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1. Conference Overview

“New Horizons for Racing” was the theme for the 32nd Asian Racing Conference (ARC) that was held successfully at the Hotel New Otani, main venue for the ARC Tokyo, located in Chiyoda Ward in Tokyo from Sunday, November the 9th to Friday, November the 14th, of 2008. The ARC has been held in Japan four times. The first in 1960, the eighth in 1969 and the 18th in 1985. This occasion marked the fourth and marked the first time in 23 years it was held in Tokyo. The conference’s 850 delegates included 700 registered participants from total of 33 countries from around the world. These included non-ARF member countries such as China and Lithuania, as well as the 20 countries and regions of the ARF. One of highlights of the conference saw the Saigon Racing Club of Vietnam and the Jockey Club of Russia became new ARF Associate Members during this meeting, broadening ARF member to 22 countries and regions.

2. Conference Schedule

Table 1 below reflects the conference schedule. Although not shown on the table, the Accompanying Person’s Programs (more information follows below) included a “Tokyo Sightseeing Tour” on Tuesday, November the 11th and a “Mt. Fuji Tour” on Thursday, November the 13th.

Extensive programs were organized for the ARC Tokyo daily schedules. A day-by-day summary is set forth as follows:

Sunday, November 9

The 32nd ARC Tokyo Commemorative Race was run at JRA Tokyo Racecourse.



Snapshot of awards ceremony following The 32nd ARC Tokyo Commemorative Race run at Tokyo Racecourse.

The “Asia Week” races which are usually held at JRA Chukyo Racecourse and JRA Kokura Racecourse on alternating years were held at Tokyo Racecourse that weekend to correspond with the 32nd ARC Tokyo. Further, as a welcome to the member countries of the ARC, the plate races held at Tokyo Racecourse for the weekend of November 8 and 9 were named after the member countries and regions appended to the individual race names on the program. Moreover, in an effort to add even more excitement to the commemorative race program, Oguri Cap, a former star racehorse that still enjoys tremendous popularity among older Japanese fans, was on display in the paddock and the “Rose Garden” at the Tokyo Racecourse for the very first time. Additionally, following completion of the regular races, a special race was held with famous retired jockeys pitting their skills against each other in the “Jockey Masters Race”, which was held as a charity event. Jockeys participating in this race included Michael Roberts from South Africa, whose successes in Japan included 1995 Japan Cup win aboard Lando (GER). Lance O’Sullivan from New Zealand, who captured

Table 1 Conference Schedule

	SUN 9 NOV	MON 10 NOV	TUE 11 NOV	WED 12 NOV	THU 13 NOV	FRI 14 NOV	
8:00							8:00
8:30		Asian Stud Book Committee Meeting (8:30-16:30) [AZALEA]	Stewards Meeting (8:30-16:30) [ACERO]	Plenary Session 1 (Business) "Setting the Scene" (8:30-12:00) [FUYO]	Plenary Session 3 (Racing) "The Mechanics of the Sport" (8:30-12:00) [FUYO]	Plenary Session 5 (Wagering) "Addressing the New Challenges and Opportunities for Racing" (8:30-12:00) [FUYO]	8:30
9:00							9:00
9:30							9:30
10:00		Coffee Break (10:00-10:30)	Coffee Break (10:00-10:30)	Coffee Break (10:00-10:30)	Coffee Break (10:00-10:30)	ARF Executive Council Meeting (9:30-11:30) [LAPIS]	10:00
10:30	ARF-GRPC Meeting (10:00-12:00) [LAPIS]	Asian Stud Book Committee Meeting (8:30-16:30) [AZALEA]	Stewards Meeting (8:30-16:30) [ACERO]	Plenary Session 1 (Business) "Setting the Scene" (8:30-12:00) [FUYO]	Plenary Session 3 (Racing) [Cont'd] "The Mechanics of the Sport" (8:30-12:00) [FUYO]	Plenary Session 5 (Wagering) [Cont'd] "Addressing the New Challenges and Opportunities for Racing" (8:30-12:00) [FUYO]	10:30
11:00							11:00
11:30							11:30
12:00		Lunch (12:00-13:00)	Lunch (12:00-13:00)	Lunch (12:00-13:00)	Lunch (12:00-13:00)		12:00
12:30							12:30
13:00		Asian Stud Book Committee Meeting (8:30-16:30) [AZALEA]	Stewards Meeting (8:30-16:30) [ACERO]	Plenary Session 2 "Marketing & Customer Experience" (13:00-15:00) [FUYO]	Plenary Session 4 "Informing the Customer" (13:00-15:00) [FUYO]	Plenary Session 6 "Sales & Breeding" (13:00-15:00) [FUYO]	13:00
13:30	Race Meeting ARC Trophy Race (11:00-17:00) [Tokyo Racecourse]	ARF Executive Council Meeting (13:00-15:00) [LAPIS]					13:30
14:00							14:00
14:30		Coffee Break (14:30-15:00)	Coffee Break (15:00-15:30)	Coffee Break (15:00-15:30)	Coffee Break (15:00-15:30)		14:30
15:00		Asian Stud Book Committee Meeting (8:30-16:30) [AZALEA]	Stewards Meeting (8:30-16:30) [ACERO]	Selective 1 "Developing Racing in the ARF Region" (15:30-17:00) [FUYO]	Selective 2 "Equine Veterinary Science" (15:30-17:00) [REI]	Selective 3 "Tracks and Rails" (15:30-17:00) [FUYO]	15:00
15:30	ARF Management Committee Meeting (15:30-17:30) [SHO]						15:30
16:00							16:00
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18:00		Opening Ceremony (18:00-18:45) [FUYO]					18:00
18:30			Evening Race Meeting Hosted by NAR & TCK (18:00-21:00) [Oh-I Racecourse]		Tokyo Disneyland® Tour (16:00-22:30)		18:30
19:00							19:00
19:30							19:30
20:00		Welcome Dinner (19:00-22:00) [TSURUJ]		Tokyo Bay Dinner Cruise (18:30-22:30)			20:00
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21:00							21:00
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His Excellency Shigeru Ishiba, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries offers welcoming remarks at opening ceremony.

