

# **Ajinomoto Co., Inc. to Support Conditioning of TEAM JAPAN at the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026**

*Harnessing “AminoScience” to Empower Each Athlete’s Endeavors*

**TOKYO, January 13, 2026** – Ajinomoto Co., Inc. (“Ajinomoto Co.”), as a Gold Partner of TEAM JAPAN (category: Cooking Condiments, Dehydrated Soup, Nutritional Supplements, Prepared Frozen Foods, Coffee Beans), announced its comprehensive support plan for the conditioning of TEAM JAPAN competing at the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026, to be held from February through March 2026. Through the application of its “AminoScience” expertise, Ajinomoto Co. will provide products and specially developed menus to support the total conditioning of TEAM JAPAN, helping to empower each individual in pursuit of their goals.

Ajinomoto Co. will work in collaboration with the Japanese Olympic Committee (JOC) and the Japanese Paralympic Committee (JPC) of the Japan Para Sports Association to help TEAM JAPAN maintain their best possible condition throughout the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Games.

## **About the TEAM JAPAN Support Initiative “Victory Project®”:**

Ajinomoto Co.’s Victory Project® is a long-standing initiative launched in 2003 in partnership with the JOC to support top athletes to compete successfully in the global arena through sports nutrition and conditioning using amino acids. Since 2016, this project has also been extended in partnership with the JPC to support Paralympic athletes.

For the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Games, Ajinomoto Co. will provide meals such as Japanese light meals prepared using its products. In addition, on November 21, 2025, it began providing six types of amino acid supplements, including aminoVITAL®, developed based on the latest sports nutrition science research (total of 100,000 units planned).

## **About Support at the “JOC G-Road Station”**

During the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026, Ajinomoto Co. will fully support “JOC G-Road Station,” the JOC’s nutritional support base, established for the sixth consecutive Olympic Games since Rio 2016.

The “JOC G-Road Station” is a conveniently located facility near an Olympic Village that supplements the meals provided there, serving as a place where athletes can continue regularly to consume the nutrients

necessary for both their physical and mental well-being. It will offer familiar Japanese light meals to support athletes' maintenance of good condition on site and meet their nutritional needs such as energy replenishment.

For the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026, Ajinomoto Co. developed a Milano special menu item, “Power Gyoza DON (bowl)”, in collaboration with Japanese chef Yoji Tokuyoshi (owner and chef of BENTOTECA in Milan, the first Japanese chef to earn two Michelin stars in Italy). To address the problem of athletes losing their appetite and experiencing a decline in condition when facing unfamiliar overseas climates and the pressure of a major international stage, Ajinomoto Co. will support them by providing menus that enable the necessary energy and nutrients to be consumed deliciously through the effective use of umami. This dish makes generous use of seasonal Italian vegetables, providing approximately one-third of the daily recommended vegetable intake, and features umami-rich sauce combined with the crisp texture of gyoza. From a nutritional perspective, these efforts support both the physical and mental well-being of TEAM JAPAN and assist athletes as they pursue their goals. In addition, to allow daily variation in flavor, six varieties of “NabeCube® (broth cubes for traditional Japanese hotpot)” will be available, enabling athletes to change the taste of the original menu items “Energy Pork Soup” and “Conditioning Soup” on a rotating basis.

#### Power Gyoza DON to be served at the “JOC G-Road Station” during the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026



Power Gyoza DON



Supervised by Chef Yoji Tokuyoshi

#### Scenes from the “JOC G-Road Station” during the Olympic Games Paris 2024



#### **About “Itsudemo, Fuu. (Comfort, any time.) Plaza”**

During the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games, Ajinomoto Co. plans to establish a support base “Itsudemo, Fuu. Plaza” in collaboration with the JPC, following the positive reception of “Café Du Dashi” at the Paris 2024 Games.

As freezing conditions and snow accumulation are expected to make travel more difficult than usual for Paralympic athletes, the support base will be located in a conveniently accessible area near a Paralympic

Village. At this location, 300 servings of the frozen meal “Aete<sup>®</sup>,” which balances taste and nutrition, are scheduled to be provided. In addition, Ajinomoto Frozen Foods Co., Inc.’s “Obento PON<sup>®</sup>! (frozen side dish for bento box)” series will be offered on a rotating daily basis in order to ensure that athletes can enjoy variety in their daily meals.

Furthermore, with the cooperation of Ajinomoto AGF, Inc., coffee that tastes good even when brewed with locally available hard water will be selected and provided daily, together with hot dashi prepared using Ajinomoto’s “SIIDA<sup>®</sup>.” The space will serve as a place where athletes can drop in casually at any time to relax and recharge with renewed energy.

#### “Itsudemo, Fuu. Plaza” at the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games



Booth design



Frozen meal “Aete<sup>®</sup>”



#### Scenes from “Café du Dashi” during the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games



Through this initiative leveraging “AminoScience,” Ajinomoto Co. will continue to fully support the realization of TEAM JAPAN’s aspirations, while also encouraging everyone to reach for higher goals in their own way, thereby contributing to the enhancement of well-being for each and every individual.

#### Reference

Press release dated May 27, 2024

[Ajinomoto Announces Comprehensive Nutritional Support for TEAM JAPAN at Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024](#)

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