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Concepts of the Tokyo Racecourse New Grandstand

The Tokyo Racecourse grandstand was completely renovated in April 2007. One of the reasons for this was to provide a secure and comfortable environment for seniors and those with disabilities. Another main objective was to create an “Environmentally Friendly” stand and therefore we also introduced a self-sufficient power generation system, which efficiently generates energy from gas. We are convinced that the new grandstand will meet the needs of our various customers, attract first-timers and help us retain our regular customers.



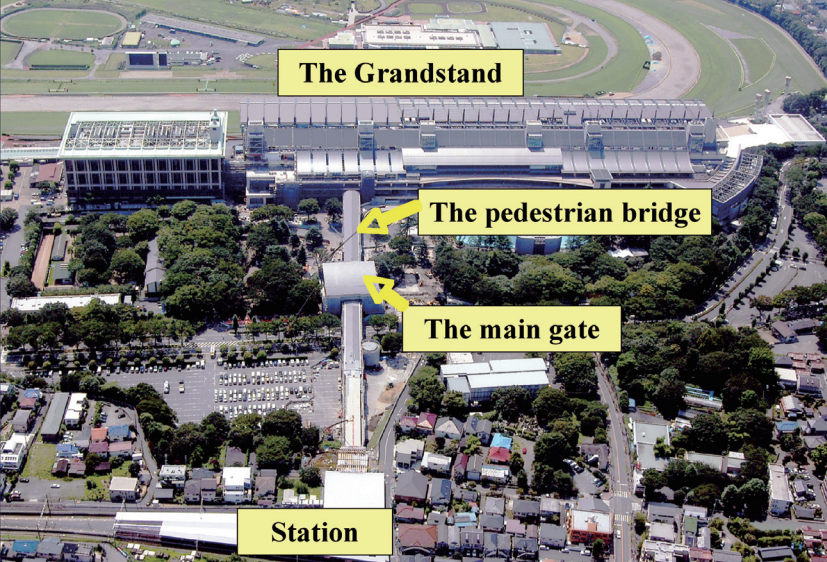
Aerial overview of Tokyo Racecourse. The new grandstand (left) and the Memorial 60 Stand (right) are in the center.



South view of the new grandstand, which can accommodate almost 50,000 fans.



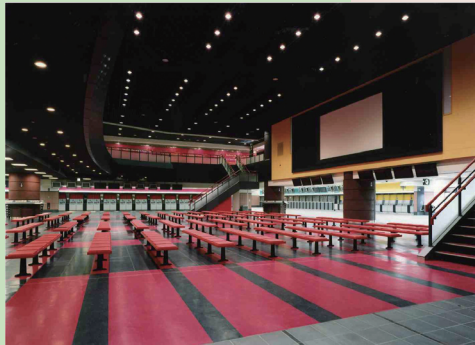
Tokyo's new "Fuji View Stand" with Mt. Fuji, the most widely recognized symbol of Japan, majestically gracing the racecourse.



A pedestrian concourse leads from the nearby train station to the grandstand. This also travels through the newly constructed main entrance gate on the way to the grandstand. A walk along the pedestrian bridges provides a wonderful and refreshing view of the green racecourse.



This "street" floor is referred to as the "Avenue." It is not only a convenient "thoroughfare," but also quite an attractive area. The atmosphere of the whole floor is designed like that of a southern French provincial town. It expresses the prosperity and serenity of the town through the plaza areas placed along it.



The grandstand has three distinctive halls, named based on direction, the west hall, the center hall and the east hall. The west hall (above right) features a "screen plaza," which emulates a cinema. The center hall (upper left) is the "Festival Promenade," and has the atmosphere of a "Casino." The east hall (left) has a lot of greenery, which signifies the "suburbs" of "our town."



Tokyo Racecourse is home to what the Guinness Book of Records calls the world's biggest turf vision. This gigantic screen (68 m x 13 m) allows people gathered throughout the grandstand to have an ever better view of JRA racing.



Seeing is believing. Please come to new Tokyo Racecourse and be surprised!