1989 Japan Cup aboard Horlicks (NZ) and legendary former NAR-jockey Mr. Takemi Sasaki, whose record for career wins in Japan still stands and ranks in the top 10 of the world. Thanks to these “old pro’s” of the saddle, a hard-fought battle unfurled and Tokyo Racecourse brimmed with excitement until after sundown. Approximately \$35,000 US was raised at a charity auction following the race and was donated to the Japanese Red Cross Society for the Asian Disaster Victims Fund.

Monday, November 10

Three closed meetings, the ARF Grading and Race Planning Committee (GRPC), the Stewards Meeting and Asian Stud Book Committee Meeting, along with the ARF Executive Council Meeting and the ARF Management Committee Meeting were held prior to the opening ceremony. The Management Committee Meeting approved the application from the Jockey Club of Russia and Saigon Racing Club as Associate Members to ARF. The Opening Ceremony and Welcome Dinner took place that evening at the main venue, the Hotel New Otani after the day’s meetings were completed. After “Renjishi” a traditional Japanese performance, His Excellency Shigeru Ishiba, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries offered welcoming remarks. The Chief Delegates of all the participating nations then proceeded to the stage and after each country had been introduced, ARF Executive Council members, Mr. Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, Chairman, Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla, Vice Chairman, Dr. Isamu Takizawa, Vice Chairman and Mr. Andrew Harding, Secretary General, took the stage. The Chairman of ARF then offered remarks from the Council. Next, Dr. Kenji Tsuchikawa, President & CEO, Japan Racing Association (JRA), the Chair-

man, 32nd ARC Organizing Committee gave the opening address and declared the 32nd ARC Tokyo officially open.

Mr. Hiroshi Okuda, Chairman, JRA Board of Governors offered the opening remarks at the Welcome Dinner, which began at 7:30 p.m. Several sake casks were then brought on stage for a uniquely Japanese “Kagami Biraki” ceremony in which the lids of large casks containing sake are split open with wooden mallets in a typical celebratory banquet ceremony and members of the ARF Executive Council and ARC Liaison Committee split the cask lids in unison on command from the master of ceremony to signify the opening of the conference. Next, banquet was opened with a Japanese-style ceremonial “Kampai” toast, by Mr. Yoshio Matsumoto, Chairman, Japan Owners’ Association.

The welcome dinner commenced with



Chairman, 32nd ARC Organizing Committee, Dr. Kenji Tsuchikawa declares the ARC Tokyo officially open.

the cry of “Kampai!” and delegates from each country were seated around large round tables. While enjoying their meals and the “Taiko Drum” performance by Mr. Shuichi Hidano, who is famous for appearances at the FIFA World Cup in France and also the closing ceremony for the World Cup jointly hosted by Japan and Korea, the participants at each table became better acquainted with their colleagues from other countries sitting next to them. The dinner finished after 10 p.m.

Tuesday, November 11 to Thursday, November 13

Plenary Sessions on the topics such as “Business”, “Marketing & Customer Experience”, and “Racing” were held along with Selective Sessions on topics such as “Developing Racing in the ARF Region” during this three-day period. Experts in various sectors both in and outside racing

circles gave presentations at these meetings. Opportunities were also provided for panel discussions on the various topics. New ideas and information that should be very useful to the future development of global horse racing were exchanged. The 430-seat venue was standing room only the first day and with few empty seats noted at the second and third days’ sessions. The fact that the conference was able to obtain full attendance throughout its duration, was proof that the participants were putting their hearts into developing racing in their own countries. It also offered a sense that the people involved in the racing industry worldwide strongly aspired to contribute as well as obtain something of use from the ARC Tokyo. Please refer to Table 3 (page 6) for information about the topics at the three days’ sessions and those who served as speakers and panelists.

