

Ajinomoto Announces a Global Partnership Agreement with Para Swimming Medalist Takayuki Suzuki

TOKYO, May 22, 2024 – Ajinomoto Co., Inc. (Ajinomoto) announced today a global partnership agreement with esteemed Japan Para Swimming National Team athlete, Takayuki Suzuki. A seasoned competitor, Suzuki has graced five consecutive Paralympic Games, securing 10 medals, including two golds.

In this partnership, Ajinomoto commits to offering nutritional support to Suzuki in his daily training, competitions, and his quest to compete on the international stage, while honoring his unique needs and individuality. The contract will be effective from April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. The specifics of the contract amount will remain confidential.

Under the terms of this agreement, Ajinomoto will extend nutritional support to Suzuki, which includes the provision of the Ajinomoto Group's wide range of products. These include food items (seasonings, sweeteners, soups, etc.), amino acid-containing dietary supplements under the "aminoVital®" brand (powders, tablets, jelly drinks), frozen foods, and coffee beans. Through these offerings, Ajinomoto aims to fuel Suzuki's performance as he continues to make strides in his athletic career.



Takayuki Suzuki

After graduating from the Faculty of Education, Waseda University, Takayuki Suzuki joined GOLDWIN Inc. in 2009. As a para-swimmer, he has been participating in five consecutive Paralympics since Athens 2004 Paralympic Games. He captained the swimming team at three Paralympic Games in Beijing, London and Tokyo, and won one gold medal, one silver medal, and three bronze medals before the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. As a Paralympian, he served as an ambassador for the Tokyo 2020 Games and was instrumental in the bidding activities. At the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics Games, he won medals in all five events in which he participated. In recognition of his achievements, he received the Medal with Purple Ribbon in the third year of Reiwa. He ran for and was elected to a member of the IPC Athlete Council. Until the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, he will be responsible for the development of para-sports as a representative of athletes.



Suzuki with the gold medal won at the Hangzhou 2022 Asian Para Games

Since 2003, Ajinomoto has leveraged its expertise in food and amino acids to support the physical conditioning of Japanese national team athletes and candidates, through Victory Project®, a project specifically created to enhance athletes' nutritional goals. In 2015, Ajinomoto signed an official partnership agreement with the Japanese Para-Sports Association (JPSA) and the Japan Olympic Committee (JOC) in order to work on providing full-scale support for para-sports and their nutritional needs.

Most recently, Ajinomoto has continued to provide nutritional support to para-athletes, signing an official partnership agreement for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and in 2022, becoming the official sponsor of the Japan Paralympic Committee (JPC), an internal organization of the JPSA. Ajinomoto is committed to continue to provide nutritional support to para-athletes and the strengthening of TEAM JAPAN in Paris 2024.

Ajinomoto has been supporting various athletes' sports nutrition to realize the Ajinomoto Group's purpose of contributing to the well-being of people, society, and the earth through "AminoScience."

The Ajinomoto Group will contribute to the well-being of all human beings, our society and our planet with "AminoScience" based on the corporate slogan "Eat Well, Live Well." The Ajinomoto Group has offices in 34 countries and regions, and sells products in more than 130 countries and regions. In fiscal 2023, sales were 1.4392 trillion yen (9.9 billion U.S. dollars). To learn more, visit www.ajinomoto.com.

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