The "Excel Floor" at the KORAKUEN Betting Center

JRA WINS KORAKUEN is conveniently located in the center of Tokyo. Its three connected buildings, featuring nine stories of betting windows, are easily the largest off-course betting facility in the world. The average attendance at Korakuen totals an excess of 50,000 daily and exceeds 100,000 during GI races. The record attendance is well over the 300,000 mark. The average turnover per day is approximately 1 billion yen.

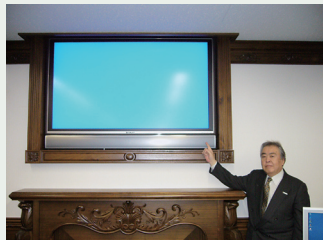
In September of 2006, JRA added a luxurious, high-quality area to this massive plant. They named it the "Excel Floor." Excel is the obvious play on the word Excellent to describe its lush and comfortable trappings.



WINS KORAKUEN



The beautiful harmonization of the natural wood décor, and state-of-art sales machines.



These screens can be found everywhere on the Excel Floor.



Sitting on the large, cushioned seats, gives the fan the feeling of sitting on a first class seat on a large aircraft.



Fans can enjoy watching the racing on either the large matrix screens located on the entire floor, or on the personal computer located at their seat.



Overview of the Excel Floor. Each individual compartment features its own computer terminal. Imposing furniture gives a comfortable feeling of quality.



A Cafeteria provides a tasty buffet for breakfast and lunch.



The elegant and comfortable "Lounge" on the Excel Floor.



Entrance to the Excel Floor. The design of the entrance is reminiscent of a classic private club.



Personal Lockers are available at no cost for storage.



WINS KORAKUEN also has a different style of Excel Floor, where you can enjoy racing at an even more reasonable price.

“The Excel Floor at Korakuen”



Syuichi Ichige,
General Manager of
WINS KORAKUEN

(Q1) I heard that the Excel Floor was established in September 2006. Why did you introduce this type of luxurious facility at WINS KORAKUEN?

(A1) We wanted to give the customers, specifically our regular customers, an area where they could enjoy horseracing in a prestigious environment, relax and forget the hustle and bustle of big city life in Tokyo.

(Q2) What special service do you provide at Excel?

(A2) Customers can enjoy a fine quality lunch buffet catered by a neighboring hotel. Food and refreshments can be ordered from their seats.

(Q3) What is the cost of this luxury?

(A3) It's 5,000 yen (about \$50 US) per day, which includes the admission fee, breakfast and lunch buffet. Personally, I think it's quite reasonable.

(Q4) How many seats do you have on the Excel Floor?

(A4) We have 60 seats, which are provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

(Q5) Are these seats in high demand among your customers?

(A5) On Saturdays, they are usually

booked up by 8:30 a.m. On Sundays, they are fully booked by 7:30 a.m.

(Q6) I think this first-come first-served basis might be inconsiderate for regular customers. Do you have any thoughts on this topic?

(A6) We cannot have a membership system, but we are currently considering better service that can provide more favorable treatments for our regular fans.

(Q7) From your point of view, who are your major customers utilizing the Excel Floor?

(A7) I think the majority of the customers are the businessmen, who are comparatively well to do in terms of spending money.

Admire Moon Wins the Dubai Duty Free



(C) Yuji Takahashi

Eight Japanese runners participated in six out of the seven races at the Dubai World Cup Day at Nad Al Sheba Racecourse on March 31 2007. The Japanese runners performed well throughout the day. The emerging star, Admire Moon, was piloted by Yutaka Take, and collected the trophy for the 1,777 m Dubai Duty Free on the Dubai Turf. It marks the second consecutive year that a Japanese runner has won at the Dubai meeting following on the heels of the 2006 victories of Heart's Cry and Utopia, who won the Dubai Sheema Classic and the Godolphin Mile, respectively.