The grand Closing Ceremony and Farewell Dinner was held at the “Tokyo City View” on the 52nd floor of the Roppongi Hills Mori Tower Building, located in Minato Ward, Tokyo from 7:30 p.m. on Thursday the 13th. The night was opened with a short film showing conference highlights. Mr. Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, Chairman, ARF, offered closing remarks, while Dr. Kenji Tsuchikawa as a representative of the ARC host country, then officially closed the conference by thanking the delegates. Subsequently, a retirement ceremony was held for Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla, Vice Chairman, ARF, who resigned his post effective with the end of the conference. Upon completion of the ceremony, the ARF flag was passed on to Mr. Robert Pearson and Mr. Peter V’ Landys, representing Australia, who will host the next ARC in 2010. They added brief comments about their hopes for a



Mr. Hiroshi Okuda, Chairman, JRA Board of Governors offers opening remarks at welcome dinner



Scene of conference session

successful next conference upon accepting the flag.

The Farewell Dinner's stand up buffet commenced just after 8 p.m. and delegates could be seen enjoying Sushi, Soba (buckwheat noodles), and other Japanese and international cuisine with relish during the band shows, a magic show, pantomime and other stage performances. It



ARF Chairman, Mr. Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges delivers eloquent speech at closing ceremony

was a time to renew old acquaintances and to chat congenially with the new acquaintances made at this conference and generally getting to know each other better while looking out at the panorama of the gorgeous Tokyo nightscape. The participants continued their conversations without interruption until midnight.



Participants of Tokyo Sightseeing Tour at Hama Rikyu

3. Other Social Activities

Various social activities were held in parallel with the meetings during the conference to enhance the atmosphere of the ARC Tokyo. An overview of each follows:

A. Other Events

(1) Evening Race Meeting

An "Evening Race Meeting – Tokyo City Keiba" was held at Ohi Racecourse, located in Shinagawa Bay Area in Tokyo, from 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11 and about 370 participants enjoyed meals at Ohi Racecourse, while enthusiastically cheering on the horses and jockeys during the thrilling races at the beautifully illuminated track. The 10th race, run as the main event, was "'08 Metropolitan November Cup - The 32nd ARC Tokyo Commemorative Race." After the race, the connections of the winning horse received various trophies, including NAR Cup commemorating 32nd ARC, which added to the thrill of winning.

(2) Tokyo Disneyland Tour and Tokyo Bay Dinner Cruise

Two evening tours were offered on Wednesday the 12th, one to Tokyo Disneyland and the other a dinner cruise on Tokyo Bay. Tokyo Disneyland is a theme park that has enjoyed tremendous popularity since it opened, both among Japanese and other nationalities. As they toured a leisure venture unrelated to horse racing, the participants appeared to sincerely enjoy the fantastic, dreamlike atmosphere. The "Tokyo Bay Dinner Cruise" toured the bay for around two and a half hours



At closing ceremony, ARF flag is passed on to representatives from Australia, where next conference will be held

and more than 300 people participated in this tour, engaging in lively conversation while viewing the lovely evening scenery of Tokyo at night.

(3) JRA Miho Training Center Tour

Friday the 14th featured a tour of the JRA Miho Training Center, a state-of-the-art training facility located in Ibaraki Prefecture. The participants were given a general tour of the training center and shown training facilities in detail by JRA officials.

B. Optional Tour

There was an "Overnight Trip to Hokkaido Breeding Establishments" from Friday the 14th to Saturday the 15th. Tour participants were split into two groups according to preferred course and toured Northern Farm, a world-famous breeding farm, JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station, where a number of renowned stallions stand and the JRA Hidaka Yearling Training Farm, which features vast and diverse training facilities.



Snapshot of awards ceremony following '08 Metropolitan November Cup - The 32nd ARC Tokyo Commemorative Race run at Ohi Racecourse

Table 2 List of Exhibitors

Booth No.	Exhibitor
1	Mitsubishi Electric Corporation
2	International Animal Health
3	Merial Japan Limited
4	StrathAyr Turf Systems / Tasmania
5	Japan Horse Transport
6	Phiten
7	Fornells
8	The Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association
9	Tohata Architects & Engineers, Inc.
10	Hitachi, Ltd.
11	Pro Ride Racing
12	Kato Stable
13	The Sirecam Group Pty Ltd / G1 Goldmine
14	Tapeta Footings Inc.
15	Duralock Performance Fencing
16	Darley
17	Darley Flying Start
18	Taiwa Co., Ltd.
19	Fiber Fresh Feeds Ltd. New Zealand / Mitavite
20	MHS Planners, Architects & Engineers Ltd.
21	Steriline Racing
22	Horse Weigh
23	Racing and Breeding in Melbourne, Victoria
24	Plusmic Corporation
25	Japan Starting System Co., Ltd.
26	JRA Facilities Co., Ltd.
27	Stableforce LLC, Dubai
28	Fujitsu Limited
29	Fujitsu Limited
30	Queensland Government / Magic Millions
31	Polytrack
32	Connolly's Red Mills

C. Accompanying Person's Programs

"Tokyo Sightseeing Tour" was offered during the daytime on Tuesday, November the 11th and participants were able to obtain a sense of the long traditions of Japanese culture by touring Asakusa, which still conveys the atmosphere of Edo (Old Tokyo) today, the Edo Tokyo Museum, a museum established to encourage visitors to ponder Tokyo's future by reviewing its history and culture, and Hama Rikyu, one of the Tokyo's best landscape gardens.

