

A Japanese Perspective on Athlete Development Pathways

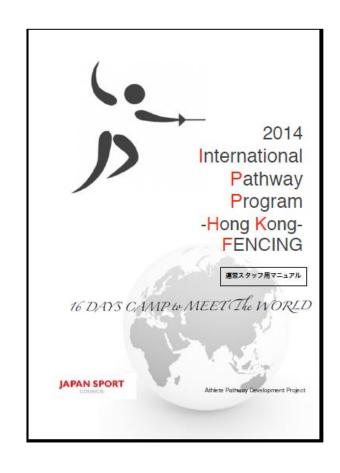
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Athlete Development Pathways

are a planned sequence of experiences to optimise the phases of athlete development from the foundations of movement to sport mastery

(Kinugasa et al, 2019).



Challenges at the System Level in Japan

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総説

日本におけるアスリート育成・強化システム構築に関する取組の変遷と課題 History and Challenges of Establishing the Athlete Development System in Japan

> 藤原昌1), 衣笠泰介1), 久木留毅1),2) Akira Fujiwara 1), Taisuke Kinugasa 1), Takeshi Kukidome 1),2)

The Ministry initiated a national project to develop an integrated coaching system in 2001

The programmes were developed in 32 sports in 2005

However, the Ministry found that half of the local coaches did not know about the programmes developed by the National Sports Federations in 2008

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実践研究

我が国のハンドボールにおける一貫指導システムの課題に関する研究: JFA と JVA の事例を参考に

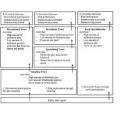
Shota Nagano^{1,2}, Masao Nakayama³, Yasumi Nakanishi³ and Hiroshi Aida³: Study of the integrated handball coaching system in Japan: with reference to the JFA and JVA. Japan J. Phys. Educ. Hlth. Sport Sci.

- 1) No revision
- 2) Not implemented nationally
- 3) Lack of visibility.

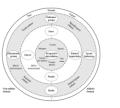


Which Pathway to Go?













Ericsson, 1993

Developmental Psychologist

Côté, 1999

Sports **Psychologist** **Balyi, 2004**

Sport Practitioner Henriksen, 2010

Sports Psychologist **Gulbin**, 2013

System leader

Violinists, Pianists, Chess, Sport

> **Deliberate Practice**

10 years or 10,000 hours

Rowing & Tennis Families (n=15)

Dev. Model of Sports Ppn. (DMSP)

Sampling Specializing Investment Athletes

Long Term Ath. Dev. (LTAD)

FUNdamentals Learn. To Train Train. To Train Train. to Comp. Train. to Win

Sailing, Aths., Canoe, Soccer, Trampoline

Ath. Talent Dev. Model (ATDE)

Micro/Macro Ath./Non. Ath. Env. & Sp. Specific ESF

Youth athletes

Llyod, 2012

S&C

Youth Physical Dev. (YPD)

Trainability of Mobility, Agility, Speed, Power, Strength, Endurance etc

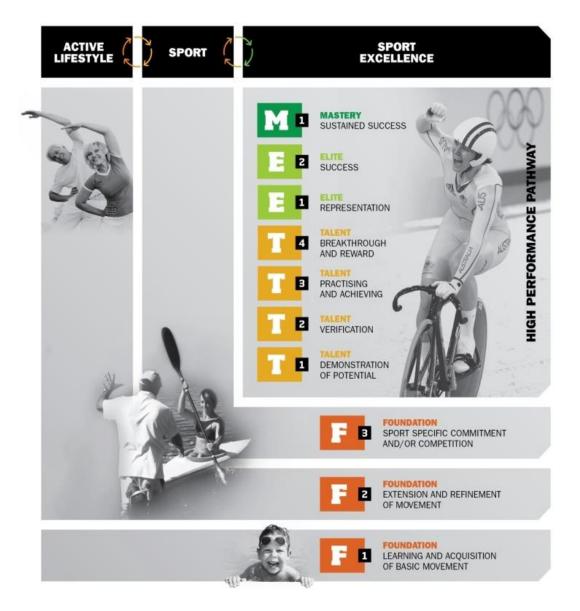
Participants, **Athletes**

Foundation, Talent, Elite, Mastery (FTEM)

