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The Local Organising Committee of the World Athletics Championships Tokyo 25

## **Yuji Oda, Haruka Kitaguchi and Sani Brown announced as ambassadors for WCH Tokyo 25**

Actor Yuji Oda has been appointed as the special ambassador for the Local Organising Committee of the World Athletics Championships Tokyo 25 (WCH Tokyo 25), joining an impressive roster of athlete ambassadors including Haruka Kitaguchi, Abdul Hakim Sani Brown, Nozomi Tanaka, Asuka Terada, and Yuki Hashioka.

Oda served as the main sportscaster for Japanese broadcaster TBS for 13 consecutive World Athletics Championships from 1997 to 2022. His deep passion for track and field, combined with his impactful storytelling, has made him a beloved figure among diverse audiences. As the special ambassador for the Local Organising Committee of WCH Tokyo 25, he will draw on his extensive experience, sharing the event's unique appeal and significance with a global audience.

Commenting on his appointment, Oda said, "I am thrilled to be named as the special ambassador for the 2025 World Athletics Championships in Tokyo -- The world's biggest sporting event of 2025 and the first to be held in the city in 34 years. I look forward to sharing all the excitement and spirit of this incredible event with fans in the national stadium, across Japan and around the world."

The athlete ambassadors for the Local Organising Committee of WCH Tokyo 25 represent the shining stars of Japan's track and field scene, several of whom are fresh off participating at the Olympic Games Paris 2024, with fans both at home and abroad eagerly anticipating their performances on home soil.

Haruka Kitaguchi, the reigning world champion in javelin, secured a gold medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics and has successfully defended her title at the Diamond League Finals for two consecutive years.

Abdul Hakim Sani Brown has established himself as a finalist in the men's 100m at two consecutive World Athletics Championships in Oregon and Budapest.

Nozomi Tanaka, the Japanese record holder in both the women's 1500m and 5000m, is determined to make a strong showing in both events at the next championships in Tokyo.

Last year, Asuka Terada showcased her talent by winning the women's 100m hurdles at the JAAF Athletics Championships.

Yuki Hashioka, who finished sixth in the long jump at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, continues to make significant strides in his athletic journey.

Moving forward, both Oda and the athlete ambassadors will play an active role in engaging with fans and promoting the championships. From official events to media appearances and social media, they will share the excitement, rich history, and personal stories that make this event so special. Through their efforts, they will help spread the word about the WCH Tokyo 25 and build anticipation for what promises to be an unforgettable competition, ultimately aiming to fill the stadium with spectators and unite the world.

Taking place from Saturday 13 to Sunday 21 September 2025, the WCH Tokyo 25 will feature over 2,000 athletes from around 200 countries competing for medals across 49 disciplines.

## Special Ambassador for the Local Organising Committee of WCH Tokyo 25

### Yuji Oda



### Japanese actor

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## Athlete Ambassadors for the Local Organising Committee of WCH Tokyo 25

### Haruka Kitaguchi



### Javelin Throw

World Athletics Championships appearances: 3  
Personal best: 67.38m (Diamond League Brussels, September 2023)  
National Record

World Athletics Championships: Budapest 23 (Gold), Oregon 22 (Bronze), Doha 19  
Olympic Games: Paris 2024 (Gold), Tokyo 2020

### Abdul Hakim Sani Brown 100m, 200m, 4x100m Relay



World Athletics Championships appearances: 5  
Personal bests:

100m: 9.96 (Paris 2024 Olympic Games, August 2024)  
200m: 20.08 (NCAA Division I Championships, USA, June 2019)

World Athletics Championships: Budapest 23 (6th in 100m / 5th in 4x100m Relay), Oregon 22 (7th in 100m), Doha 19 (Bronze in 4x100m Relay)  
Olympic Games: Paris 2024 (5th in 4x100m Relay), Tokyo 2020

### Nozomi Tanaka



### 1500m, 5000m

World Athletics Championships appearances: 3  
Personal bests:

1500m: 3:59.19 (Tokyo 2020 Olympic Game, Aug 2021) National Record  
5000m: 14:29.18 (Diamond League Brussels, Sep 2023) National Record

World Athletics Championships: Budapest 23 (8th in 5000m), Oregon 22, Doha 19  
Olympic Games: Paris 2024, Tokyo 2020 (8th in 1500m)

## Asuka Terada



### 100m Hurdles

World Athletics Championships appearances: 3  
Personal Best: 12.86 (KIMANI Michitaka Memorial Athletics Meet, May 2023)

World Athletics Championships: Budapest 23, Doha 19  
Olympic Games: Tokyo 2020

## Yuki Hashioka



### Long Jump

World Championships appearances: 3  
Personal Best: 8.36m (JAAF Athletics Championships, June 2021)

World Athletics Championships: Budapest 23, Oregon 22, Doha 19 (8th place)  
Olympic Games: Paris 2024, Tokyo 2020 (6th place)

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## World Athletics Championships Tokyo 25

<b>Organiser</b>	World Athletics
<b>Period</b>	nine days from Saturday 13 to Sunday 21 September 2025
<b>Venue</b>	Japan National Stadium and other venues (marathon and race walking will be held in Tokyo)
<b>No. of athletes</b>	approx. 2,000
<b>No. of countries/regions</b>	approx. 200
<b>No. of events</b>	49

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