor: Nagase & Co., Ltd.

Planning and Operation Cooperation: TWOLAPS Inc., FIELD MANAGEMENT EXPAND Inc.

Dates: Monday, September 21 and Tuesday, September 22, 2026 (both holidays) *Due to a nearby typhoon, the competition was only held on the 22nd

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

No entry fee or tickets required

The NAGASE Cup was selected for the third time as a Model Creation Project for Creating Environments for Para Sports for the FY2026 Para Sports Promotion Project by the Japan Sports Agency.

■ Competition Official Media Accounts

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

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

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