Whole of Sport /Ath. Dev. Framework



An Evidence-Informed Athlete Development Pathway Framework





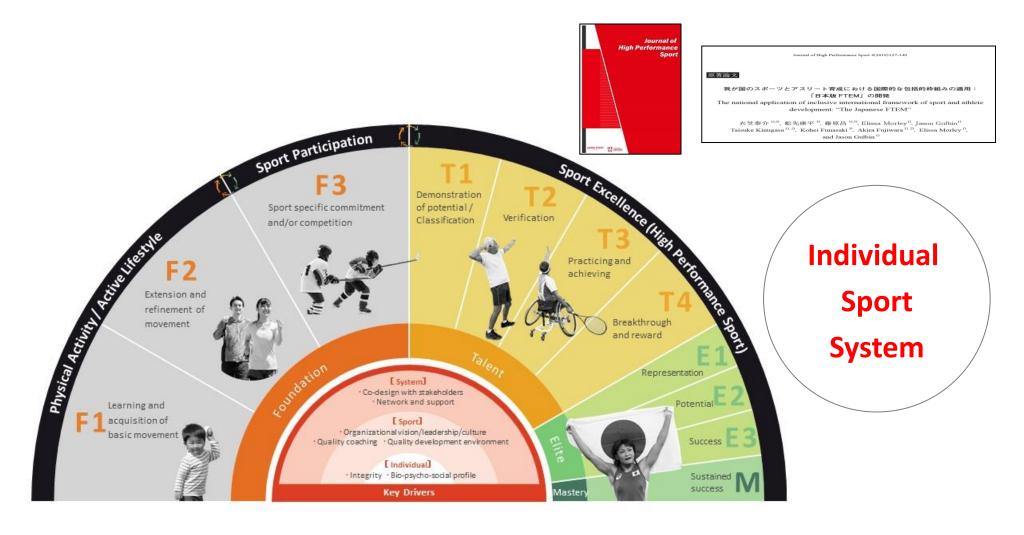
Journal of Sports Sciences, 2013 Vol. 31, No. 12, 1319-1331, http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/02640414.2013.781661 Routledge An integrated framework for the optimisation of sport and athlete development: A practitioner approach JASON P. GULBIN, MORAG J. CROSER, ELISSA J. MORLEY, & JUANITA R

Deductive reasoning: Literature review on various athlete development models

Inductive reasoning: AIS experiences over 20 years



"The Japanese FTEM" is a Framework for Optimizing Athlete Development





Application to All Levels: Communicating with the Common Language

F (Foundation)			T (Talent)				E (Elite)			M (Mastery)
F1	F2	F3	T1	Т2	Т3	T4	E1	E2	E3	М
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Beginning deliberate play and learning a range of foundational movement skills (running, jumping, throwing, and object control)	Improving and enhancing the foundational movement skills through physical education and diverse sport experiences while having fun	taking into account growth and development	Identifying promising athletes aiming for high performance through sports science testing and coaches' eyes	Confirming identified talents and athletes to assess their competencies, psychological skills, physiological characteristics etc	Committing to higher training volume and participating in appropriate competitions to prepare for international competitions	Achieving competition results as athletes and breakthroughs are rewarded for their efforts	Selected as a senior representative via the national team selection or gained professional status	Top 8 finished at the most recent World Championships etc	Medals won at World Championships, Olympic Games, Paralympic Games etc and honors earned in professional leagues	Sustained multicycle success in the world's premier international competitions or professional leagues



Application to the System Level: Provide Evidence for Policy Making

3rd Sport Basic Plan

Specific measures for "Establishment of Athlete Development Pathways"

Support each NF to establish an athlete development pathway that integrates the process from talent identification and development to high performance, while using "the Japanese FTEM" etc. In doing so, give due consideration to the careers of elite athletes after they retire.



