

THE 6TH INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY RUN-TOKYO
SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER, 2016.

Active International Association of Japan, organized **“The 6th International Friendly Run”**, which came off on Sunday 13th November, 2016 at the Shiokaze Park in Odaiba, Tokyo from 9:00-13:00hrs.

Active International Association is a Japanese Non-profitable organization, (NPO) which aims at promoting friendship and cordial relations among Japanese Citizens and foreign nationals living in Japan, especially Diplomats, whiles raising funds in support of disaster affected areas in Japan.

The annual sporting events, with sponsorship from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, including football (soccer), running and other games, are held to raise funds in support of the victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake, for the restoration of education in the affected areas. Proceeds from this year's event are to be donated to the victims of the Earthquake in the **Tohoku Region**.

Two staff members of this Mission participated in this year's event which had about 1,200 participants from various embassies and other organizations.

The **Ambassador of Kyrgyz Republic, H.E. Mr. Chingiz AIDARBEKOV** who took part in the 5km race, and in the category of the men within the age of 30-40, came first with a time of 23.56minutes and was 5th in the overall 5km race. He also spoke on behalf of the diplomatic community during the award ceremony.

The Minister/Head of Chancery, Mr. Muhammad Adam and Mrs. Betty Danso, First Secretary Political and Economic, participated in the 5km running event.

Mr. Adam came 4th in the men above the age of 50 running event with a time of 24.03minutes and also took the 6th position in the overall 5km race consisting of about 100 participants.

An award ceremony took place at 12:00hrs after the racing events in all the categories. Messages of solidarity were read during the award ceremony and this Mission's message (see below) was the fifth to be read to the participants and members of the general public present.

The event came to a close at 13:00hrs, with the organizers promising more fun and competitive run next year.



MESSAGE FOR THE 6TH “INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY RUN”
HELD AT ODAIBA ON SUNDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 2016.

On behalf of the Ghana Embassy in Tokyo, Japan, I wish to convey a message of support and solidarity to the government and people of Japan, especially in the regions affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake in March, 2011.

On this occasion, I wish to reiterate Ghana’s admiration with the resilience of the Japanese people and wonderful recovery efforts so far achieved. This demonstrates Japanese people’s determination to turn disasters into opportunities for human advancement and progress.

Today’s event is also a mark of International solidarity to which Ghana is strongly committed.

We congratulate all participants and wish them lots of fun while enjoying a healthy competitive spirit.

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