Admire Moon

4-Y-O Bay Colt, by Endsweep, out of My Katies,
by Sunday Silence
Owner: Riichi Kondo
Trainer: Hiroyoshi Matsuda
Breeder: Northern Racing

Results for Japanese Runners in the 2007 Dubai World Cup Meeting

Race Name	Horse	Place/Starters
Godolphin Mile (GII) 1,600 m Dirt	Fusaichi Richard	6/14
UAE Derby (GII) 1,800 m Dirt	Victory Tetsuni	5/13
Dubai Golden Shaheen (GI) 1,200 m Dirt	Agnes Jedi	10/16
	Seeking the Best	11/16
Dubai Sheema Classic (GI) 2,400 m Turf	Pop Rock	6/14
Dubai Duty Free (GI) 1,777 m Turf	Admire Moon	1/16
	Daiwa Major	3/16
Dubai World Cup (GI) 2,000 m Dirt	Vermilion	4/7

A New Kind of Stallion for 2007

By Keiji Matsuo, Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association

A large gathering of fans joined the racing connections on January 22nd for the presentation of the 2006 JRA Awards and again on February 8th, for the presentation of the NAR Grand Prix Awards. Both gala black tie events were held at major hotels in the Tokyo area.

These award ceremonies give birth to expectations for a high quality foal crop in 2007 based on the excellence of the stallions who have recently debuted.

Among the new stallions, those bred domestically have completed the move from the racecourses to breeding areas

and are already preparing for producing ever stronger horses.

Five stallions were recently imported to Japan. Rule of Law (USA) in October of 2006. The other four stallions arrived by January 18th.

According to recent independent research carried out by the Breeding Information Department of JBBA, the calendar year 2007 will see 24 new stallions scheduled to stand in Japan. Seven of these will be foreign bred, and the remaining 17, domestic bred.

A total of three Japanese bred stal-

lions were exported during the previous year. Meisei Opera (by Grand Opera) and Ingrandire (by White Muzzle) were exported to Korea. Agnes Gold (by Sunday Silence) was exported to the USA.

While compiling data for a table of the new 24 stallions and the farms where they will be standing, I decided to provide a brief synopsis of three of the most prominent for your perusal and reference.

DEEP IMPACT (JPN)

**2002 Bay Horse,
by Sunday Silence (USA), out of Wind
in Her Hair (IRE)
Shadai Stallion Station, Abira,
Hokkaido**

This may well be the racehorse of the age. He had one win in one start as a 2-Y-O. He then went on to win the Triple Crown of Japan, the Satsuki Sho, the Japanese Derby and the Kikka Sho race. He had six wins out of seven runs as a 3-Y-O. His only defeat in 2005 was

to Hearts Cry in the Arima Kinen. He was elected the JRA Horse of the Year in 2005.

He won five out of five races on his home turf in Japan as a 4-Y-O. He started with one GII win in the Hanshin Daishoten and returned to the GI's with wins in the Spring Emperor's Cup, Takarazuka Kinen, Japan Cup and Arima Kinen. He won the JRA Award for the Best 4-Y-O & Up colt of the year and was winner of the coveted JRA horse of the year in 2006.

Deep Impact's only overseas excursion resulted in a close third place finish in the prestigious Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in France, where he was, unfortunately, disqualified. At that time, he had achieved the highest rating in the racing world for long distance on turf.

We expect he appeals greatly to all as a Japanese bred sire. All fans and members of the racing community look forward to the appearance of his progeny. His first year standing is already booked for 150 coverings

Rock of Gibraltar (IRE)

**1999 Bay horse,
by Danehill (USA), out of Offshore
Boom (IRE)
JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station,
Hokkaido**

As a race horse, Rock of Gibraltar astonished the racing world with seven successive GI wins, which earned him

the nickname of "The Rock."

These seven races covered a remarkable schedule: The Moulin De Longchamp (1600 m) and the Grand Criterium (1400 m) in France, the Irish 2000 Guineas (8F) in Ireland, the British 2000 Guineas (8F), the Saint James' Palace Stakes (8F), the Sussex Stakes (8F) and the Dewhurst (7F) in the UK.

The Rock won five races out of seven starts in France, Ireland and the UK as a 2-Y-O in 2001. He won five out of six starts in the same countries and the USA, as a 3-Y-O in 2002.

He became a sire in 2003 standing in Ireland and then Australia. He moved to Japan in 2007 to begin a new standing here. He already has 120 mares booked.

David Junior (USA)

**2002 Chestnut horse,
by Pleasant Tap (USA), out of
Paradise River (USA)
JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station,
Hokkaido**

His racing record featured one win in two outings as a 2-Y-O in the UK in 2004. The following year as a 3-Y-O, he won four races out of seven starts. He moved from the UK to the UAE and as a

4-Y-O, had two wins out of three starts.

