

Preface

International racing exchanges involving Japan have become increasingly lively in recent years, with Japanese horses taking part in overseas races and foreign horses competing in Japan. As if to underline this, two Japanese-trained horses (Victoire Pisa and Transcend) pulled off an incredible one-two win in the Dubai World Cup, one of the pinnacles of international racing, at the end of March this year.

Human exchanges in the world of racing are also becoming more frequent. Dr. Koji Sato, Presidential Counselor for Foreign Affairs of the Japan Racing Association (JRA), currently serves as Chairman of the Asian Racing Federation (ARF), and is exercising leadership in Asian racing circles with the aim of further advancing the globalization of racing.

First published in 1995, Horse Racing in Japan is an introduction to Thoroughbred racing in Japan. We hope you will find it useful. For latest news and more detailed information, please visit our website Horse Racing in Japan (<http://japanracing.jp/>) (in English, French, Korean and Chinese).

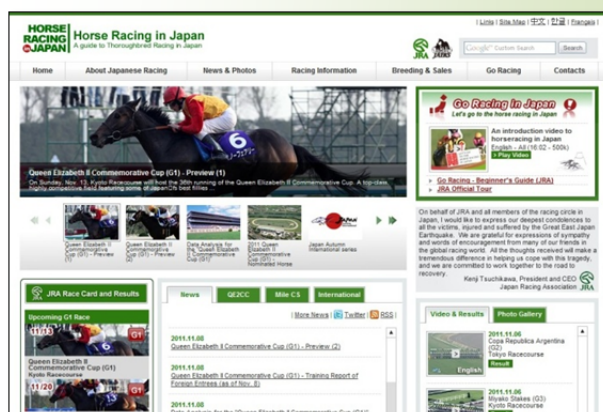
On December 1st, 2010, two Japanese racing organizations - the “Japan Association for International Horse Racing (JAIR)” , which promotes the globalization of Japanese racing and mutual understanding with race organizations in other countries through international exchanges of information and technology related to racing and racing-related industries, and the “Japan Race Horse Registry (JRHR)”, a central body for the registration of Japanese racehorses, including links and coordination with overseas organizations - were consolidated into a single body, called the Japan Association for International Racing and Stud Book (JAIRS). JAIRS now handles activities as a channel for a broad range of fields connected with racing industries all over the world. We believe we can achieve even greater things.



*Victoire Pisa wins the 2011 Dubai World Cup (GI)
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