Application to the Sport Level: the Early Adopters of the Pathway Models

















pathway.jpnsport.go.jp/ftem/competition.html



Voices on the Pathway Model Development



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using the Japanese FTEM

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Can visualize the NF programmes by using the Japanese FTEM

Can expect what are needed to move to the next level



(Local Coach)

Can set goals and tasks according to the development stages



Application to the Individual Level: A National Survey of Japanese Youth Athletes



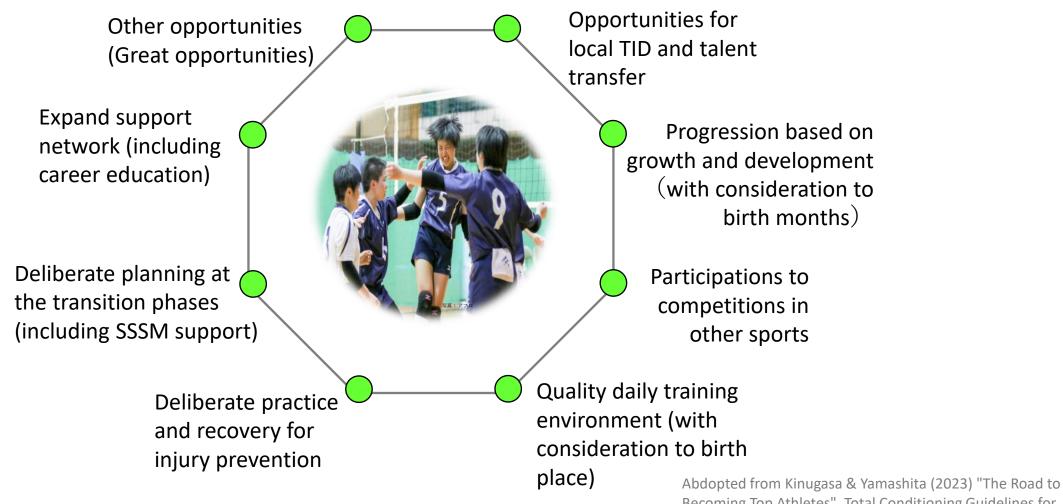


A national survey was conducted with 604 promising Japanese athletes across 53 sports to identify the characteristics of the Japanese compared to internationally advocated practices (Kinugasa et al, 2019a)

The transitional trajectory (milestones) of talented Japanese athletes revealed in this study broadly parallels previous non-Asian centric international athlete development research



Practical Recommendations for the Talent Stage Athletes



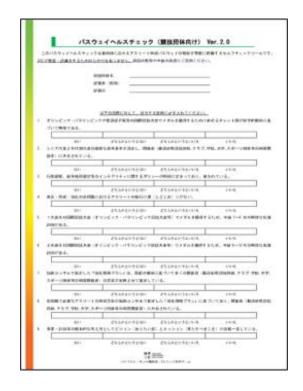


Becoming Top Athletes", Total Conditioning Guidelines for Athletes, Japan Sport Council, Japan High Performance Sports Center, pp. 345

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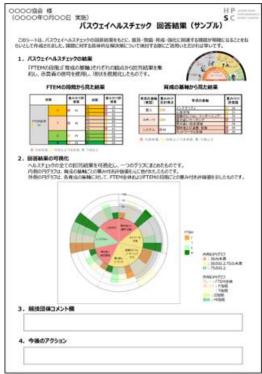
Application to the Sport Level: the Japanese Pathway Health Check

How healthy is YOUR sport's development pathway?