Mt. Fuji is the Japan's highest mountain and also a symbol of the Japanese spirit. "Mt. Fuji Tour" was organized on Thursday the 13th and even though the departure time was quite early in the morning, just over 100 people participated, enjoying the elegance of Mt. Fuji, lightly dusted with snow under a brilliant blue sky.

4. Exhibitions

Companies and organizations with connections to horse racing from various countries staged exhibits to promote their products and technologies at the Foyer of "Fuyo", the conference's main venue, the Hotel New Otani, from Monday, Novem-



Exhibits at Hotel New Otani were also a great success

ber the 10th to Thursday the 13th. Thirty-two booths from countries around the world were organized at this exhibition. The broad range of products handled by exhibitors included horseshoes and tack, surfaces, starting stalls and horse boxes, horse feed, medical equipments, betting terminals, placing cameras and finish line timers. The booths all had many visitors during the exhibition period. Please see Table 2 for details about the exhibitor companies and organizations.

5. Remarks from JAIR

We were extremely pleased and honored to be able to once more in Tokyo, host the ARC, which has grown substantially in scale and contents being discussed during the conference. Industry leaders from various racing nations provided invaluable presentations and offered suggestions that should be noted with regard to the future growth of racing globally. We are convinced that these were of great benefit to all participants, countries and regions. This conference was a perfect opportunity to exchange new ideas and information and we could not be more pleased than if it served as a forum for accumulating information that will contribute to everyone's future racing operations. It would also give us no greater pleasure than if the various events during the conference period led to the development of even more cordial and cooperative relations among participating countries and if the delegates were able to consolidate their future developments in the same directions and were able to do so with the newly acquired contacts.

Moreover, as the host on this occasion, Japan made the utmost effort to marshal its capabilities to create the best forum available. We would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all speakers and panelists who also put on supreme performances and presentations from their individual perspectives.

We certainly cannot take a rosy view of the economic and other environments as it surrounds horse racing industry today. There are many concerns that the diversification of these sports and leisure industries will have a major negative impact upon the global horse racing industry as a whole. Information technology is also increasingly being adopted worldwide and the global horse racing industry must complete the adoption of IT into additional growth as those other industries have.

It has now become such an era and we are keenly sensing the need for racing jurisdictions and authorities to unite in combining our wisdom and future visions to develop and steer the racing industry in the right direction. We heard numerous ideas and suggestions that could contribute in achieving such goals at this conference and fully anticipate that the next ARC in Sydney will take these even further through similar lively discussions and presentations.

Finally, we would once again like to express our deep appreciation to the delegates from countries around the world to participate in the 32nd ARC Tokyo, as well as those who were unable to come to Japan, but yet offered wholehearted, considered advice and cooperation in connection with this conference's organization and operation.

