

Nidec Sankyo Opens a Speed Skating School

In August, Nidec Sankyo Corporation (“Nidec Sankyo”) launched “Nidec Sankyo Speed Skating School.”

Nurturing next-generation medal-winning speed skaters at Olympics or equivalent international competitions is a pressing issue for Japan’s speed skating community, reflecting a dwindling pool of athletes due to the declining birthrate and the shortage of competitive coaches. It is a major challenge facing Nidec Sankyo, too. Since establishing its speed skating team in 1957, Nidec Sankyo has been sending a number of world-class skaters to international arenas. Nidec Sankyo Speed Skating School is intended to cultivate future skating talents from elementary school, middle school to college through the highest-caliber training programs.

The School’s opening ceremony on September 11 was attended by Mr. Kenji Hirasawa, Nidec Sankyo’s President, who gave a speech to commemorate the occasion, followed by a message from Mr. Shigenobu Nagamori, Chairman, to encourage all of the School’s students and staff members for their future activities. Additionally, a congratulatory telegraph from the Japan Skating Federation’s Chairman and congratulatory words from the Nagano Skating Federation’s Chairman, who was in attendance, made the opening ceremony a truly wonderful event to mark the start of the School.

During the practice held after the ceremony, students participated in ground training as well as skating practice on the ice at a facility near Nidec Sankyo’s office. The students will be trained by the Nidec Sankyo-bred coaches who have competed as world’s top-ranked skating athletes, and provided with technical and other necessary support by them. Nidec Sankyo will continue to promote the further development of Japan’s speed skating and regional sports activities through Nidec Sankyo Speed Skating School.



Nidec Sankyo Speed Skating School's coaches:

Mr. Keiichiro Nagashima (silver medalist, men's 500m sprint in the Vancouver Olympic Games)

Mr. Yuji Kamijo (men's 500m sprint in the Sochi Olympic Games)

Mr. Ryuichi Ozawa (former coach, Nidec Sankyo's speed skating team)

Nidec Sankyo Corporation's website:

<http://www.nidec-sankyo.co.jp/english/index.html>