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News Release

Citigroup to Be Official Sponsor of YMCA International Charity Run for Three Years from 2005

160 employees to participate in Tokyo Run in Yoyogi Park on September 24

Citigroup has become the official sponsor of the International Charity Run, which is organized by the YMCA Foreign Community Supporting Committee (FCSC) and Tokyo YMCA. Even before now, CFJ K.K., a subsidiary of Citigroup, has supported the Tokyo YMCA International Charity Run. Now, for three years from 2005, Citigroup will provide support for the Charity Run overall in 13 cities throughout Japan.

The Charity Run is a relay road race (Ekiden race) with the purpose of deepening people's understanding of disability, by enabling people with and without disabilities to run together. It also supports programs to help children with disabilities, through the race participation fee. The Charity Run was first held in 1987, and this year's will be the 19th. To date, the event has succeeded in raising donations totaling 280 million yen. In fiscal 2005, the Charity Run will be held at 13 locations nationwide, and a total of 5,500 people are expected to take part. About 600 people are expected to participate in the Tokyo Charity Run on September 24 (Saturday). Every year, many runners appear in fancy dress.

"Citigroup supports the smiles of Charity Run!"

Under this catchphrase, Citigroup, as the official sponsor this year, will participate company-wide, especially at the Tokyo Run, to be held on September 24 (Sat) in Yoyogi Park. For this event, Stephen Bird, President & CEO of CFJ, has been serving as Program Leader, organizing publicity in CFJ's company magazine and in-house promotional events. Consequently, it is expected that in the Tokyo Charity Run, where about 600 participants are expected, 160 people from CFJ will take part - 144 runners in 24 teams, plus volunteer helpers.

Also, on the day of the event, T-shirts produced especially for the Charity Run will be on sale under a big red umbrella, Citigroup's logo. All proceeds will be donated to programs that help children with disabilities.

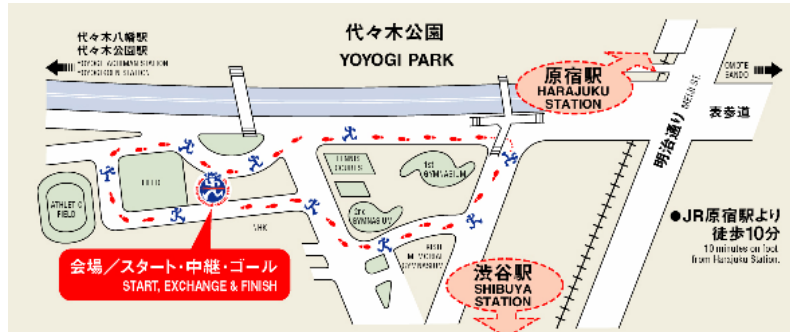
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【Details of Tokyo Run on September 24 (Sat), 2005】

Venue

Yoyogi Park (Outdoor stage is start and finish)



Schedule

10:30	Reception opens
11:30	Opening ceremony
12:00	Start of race Prize-giving and raffle
14:30	Closing ceremony

Rules and Prizes

- Teams of six people (at least one must be female) run in relays of 1.8 km per runner.
- Prizes will be awarded for various aspects, such as finishing time, uniqueness of fancy dress, total of team members' ages, etc.

【2005 Charity Run schedule for 13 cities nationwide】

Hokkaido	May 29 (Sun) Makomanai Park Jogging Course (10 th year)
Sendai	Sep 23 (holiday) Natori Sports Park (11 th year)
Saitama	Nov 3 (holiday) Koku Kinen Park (6 th year)
Chiba	Oct 15 (Sat) Funabashi Athletic Park (8 th year)
Tokyo	Sep 24 (Sat) Yoyogi Park, special course (19 th year)
Yokohama	Oct 22 (Sat) Minato Mirai 21 Rinko Park (8 th year)
Yamanashi	May 14 (Sat) Kose Sports Park Jogging Course (8 th year)
Nagoya	Nov 5 (Sat) Meijo Park (12 th year)
Mie	Dec 3 (Sat) Yokkaichi Central Green Park, special course (6 th year)
Kyoto	Mar Kamogawa Park, West Side (2 nd year)
Osaka	Nov 23 (Sun) To be decided (11 th year)
Kobe	Nov 3 (holiday Wed) Shiawase No Mura (8 th year)
Hiroshima	Nov 23 (holiday) Higashi-Hiroshima Undo Park (11 th year)