Table 3 Subjects and Speakers in the Sessions

11th Tue	Plenary Session I Business		
	Introduction by Master of Ceremonies	David Eades	Mainstream Presenter, BBC World TV
	New Strategies for New Global Challenges	Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges	Chairman, Asian Racing Federation
	Global Warming Issues	Hiroshi Okuda	Chairman, Board of Governors, Japan Racing Association, Senior Advisor, Member of the Board, Toyota Motor Corporation
	A Gaze into a Crystal Ball	Robyn Williams	Mad Cap Science Presenter and Author
	The Global Axis of Economic Power is Moving Eastwards	Andrew Main	Business Editor, The Australian
	Plenary Session II Marketing & Customer Experience		
	Chairman's Introduction	Robert Charles Pearson	Chairman, Australian Racing Board
	Building Racing's Brand	David Aaker	Executive Advisor, Dentsu Inc.
	The Sponsor's Dollar	Carl Pascarella	Executive Advisor, TPG Capital
	Any Sports Lessons for Racing	Nic Coward	Chief Executive, British Horseracing Authority
	Selecting the Best TV Commercial for Racing	David Eades	Mainstream Presenter, BBC World TV
		Yu Pang Fey	President & Chief Executive, Singapore Turf Club
		Howard Wright	Associate Editor, The Racing Post, UK
		Masayuki Goto	Director, Japan Racing Association
		David Aaker	Executive Advisor, Dentsu Inc.
	Selective Session I Developing Racing in ARF Region		
	Opening Remarks	David Eades	Mainstream Presenter, BBC World TV
	Modern Development of Racing	Yasin K Ekinci	President, Turkish Jockey Club
Horse Racing in Vietnam - Past, Present and Future	Hsu King Hoe	Deputy Director, Saigon Racing Club	
Horseracing in Qatar, Past-Present-Future	Michael Fenton	Chief Executive Officer, Racing and Equestrian Club, Qatar	
Recent Training Program Development	John Graham	Manager, Racing Development Board, Hong Kong Jockey Club	
Horseracing in Russia	Frank Joyeux	Jockey Club of Russia	
Asian Racing Federation Study Program	Naoki Koike	President and CEO, Japan Association for International Horse Racing	
The Korean Experience	Park Yang-tae	General Manager, Korea Racing Authority	
Selective Session II Equine Veterinary Science			
Opening Remarks	Eliot Forbes	Veterinary Steward, Emirates Racing Authority	
What Can We Do to Identify Racehorses at Risk of Catastrophic Musculoskeletal Racing Injuries?	Brian Stewart	Head of Veterinary Regulation & International Liaison, Hong Kong Jockey Club	
New Gene Technologies: Current Development the Potential Threat of Gene Doping to the Australian Racing Industry	Natasha Ellis	BScAgr (Hons), PhD, Postdoctoral Researcher, Reprogen, University of Sydney	
The Australian Equine Influenza Outbreak 2007/08	Bruce M. Christie	Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) and Director of Animal and Plant Biosecurity with the Department of Primary Industries	
Equine Influenza in Japan, 2007	Tomio Matsumura	Epizootic Research Center, Equine Research Institute, Japan Racing Association, Tochigi, Japan	
Equine Influenza Infection Control	Jaehyuk Yang	Junior Manager, Korea Racing Authority	
-Advance Horse Quarantine-Myoglobin	Dan Shaw	Veterinary Surgeon, Singapore Turf Club	
12th Wed	Plenary Session III Racing		
	Opening Remarks	Isamu Takizawa	Vice Chairman, Asian Racing Federation
	The ARF International Circuit	William A. Nader	Executive Director, Racing, The Hong Kong Jockey Club
	Quality Versus Quantity	Brian Kavanagh	Chief Executive, Horse Racing Ireland (HRI)
	Handicapping, Ratings and International Rankings	Nigel Gray	Head of Handicapping and Race Planning, The Hong Kong Jockey Club
	Global Free Handicap - Worldwide Standardized Rating, Rankings and Language	Dominic Beirne	Director, Intelligent Wagering Solutions
	Panelist	Bart Sinclair	Turf Editor, The Courier Mail
	Olympic Movement and Marketing Strategy	Tsunekazu Takeda	President, Japanese Olympic Committee
	Drug Free Racing	James Murdoch QC	Barrister-at-Law
	Guidelines for the Medication of International Racehorses	Brian Stewart	Head of Veterinary Regulation & International Liaison, Hong Kong Jockey Club
	Panelist	Ed Houghton	Chair, Advisory Council on Prohibited Substances of the IFHA
		Michael Roberts	Horse Trainer
		Bart Sinclair	Turf Editor, The Courier Mail
	Plenary Session IV Informing the Customer		
	Opening Remarks	David Eades	Mainstream Presenter, BBC World TV
	Newspaper From Guides Use of the Internet to Inform Punters	Howard Wright	Associate Editor, The Racing Post, UK
	Panelist	David Price	Racing Analyst
		Alan Aitken	South China Morning Post
		Rohan Mitchell	Chief Executive Officer, Tasmanian Thoroughbred Racing Council
Philosophies and New Horizons in Racing Television	Masanari Funaki	Associate Executive Director, Sports Department, Fuji Television Network, Inc. Japan	
Panelist	Brendan Parnell	Chief Operating Officer, Media Division - Tabcorp B.A.Journalism - USQ; Grad. Cert. Business - UNE	
	Matthew Imi	Chief Executive, Attheraces	
Communication Strategy & Customer Behaviour	Koichi Yamamoto	Senior Research Director, Communication Lab, Dentsu Institute, Dentsu Inc.	
13th Thu	Plenary Session V Wagering		
	Chairman's Introduction	Guy Sargent	Chairman NZTR
	Developing New Wagering Choices	Edward Tse	Booz & Co. Partner
	Wagering Product Pricing & Elasticity	Bobby Chang	Head of Betting Services and Systems, Hong Kong Jockey Club
		Alan Jackson	Chairman - The Boston Consulting Group ANZ
	Commingleing	Brendan Parnell	Chief Operating Officer, Media Division - Tabcorp B.A.Journalism - USQ; Grad. Cert. Business - UNE
	Panelist	Bill Colgan	General Manager Racing & Wagering, New Zealand Racing Board
		John Athol Stuart	Director of International Marketing and Operation, Phumelela Gaming and Leisure Ltd.
		Patrick Smith	Senior Sports Commentator, The Australian
	The Evolution of the Mobile Internet "i-mode"	Isao Ohashi	Managing Director, i-mode Global Business, NTT DOCOMO, Inc.
	The Funding of the Racing Industry and Will Low Margins Sustain the Industry?	Peter Vlandys	Chief Executive, Racing NSW
	Reaching Out for the Next Generation	Naohiko Oikawa	President and CEO, Dentsu Netyear ABeam
	Plenary Session VI Breeding, Sales & Racing		
	Chairman's Introduction	Cyrus Poonawalla	Vice Chairman, Asian Racing Federation
	Facilitator	Michael John Bryan Goss	CEO, Summerhill Stud (South Africa)
	Kurtssystem	Ross Williamson BVSc MRCVS	Honors Veterinary Graduate, Sydney University
	The Racing and Breeding Adventures of a Young Industriast:	William A. Nader	Executive Director, Racing, The Hong Kong Jockey Club
	A Hypothetical Discussion	Carl E. Hamilton	Chairman & CEO, The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc.
	Panelist	Louis Romanet	Chairman, International Federation of Horseracing Authorities
	Peter McGauran	Chief Executive Officer, Thoroughbred Breeders Australia Ltd.	
	Howard Wright	Associate Editor, The Racing Post, UK	
	David Chester	Managing Director, Magic Millions Sales Pty Ltd.	
	Michael O'Hagan	Chief Executive Officer, Irish Thoroughbred Marketing	
	Teruyuki Imahara	Deputy Chairman, The Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association	
	Mark Webster	Managing Director, William Inglis & Son Ltd.	
	Bart Sinclair	Turf Editor, The Courier Mail	
	Andrew Clarke	Consultant, StrathAyr Turf Systems	
	Andrew Seabrook	General Manager, New Zealand Bloodstock Ltd.	
Selective Session III Tracks and Rails			
Chairman's Introduction	Denis Egan	Chief Executive, The Irish Turf Club	
Moderator	Bart Sinclair	Turf Editor, The Courier Mail	
The Next Generation in Synthetic Tracks	Ian Pearse	Managing Director, Pro-ride Racing Australia Pty Ltd.	
Trial of Synthetic Track Surfaces and Installation of Synthetic Track in Singapore	R Jayaraju	Senior Manager (Tracks), Singapore Turf Club	
New Poly Track Installation	Toshiyuki Takahashi	Sports Science Division, Equine Research Institute, Japan Racing Association	
Turf & Track Fatality Prevention	Andrew Clarke	Consultant, StrathAyr Turf Systems	
Plastic Running Rails			
Challenges and Solutions in the Quest for Safety	Jeremy Seel	Managing Director, Duralock (UK) Ltd.	
Safety Rail	John Fargher	Sterilne Racing (Australia)	
Panelist	Michael Dickinson	President, Tapeta Footing Inc.	
	Marc Windridge	Managing Director, Fornells Racetrails	
	Bob Bentley	Chairman, Queensland Racing	

