



NEWS RELEASE

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Yamato Transport Co., Ltd.

Sponsoring the 14th National Remote Island Exchange Junior High School Baseball Tournament

Yamato Transport Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Chuo-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director and President: Yutaka Nagao, hereinafter “Yamato Transport”) hereby announces it will sponsor the 14th Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Cup National Remote Island Exchange Junior High School Baseball Tournament, commonly known as the Remote Island Koshien, to be held from August 21, 2023, on Amami Oshima Island in Kagoshima Prefecture and jointly hosted by five municipalities.



*Photographs of the previous tournament (Sado Island, Niigata Prefecture, 2022)

1. Background and Sponsorship Details

The Remote Island Koshien is a baseball tournament for junior high school students from remote islands in Japan. This year's tournament will be held on Amami Oshima Island. Each year, the tournament aims to create exchange opportunities between baseball players living on different remote islands, where it is difficult to play against outside teams, and help cultivate new interpersonal relationships and healthy youth, thereby supporting the growth of remote island regions through baseball.

The Yamato Group is engaged in social contribution activities and community-based initiatives through its core business to realize sustainable management. Yamato Transport has been a sponsor of the Remote Island Koshien since the first tournament in 2008, utilizing its nationwide

transportation and delivery network to help bring equipment and baggage to the tournament for participating athletes. Players in the tournament are also presented with an originally-designed wristband, and banners are displayed bearing messages of support from Yamato Transport sales office staff and local people on each remote island.

2. Tournament Overview

- 1) Tournament name: The 14th Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Cup National Remote Islands Exchange Junior High School Baseball Tournament
- 2) Dates: August 21 to 25, 2023
- 3) Venue: Amami Oshima Island, Kagoshima Prefecture
- 4) Participants: 25 teams from 26 municipalities
- 5) Tournament founder: The late Choji Murata (former pitcher for the Tokyo/Lotte Orions [now the Chiba Lotte Marines] professional baseball team)
- 6) Organizing body: 14th National Remote Islands Exchange Junior High School Baseball Tournament Executive Committee
- 7) Schedule overview (TBC)

Date	Details
August 21	Teams travel to Amami Oshima Opening ceremony
August 22	First and second rounds of the tournament
August 23	Tournament quarterfinals, semifinals, and friendly matches
August 24	Tournament finals, awards ceremony, closing ceremony Baseball clinic Catch Ball Classic* Farewell party
August 25	Teams travel from Amami Oshima

※ Competition invented by the Japan Professional Baseball Players Association <https://jpbpa.net/classic/>

3. Looking Ahead

The Yamato Group will continue to engage in sustainable management, including social contribution activities and community revitalization through its core business, in cooperation with local communities throughout Japan.

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