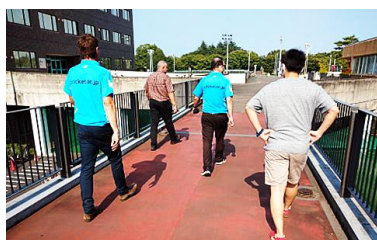


Japan Cricket Association (JCA) × TIAS August 5th - NETWORKING: TIAS 5th Batch Students at Global Sport Innovation Building (GSI), TAIKU-UT

August 5th, 2020 saw the **Japan Cricket Association (JCA)** (Web: www.cricket.or.jp), visit TIAS (with social distancing and precautions in this Covid-19 era and online streaming) bring the concept and vision of JCA “**Building a Brighter Future**” (JCA) via **Alan Curr** (Head of Cricket Operations, JCA, 2472 Kanayanaka-cho, Sano-shi, Tochigi 327-0026, Japan) and **Dhugal Bedingfield** (Community Cricket Manager, JCA) to the **5th batch TIAS-Students** : on “**who they are and what do they do?**”. Appreciate the continued support of a colleague and friend (**Mr. Kazuma MORITA**, DENTSU INC., Director, Global Business Centre, Media Solution Department) who has constantly been supporting multiple introductions for TIAS students to date. Thanks also to the TIAS Office (Ms. Hirose) and Researchers (**Kazuhiro Kajita**, **Jowon Jung**, Yoshiko Kubo and Barbara Marin) and a 5th batch student (**Takafumi Tomura**) for supporting the logistics. Thanks for joining too, the TIAS Faculty Drs. Tian, Devena, and Chungmi. Thank you JCA office, **Makoto san** for your support too.

The **interactive presentation** informed about this **steadily growing sport of CRICKET in Japan**, its **HISTORY, PROMOTION, DEVELOPMENT, STRATEGY, PLAYER EDUCATION and HIGH PERFORMANCE and CORE ACTIVITIES** (*competitions, events, sports governance, athlete development, local revitalization and Cricket 4 Good program*) to the students, and for some of whom cricket was a new sport. The student’s interest was generated by the talk and also a short demonstration and outdoor activity lifted the mood. Students were interested in potential **INTERNERSHIP opportunities and the educational and community aspect of the JCA**; and discussed the potential of research especially in the anti-doping area. Another program of interest was the – the JCA’s - **junior program Cricket Blast** (<https://japancricketblast.com/>). One of the aims of the meeting was **networking and long-term partnership with a sports association in Japan**, and with an international perspective, such as the JCA; a necessity for the TIAS program – an English-based Masters’ degree program at University of Tsukuba attracting numerous international students.





This opportunity gave us at TIAS to know that – ‘**JCA is not just about cricket, it is importantly also a COMMUNITY HUB, reaching out and connecting to people, internationalization and supporting the youth through the JOY of SPORT**’.

In all, a wonderful opportunity for the TIAS students to meet-interact and talk with the JCA. **THANK YOU** once again, JCA - Alan san and Dhugal san, and all PARTICIPANTS from TIAS; and we look forward to working with you at diverse levels. Thank you **Professor Hisashi SANADA** (Chairman of TIAS) for the support to the visit, and the introduction to **KANO JIGORO** sensei and JUDO LEGACY.

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