He won three GI races in his career, The Emirates Airline Champion Stakes when he was a 3-Y-O and the Dubai Duty Free and Coral-Eclipse Stakes as a 4-Y-O.

We have high hopes for him to produce some excellent racehorses. His maternal side in the USA has produced many outstanding turf runners. His most prominent near relatives in Japan include Seattle Regal, Paradise Creek and Taiki

Blizzard, among others. He already has 110 mares booked for 2007.

We think these new stallions have brought a breath of fresh air to the breeding areas this year. We believe they will bring an excellent new crop of horses to begin the next era at the racetracks. It is our hope that they will soon be in keen competition with our established sires. We will then see who will be the next leading sire in Japan.

24 New Stallions to Stand in Japan in 2007

Stallion	Stud	Sire	Dam	Bloodmare sire	Total Money Earned (JRA Races Only) (JPY)
Admire Japan	Breeders Stallion St.	Sunday Silence (USA)	Biwa Heidi	Caerleon (USA)	168,637,000
Uncle Super	To be decided	Danehill (USA)	Circle Showa	Monte Prince	164,437,000
Water League (USA)	Allow Stud	Dehere (USA)	Solo(USA)	Halo (USA)	96,753,000
On Fire	Shadai Stallion St. Ogifushi	Sunday Silence (USA)	Wind In Her Hair (IRE)	Alzao (USA)	14,859,000
Sidewinder	Tabata Farm	Tony Bin (IRE)	Golden Jack	Afleet (CAN)	316,704,000
Suzuka Mambo	Allow Stud	Sunday Silence (USA)	Spring Mambo (GB)	Kingmambo (USA)	292,068,000
Snitzel (AUS)	Shadai Stallion St.	Redoute's Choice (AUS)	Snippets' Lass (AUS)	Snippets (AUS)	
Song of Wind	Shadai Stallion St. Ogifushi	El Condor Pasa (USA)	Memorial Summer	Sunday Silence (USA)	207,438,000
Time Paradox	Big Red Farm	Brian's Time (USA)	Jolie Zaza (IRE)	Alzao (USA)	437,915,000
Tagano My Bach	To be decided	Dance in the Dark	After the Sun (USA)	Storm Bird (CAN)	193,451,000
Deep Impact	Shadai Stallion St.	Sunday Silence (USA)	Wind In Her Hair (IRE)	Alzao (USA)	1,454,551,000
David Junior (USA)	JBBA Shizunai Stallion St.	Pleasant Tap (USA)	Paradise River (USA)	Irish River (FR)	
Telegnosis	Lex Stud	Tony Bin (IRE)	Make a Wish	Nothern Taste (CAN)	446,619,000
Narita Century	HBA Monbetsu Stallion St.	Tony Bin (IRE)	Princess Liebe	Nothern Taste (CAN)	323,870,000
Never Foget	East Stud	Commander in Chief (GB)	Max Beauty	Bravest Roman (USA)	11,700,000
Heart's Cry	Shadai Stallion St.	Sunday Silence (USA)	Irish Dance	Tony Bin (IRE)	555,731,000
Balance of Game	Allow Stud	Fusaichi Concorde	Hall of Fame	Allez Milord (USA)	617,695,000
Fantastic Light (USA)	Darley Japan Stallion Complex	Rahy(USA)	Jood (USA)	Nijinsky (CAN)	63,498,000
Precious Café	HBA Monbetsu Stallion St.	Heart Lake (GB)	Air Incense	Sunday Silence (USA)	212,147,000
Mitsuaki Silence	To be decided	Eishin Sandy	Youkou Tyrna	Tyrnavos (GB)	35,222,000
Lincoln	Shadai Stallion St.	Sunday Silence (USA)	Grace Admire	Tony Bin (IRE)	588,420,000
Rule Of Law (USA)	Darley Japan Stallion Complex	Kingmambo (USA)	Crystal Crossing (IRE)	Royal Academy (USA)	
Le Zele (GB)	Lex Stud	Zafonic (USA)	Schezerade (USA)	Tom Rolfe (USA)	85,672,000
Rock of Gibraltar (IRE)	JBBA Shizunai Stallion St.	Danehill (USA)	Offshore Boom (IRE)	Be My Guest (USA)	