Screen Hero causes a boilover in the Japan Cup!

by Michael Tabart

In the 28th running of the Grade 1 Japan Cup at Tokyo racecourse today, the 4yo colt Screen Hero, who was having his first start at Grade 1 level, proved too strong for a very good field when we crossed the line 1/2 length in front.

The race was not run as quickly as in some previous years, with one of the outsiders Never Bouchon heading straight to the front. The veteran galloper Cosmo Bulk, having his 5th start in the Japan Cup, also came across from his outside barrier, and these two horses led the field at an average pace which would generally be considered slow in Japan.

Equal favorite Vodka started brilliantly, and jockey Yasunari Iwata settled her on the fence

just behind the leaders. The other equal favorite Deep Sky was taken back to the rear of the field, and sat outside the three foreign challengers, Purple Moon, Papal Bull and Sixties Icon who raced close to each other on the inside at the back of the field.

Mirco Demuro who had taken the ride on Screen Hero, punched his horse out of the gates, and was able to settle 6th one off the fence from his 16 barrier, in a great piece of riding that eventually allowed his horse to win the race. Meisho Samson, who along with the two equal favorites Vodka and Deep Sky, was one of 3 past winners of the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) in the race, settled midfield on the fence.

The pace of the race picked up as the field headed into the long curving turn heading into the straight, and Maturida Gogh (5th favorite in the race) took off around the field to go up outside Never Bouchon at the top of the straight. Vodka never looked like a winning chance on the inside, but she was steadily making ground. Through the middle of the field, Screen Hero came with his very strong run, and Deep Sky began to charge down the outside.



In the final stages of the race, Screen Hero hit the lead under strong riding by Demuro with Deep Sky trying to bridge the gap. But Screen Hero battled on too well, and won the race by 1/2 length from Deep Sky in his first ever attempt at Grade 1 level. Vodka fought on bravely down the straight, and just grabbed Maturida Gogh on the line to finish in 3rd place. Up and coming Oken Bruce Lee finished very well along the inside to be 5th, Meisho Samson battled along on the fence for 6th, and early leader Never Bouchon fought on for 7th.

The best finishing foreign participant was Purple Moon in 9th, Sixties Icon was 13th and Papal Bull was 14th.

Screen Hero is a 4yo colt by Grass Wonder out of a Sunday Silence mare Running Heroine, and is trained by Yuichi Shikato. He was bred by Shadai Farm, and Teruya Yoshida (who owns Shadai Farm) retains ownership.