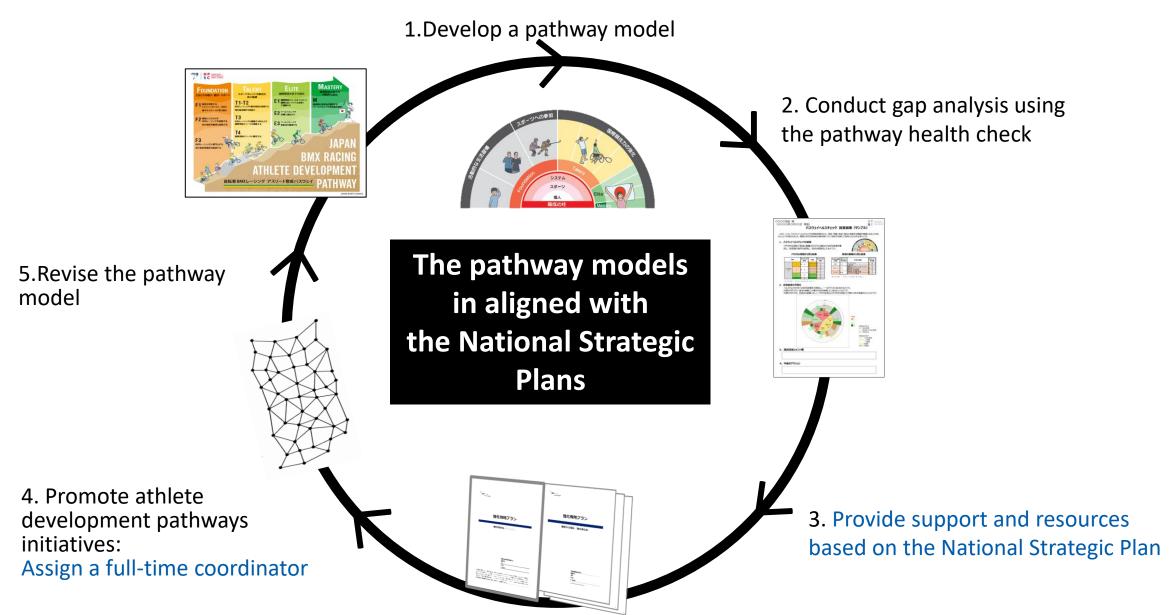


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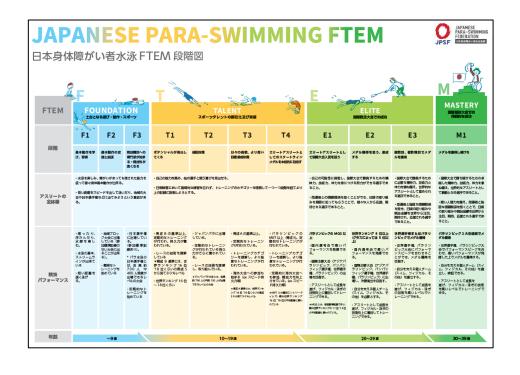
The Japanese FTEM is Our Core Business & Integrated at the System Level





Importance of Collecting Athletes' Voices





The use of "the athlete's voice" to inform real athlete development pathways





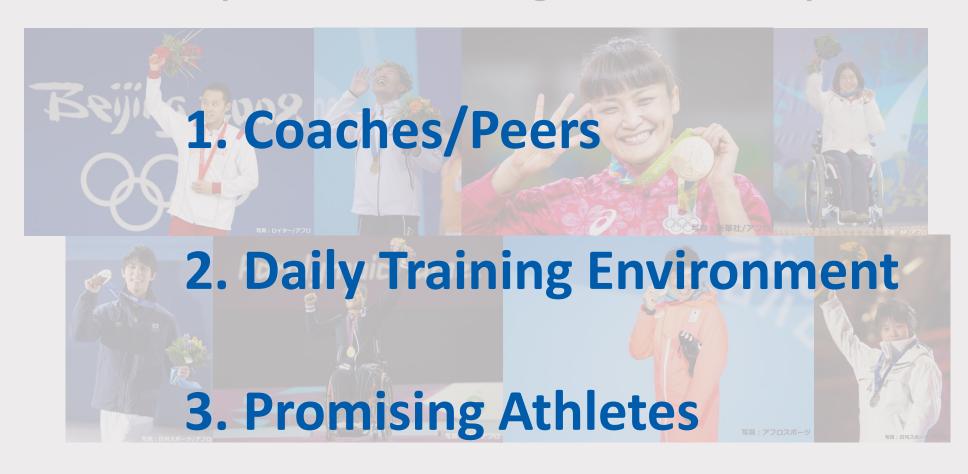


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Athletes are at the Heart of the System

How to Repeat Successes at High Performance Sport?





How well did you prepare everyday?

My vision is to develop robust, resilient, adaptable athletes who are physically, psychologically & tactically [, & socially] ready to compete to win in the competitive arena.

In 52 years, the vision has never changed...

Vernon Gambetta, 2021

www.functionalpathtrainingblog.com/2021/03/my-vision.htm