JBBA: Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association

HBA: Hidaka Breeders' Association

2007 Sales Dates in Japan

Date	Sale	Horse Offered (Thoroughbred)	Location (Prefecture)	Sale Holder
May 7	Kyushu Training Sale	2-Y-O	JRA Miyazaki Yearling Training Farm (Miyazaki)	Kagoshima Prefecture BA
May 14	Chiba Thoroughbred Sale	Yearling, 2-Y-O	Funabashi Racecourse (Chiba)	Chiba Ryoso Agricultural Cooperative Association
May 21-22	Hidaka Training Sale	2-Y-O	JRA Hidaka Yearling Training Farm (Hokkaido)	Hidaka-Higashi Agricultural Cooperative Association
Jun. 11	Kyushu Yearling Sale	Yearling	JBBA Kyushu Stallion Station (Kagoshima)	Kagoshima Prefecture BA
Jun. 25	Hokkaido Training Sale	2-Y-O	JRA Sapporo Racecourse (Hokkaido)	Hidaka Horse BA, Iburi BA, Tokachi Horse BA
Jul. 2	Hachinohe Sale	Yearling	Hachinohe Sales Complex (Aomori)	Aomori Prefecture BA
Jul. 9	Select Sale	Yearling	Northern Horse Park (Hokkaido)	Japan Racing Horse Association
Jul. 10-11		Foal		
Jul. 16	Hokkaido Selection Sale	Yearling	Hokkaido Sales Complex (Hokkaido)	Hidaka Horse BA, Iburi BA, Tokachi Horse BA
Jul. 17		Foal		
Aug. 20-24	Hokkaido Summer Sale	Yearling	Hokkaido Sales Complex (Hokkaido)	Hidaka Horse BA, Iburi BA, Tokachi Horse BA
Oct. 15	Hokkaido Autumn Sale	Foal	Hokkaido Sales Complex (Hokkaido)	Hidaka Horse BA, Iburi BA, Tokachi Horse BA
Oct. 16-19		Yearling		

*Abbreviations: JRA=Japan Racing Association, BA=Breeders' Association, JBBA= Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association

Inquires:

For Select Sales, please contact the Japan Racing Horse Association (<http://www.jrha.or.jp/eng/index.html>)

For the Hokkaido Training Sale, Hokkaido Selection Sale, Hokkaido Summer Sale and Hokkaido Autumn Sale,

please contact the Hidaka Horse Breeders' Association (<http://www.hba.or.jp/english/index.html>)

For the Kyushu Training Sale, Chiba Thoroughbred Sale, Kyushu Yearling Sale and Hachinohe Sale,

please contact the Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association (E-mail: webmaster@jbba.jbis.or.jp)

For the Hidaka Training Sale, please contact the Hidaka-Higashi Agricultural Cooperative Association (<http://www.hidaka.or.jp/>)