Kosei Miura Breaks the 21-Year-Old JRA Record for Wins by Rookie Jockey

Kosei Miura Debuted at JRA Nakayama Racecourse on March 1, 2008, and picked up an immediate win in the 10th race on that same day. He recorded 20 victories by May 24, which was the shortest time ever achieved by a JRA rookie. He showed no signs of slowing down by earning the fastest 30 wins ever on July the 5th, just a bit over a month later. He notched his 31st win the following day. Miura also acquired eligibility to ride in JRA's highest graded races faster than any JRA rookie jockey ever. Miura's effortless advance continued with a marvelous victory in the August at the Hakodate Nisai Stakes, a domestic graded race, held at the JRA Hakodate Racecourse. Winning a graded race is no easy task even for a veteran jockey who has acquired the experience, but Miura achieved it in just over five months from his debut. Miura's steady string of victories continued thereafter and in an extremely rare demonstration of appreciation of a rookie jockey's talents, he was able to ride in

a G1 event, the Sprinters Stakes, on October the 5th. About a week later, during his ride in the second race at Tokyo Racecourse, he brought his total number of rides for the year to 555, breaking the JRA record for most rides by a rookie jockey held by Japan's legendary Yutaka Take. Moreover, wins in the seventh, eighth, ninth, and eleventh races that day brought his total victories for the year to 69, drawing him even with the record Take held for the most wins by a rookie. Although then suffering a few birth pains, he came back to win the first race at the JRA Fukushima Racecourse on October the 25th, for 70 on the year and breaking Take's 21 year old mark.

The racing fans and the connections around the racing circle were all stunned at this new record. Given the time at which Take had established this record, the general feeling was that it would take ages for the record to be broken, if ever. Setting such a record is of course as rare as it is difficult. However, in today's



Jockey K. Miura was celebrated after his first victory

JRA racing, where foreign jockeys with excellent riding skills are frequent entries in races and veteran jockeys from and affiliated with NAR often compete, the competition environment is a bit more stringent on the jockeys of today, than it was on those riding some ten or more, years ago. This of course is not to demean Take's accomplishment in setting the record of records for rookies at that time, but it is to show the contrast between that era, in

comparison with the records set by Miura. Also, it should call attention to Miura's abilities and talent at achieving the rookie record for most wins some two months before the season ended certainly merits praise.

Summing up remarks by people involved with Miura's education and training, a number of factors can be detected that enabled him to pull off this sort of feat. For example, according to trainer Mr. Kono, Miura's mentor, the biggest factor in the jockey's winning streak was that "he has extremely high academic capabilities and a good head on his shoulders, so that he doesn't repeat the same mistake twice." Also, to borrow the exact words of a technical instructor who taught Miura at the JRA Horseracing School, "From the time he was a student Miura was very responsive and innately understood what we wanted to get across without having to put it into words. He's also extremely quick to study any topic." On top of that, it would not do to forget Miura's own personal unique efforts

and diligence. He had decided that he would become a jockey by the time he had started elementary school and immersed himself in various sports such as artistic gymnastics, kendo, and swimming to help forge the sense of balance and basic physical strength a jockey needs. He also took care in his eating habits from the time he was very small so that he did not put on any excess weight. I think it could be said that the source of Miura's beyond-rookie-like talents was in essence the "fascination with becoming a jockey," which he has embraced from childhood. It can surely be said that the combination of effort and scholastic training needed to achieve his goal has given early flower to his natural abilities.

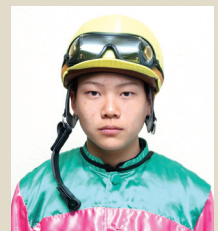
Sustaining a good record over many successive years is not easy in the world of professional sports. One would think that Take has probably been able to maintain his position as top jockey for over 20 years precisely because he also has exerted hidden effort and training

measures, regularly and over the long term. If such is the case, what might Miura's next steps be in his efforts to maintain and improve his riding from here on?

Hearsay has it that one of what he is attempting to learn from the study of the formal Japanese tea ceremony. This might be an indication of his desire to always face contests with calm composure. When it comes to Miura, his record may be all well and good, but his human facets are also very much one of a kind and it appears he will keep us watching his progress and results well into the future.

Kosei Miura Profile

Date of Birth: December 19, 1989
 Height: 162cm
 Weight: 46kg
 2008 record: 84 wins out of 692 rides (as of November 25, JRA only)



Japanese Principal Race Results

13th The Shuka Sho

Kyoto Racecourse, October 19, 2008
 Value of race: ¥174,360,000
 3-year-olds, F&M
 2,000m, Turf Firm, Fine
 1:58.4 (Course record 1:57:5)
 18 runners
 Pari-mutuel handle: ¥21,675,957,900
 On-course 4.3%
 Off-course 95.7%
 Shuka Sho only: ¥14,412,985,100
 Attendance: 46,660
 1st: Black Emblem (Yasunari Iwata, 55.0 kg) db.f.3,
 War Emblem - Vin de Noir by Hector Protector,
 O-Kunio Tahara T-Shigeyuki Kojima B-Northern Racing,
 Winning money: ¥92,822,000
 2nd: Mood Indigo (Yuichi Fukunaga, 55.0 kg) ch.f.3,
 Dance in the Dark - Leap for Joy by Sharpo
 3rd: Provinage (Tetsuzo Sato, 55.0 kg) b.f.3,
 French Deputy - Born Star by Sunday Silence

138th The Tenno Sho (Autumn) (GI)

