

CrossTalk

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Every 4 Years

The 2004 Summer Olympics will be a time for athletes from the four corners of the world to **put into practice** their hard work, and **strive** for gold in their chosen sports.

This year's games, will coincidentally take place in Athens, Greece where they originated. It's said that Heracles, the son of Zeus was responsible for having **founded** the Games. However, the first official Olympics of which records were kept occurred in 776 B.C. At these games, a naked runner named Koroibos won the only event held - a race of 192 meters, making him the first Olympic champion in history.

The ancient games grew from there and were held every four years for 1200 years until, in 393 A.D., the Roman emperor Theodosius **abolished** them on account of their pagan influences.

About 1500 years later, a French **aristocrat** named Pierre de Coubertin tried to revive them. In 1890 he founded a sports organization - Union des Societes Francaises de Sports Athletiques.



Four years later, 79 **delegates**, whom he had invited to a meeting of this organization, approved the idea of reviving the Olympics. They then founded the International Olympic Committee to organize them. Demetrius Vikelas, a Greek, was named the first president, and Athens, Greece was chosen as the site for the games.

The first modern era Olympics were held during the first week of April in 1896. The government **lacked** funds to build a stadium, so a rich Greek architect named Georgios Averoff, **donated** one million

drachmas (\$100,000) to restore the Panathenaic Stadium. Since the Olympics were not greatly **publicized**, people were not chosen nationally, but

rather **represented** themselves. They also wore the uniforms of their athletic clubs rather than the uniforms of their national teams. The sports pole vaulting, sprints, shot put, weightlifting, swimming, cycling, target shooting, tennis, marathon and gymnastics were all part of the first modern Olympics.

Story by Grace



Glossary

(These words are in **color** in the story)

put into practice 実践する **strive** 奮戦する **founded** 創設の
abolished 廃止した **aristocrat** 貴族 **delegates** 団員 **lacked** なかった
donated 寄付した **publicized** 公表される **represented** 参加を申し立てた

A Word From Us



Joshua Says: It's the cricket season again! This year we will hold the second all West Japan cricket tournament here in Matsuyama at Tobe Athletic Park-Tamokutekihirobu on the 28th and 29th of this month (August). The games will be on all day, both days, and will involve about 5 or 6 teams from the West Japan region. So, why don't you have a day out with us and come to cheer for our team?!

Junko Says: There's another "big" event coming up soon. On Saturday the 4th of next month (September) we are going to hold our first BEER GARDEN party on the rooftop of the new school. It starts here at 7:30pm and will go to ... ? Bring some drinks or food (we hope to have a Bar-B-Q also) and all your friends! This is going to be a real treat. so don't miss out on the fun.



Grace Says: Do you have any special plans for Obon? I was planning to visit Tokyo, but have decided to do so in September, when my trip will be much less expensive and the weather cooler too. Instead, I'll just stay in Matsuyama and take it easy by catching up on my sleep and reading, going to the gym, watching films etc. Have a good Obon everyone!!

Rachael Says: In July I took a short holiday and went back to Yamaguchi where I lived and worked 3-4 years ago. It was so amazing to be back, I remembered every tree, every building and the names of people who I hadn't even thought about for three years! It's the first time I've returned to a place where I'd lived before and it was so great to meet up with all my old friends, colleagues and students again.



Greg says: This month I'm planning to go to Oita during the Obon holidays. I went there 2 years ago during Golden Week and stayed in a log cabin on a huge farm. I loved the beautiful scenery and the delicious food so much that I've decided to take off again to Oita and try to recapture all those pleasures once more. I'll let you know if anything has changed from my last trip.

Richard Says: Here's a way to expand your English. Ask your friends, teacher or family members what the heaviest English book they have ever read is. Borrow it and start to read it. Don't put it down for any reason, even if it starts to get a bit heavy for you after awhile. Keep trying to hold on! As a starter, this one is heavy – "The Divine Comedy of Dante Alighieri" – 1.5kgs!!



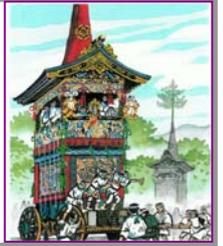
Natasha Says: I am in Moscow now. The latest news says that the Siberian pipeline will be constructed from Taishet (near Lake Baikal) to Nakhotoka (Japan Sea). On my island, oil and gas projects, Sakhalin 1 & 2, are under construction. Russian oil production will soon outdo Saudi Arabia's as the world's No1. For the next several decades Japan will import much oil from Far-Eastern Russia, and the Japan-Russian relationship will develop to the next level.

Yuka Says: How often do you go to the movies? Every month? Every week? Or, more? I seldom go to see a movie, but last month I went three times! The reason was simple; just to avoid the unbearable summer heat. Inside the theater it's cool and comfortable. Besides, we can listen to real English and, if we wish, we can sleep! Isn't that a nice place to relax?



A Word From You

Mikako says: I went to Kyoto to see "Gion Matsuri" with my mother. There are many big and historical festivals in Kyoto and "Gion Matsuri" is one of them. This year 48,000 people attended in temperatures that rose to 36 degrees! "Gion Matsuri" falls in July and the main events are held on the 14th, 16th and 17th. On the 17th there is a big parade called "Yamaboko Junkou". It's really fantastic and very beautiful. If you have the time, I recommend you go and see "Gion Matsuri" for yourself.



Yuri says: Recently I went to Osaka to meet some old friends from my technical college. We went to Wakayama together. Wakayama was very hot, but has some beautiful beaches. I swam but the water temperature was low so I only had a short swim. We stayed one night and the next day we returned to Osaka. I took the bus back to Matsuyama.

Beer Garden Party!

Place: Crossroads' roof-top
Date: Sat. 4th Sept. 2004
Time: 7:30pm start to...?
Bring: food/drink and all your friends!!!

Notice Board

Congratulations to Yukihiisa
for passing his Eiken exam!!
We hope that you also do well in
the exam for the next level
coming up in September.

 **CRICKET** –
The West Japan Cricket
Tourney will be held at
Tamokutekihirobu on the
28th and 29th
of Aug. 2004 

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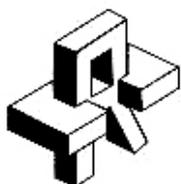
HOMOPHONES ARE WORDS THAT ARE PRONOUNCED THE SAME BUT HAVE DIFFERENT MEANINGS.

ROLE: an actor's part in a play or film
Melissa's role in the play was funny and interesting too.

ROLL: to turn something over or round, to rotate something
... roll the dice on the table.

FLOUR: powder from crushed wheat to make bread and cakes with
You need flour to bake bread.

FLOWER: part of a plant from which seeds and/or the fruit develops
There's only one flower left in the vase.



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