2006 Japan Leading Sire Ranking (Top 20) – by Total Money Won

	Name	Sire	Dam	Starts/Wins/A.E.I
1	Sunday Silence (USA)	Halo (USA)	Wishing Well (USA)	2,789/320/4.73
2	Fuji Kiseki (JAPAN)	Sunday Silence (USA)	Millracer (USA)	1,955/240/2.21
3	Brian's Time (USA)	Roberto (USA)	Kelley's Day (USA)	2,076/256/2.11
4	Sakura Bakushin O (JAPAN)	Sakura Yutaka O (JAPAN)	Sakura Hagoromo (JAPAN)	2,163/231/1.82
5	Dance in the Dark (JAPAN)	Sunday Silence (USA)	Millracer (USA)	2,603/250/1.53
6	El Condor Pasa (JAPAN)	Kingmambo (USA)	Saddlers Gal (IRE)	1,509/196/2.43
7	End Sweep (USA)	Forty Niner (USA)	Broom Dance (USA)	1,052/137/2.92
8	French Deputy (USA)	Deputy Minister (CAN)	Mitterand (USA)	1,301/187/1.80
9	Special Week (JAPAN)	Sunday Silence (USA)	Campaign Girl (JAPAN)	1,686/183/1.42
10	Opera House (UK)	Sadler's Wells (USA)	Colorspin (Fr)	1,761/139/1.84
11	Afleet (CAN)	Mr. Prospector (USA)	Polite Lady (USA)	1,801/217/1.43
12	Agnes Tachyon (JAPAN)	Sunday Silence (USA)	Agnes Flora (Japan)	841/117/1.73
13	Admire Vega (JAPAN)	Sunday Silence (USA)	Vega (Japan)	1,191/117/1.59
14	King Halo (JAPAN)	Dancing Brave (USA)	Goodbye Halo (USA)	1,454/221/1.66
15	Fusaichi Concorde (JAPAN)	Caerleon (USA)	Ballet Queen (IRE)	1,935/157/1.15
16	Mayano Top Gun (JAPAN)	Brian's Time (USA)	Alp Me Please (USA)	1,739/169/1.22
17	Taiki Shuttle (USA)	Devil's Bag (USA)	Welsh Muffin (UK)	1,330/144/1.30
18	Bubble Gum Fellow (JAPAN)	Sunday Silence (USA)	Bubble Company (Fr)	2,518/244/0.87
19	Adjudicating (USA)	Danzig (USA)	Resolver (USA)	2,341/246/0.88
20	Forty Niner (USA)	Mr. Prospector (USA)	File (USA)	1,141/164/1.45

*The above chart was extracted from Japan Bloodstock Information System.

JRA GENERAL STATISTICS 2006

Racecourses	10
Racing days	288
Races	3,453
2-Y-O flat	506
3-Y-O & up flat	2,814
Jump race	133
Total number of race entries	48,982
Number of horses having run	10,478
Prize money	¥82,327,661,000
Attendance on course	7,508,297
Subscribers of telephone betting	2,807,850
Turnover	¥2,823,309,442,000
on course	¥148,851,363,700
off course (including telephone betting)	¥2,674,458,078,300
Percentage of on course vs. off course	5.3 : 94.7
Horses in training	8,363
Owners	2,360
Trainers	227
Jockeys	160
Training Assistants	1,143
Grooms	1,628

24th The February Stakes (G1)

Tokyo Racecourse, February 18, 2007

Value of race: ¥184,560,000
 4-year-olds & up
 1600 m, Dirt – Sloppy, Fine
 1:34:8 (Course record 1:34:7)
 16 runners
 Pari-mutuel handle: ¥24,713,618,200
 On-course 5.4%
 Off-course 94.6%
 February Stakes only: ¥14,782,069,500
 Attendance: 51,111
 1st: Sunrise Bacchus (Katsumi Ando, 57.0 kg) db.h.5,
 Hennessy – Real Sapphire by Real Shadai,
 O-Takao Matsuoka T-Hidetaka Otonashi B-Yanagawa Bokujo,
 Winning money: ¥97,612,000
 2nd: Blue Concorde (Hideaki Miyuki, 57.0 kg) b.h.7,
 Fusaichi Concorde – Ebisu Family by Brian's Time,
 3rd: Big Grass (Issei Murata, 57.0 kg) b.h.6,
 El Condor Pasa – Dragon Lily Ibn Bey

37th The Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1)

Chukyo Racecourse, March 25, 2007

Value of race: ¥186,140,000
 4-year-olds & up
 1200 m, Turf – Yielding, Fine
 1:08:9 (Course record 1:06.7)
 18 runners
 Pari-mutuel handle: ¥17,239,505,900
 On-course 3.9%
 Off-course 96.1%
 Takamatsunomiya Kinen only: ¥13,017,063,400
 Attendance: 33,885
 1st: Suzuka Phoenix (Yutaka Take, 57.0 kg) ch.h.5,
 Sunday Silence – Rose of Suzuka by Fairy King,
 O-Keiji Nagai T-Mitsuru Hashida B-Keiji Nagai,
 Winning money: ¥98,948,000
 2nd: Peer Gynt (Hiroyuki Uemura, 57.0 kg) db.h.5,
 Sunday Silence – Twinkle Bride by Lyphard,
 3rd: Precise Machine (Katsumi Ando, 57.0 kg) b.h.8,
 Mayano Top Gun – Be Silent by Sunday Silence



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