Tokyo Racecourse, November 2, 2008
 Value of race: ¥256,480,000
 3-year-olds & Up, International,
 2,000m, Turf Firm, Fine
 1:57.2 (Course record)
 17 runners
 Pari-mutuel handle: ¥32,299,880,200
 On-course 6.4%
 Off-course 93.6%
 Tenno Sho only: ¥23,756,032,600
 Attendance: 121,961
 1st: Vodka (Yutaka Take, 56.0 kg) b.f.4,
 Tanino Gimlet - Tanino Sister by Rousillon,
 O-Y.Tanimizu T - Katsuhiko Sumii B- Country Bokujo,
 Winning money: ¥135,696,000
 2nd: Daiwa Scarlet (Katsumi Ando, 56.0 kg) ch.f.4,
 Agnes Tachyon - Scarlet Bouquet by Northern Taste
 3rd: Deep Sky (Hirofumi Shii, 56.0 kg) ch.c.3,
 Agnes Tachyon - Abi by Chief's Crown

Japan Autumn International 25th The Mile Championship (GI)

Kyoto Racecourse, November 23, 2008
 Value of race: ¥195,640,000
 3-year-olds & Up, International,
 1,600m, Turf Firm, Fine
 1:32.6 (Course record 1:32:1)
 18 runners
 Pari-mutuel handle: ¥23,998,079,400
 On-course 4.2%
 Off-course 95.8%
 Mile Championship only: ¥16,669,502,900
 Attendance: 47,862
 1st: Blumenblatt (Yutaka Yoshida, 55.0 kg) db.m.5,
 Admire Vega - My Wild Flower by Topsider,
 O-U. Carrot Farm T- Sei Ishizaka B- Northern Farm,
 Winning money: ¥103,948,000
 2nd: Super Hornet (Yusuke Fujioka, 57.0 kg) b.h.5,
 Rodrigo de Triano - You Sun Polish by El Senor
 3rd: Fine Grain (Hideaki Miyuki, 57.0 kg) db.h.5,
 Fuji Kiseki - Mill Grain by Polish Precedent

69th The Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger)

Kyoto Racecourse, October 26, 2008
 Value of race: ¥273,560,000
 C&F 3-year-olds,
 3,000m, Turf Firm, Cloudy
 3:05.7 (Course record 3:02:7)
 18 runners
 Pari-mutuel handle: ¥26,021,623,300
 On-course 4.4%
 Off-course 95.6%
 Kikuka Sho only: ¥19,072,311,900
 Attendance: 55,832
 1st: Oken Bruce Lee (Hirofumi Shii, 57.0 kg) ch.c.3,
 Jungle Pocket - Silver Joy by Silver Deputy,
 O-Akira Fukui T-Hidetaka Otonashi B-Northern Farm,
 Winning money: ¥154,252,000
 2nd: Flotation (Yusuke Fujioka, 57.0 kg) ch.c.3,
 Special Week - Daiichi Flone by Real Shadai
 3rd: Namura Crescent (Ryuji Wada, 57.0 kg) b.c.3,
 Yamanin Seraphim - Sakura Kormina by Sakura Shori

Japan Autumn International 33rd The Queen Elizabeth 2 Commemorative Cup (GI)

Kyoto Racecourse, November 16, 2008
 Value of race: ¥177,580,000
 3-year-olds & Up, F&M, International,
 2,200m, Turf Firm, Fine
 2:12.1 (Course record 2:10:2)
 18 runners
 Pari-mutuel handle: ¥23,691,429,400
 On-course 4.1%
 Off-course 95.9%
 The Queen Elizabeth 2 Commemorative Cup only: ¥16,891,153,100
 Attendance: 54,922
 1st: Little Amapola (Christophe Lemaire, 54.0 kg) db.f.3,
 Agnes Tachyon - Little Harmony by Commander in Chief,
 O-Shadai Race H. T- Hirofumi Nagahama B- Shadai Corporation Inc.,
 Winning money: ¥93,906,000
 2nd: Kawakami Princess (Norihiro Yokoyama, 56.0 kg) b.m.5,
 King Halo - Takano Secretary by Seattle Slew
 3rd: Bella Rheia (Shinichiro Akiyama, 56.0 kg) b.f.4,
 Narita Top Road - Malli Star by Baldski

Japan Autumn International 28th The Japan Cup (GI)

Tokyo Racecourse, November 30, 2008
 Value of race: ¥481,520,000
 3-year-olds & Up, International,
 2,400m, Turf Firm, Fine
 2:25.5 (Course record 2:22:1)
 17 runners
 Pari-mutuel handle: ¥31,305,805,400
 On-course 6.0%
 Off-course 94.0%
 Japan Cup only: ¥22,176,803,600
 Attendance: 107,904
 1st: Screen Hero (Mirco Demuro, 57.0 kg) ch.c.4,
 Grass Wonder - Running Heroine by Sunday Silence,
 O-Teruya Yoshida T- Yuichi Shikato B- Shadai Farm,
 Winning money: ¥253,864,000
 2nd: Deep Sky (Hirofumi Shii, 55.0 kg) ch.c.3,
 Agnes Tachyon - Abi by Chief's Crown
 3rd: Vodka (Yasunari Iwata, 55.0 kg) b.f.4,
 Tanino Gimlet - Tanino Sister by Rousillon



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