



Press Release

Tokyo's Financial Industry Raises More Than JPY 63 Million for Community Charities in the Third Annual FIT for Charity Run



TOKYO, May 26, 2007 – Tokyo's financial industry raised more than JPY 63 million for community charities in the Third Annual Financial Industry in Tokyo (FIT) for Charity Run on Saturday, May 26. An unprecedented 4,811 supporters from more than 50 companies in the financial and related industries came forward to underscore the industry's commitment to the community. The turnout was nearly five times the 1,000 individuals who launched the annual event on September 3, 2005. The event featured 5K and 10K walking and running circuits around the Imperial Palace.

The funds raised from the run will be equally distributed among the following charities, which serve important needs but do not necessarily receive widespread recognition or attention:



- **Futaba Infant Home:** Provides foster care for infants (age 0 to preschool) admitted through the child consultation office. Also provides regional parenting support and short stay services for Shinjuku ward.
- **CCAP (Center for Child Abuse Prevention):** Private consultation organization founded to protect children from abuse, and to provide support for parents.
- **MOYAI Support Center:** Provides support and consultation to homeless people who plan to make a living in the community.
- **NPO L'enfant Plaza:** Provides support to children with minor development disorders and their families in partnership with nurseries, kindergartens and schools.
- **Shineikai Fujimi:** Provides support for women with various issues to heal psychological traumas.
- **NPO Family House:** Operates a 'family house' providing low-cost (JPY1000/night) accommodation for sick children and their families traveling to Tokyo for medical treatment.

Aston Bridgman, FIT for Charity Run Organizing Committee Chairman, said, "With the extraordinary commitment of the financial industry and the dedication of all of the volunteers, the number of participants this year was nearly 5 times that of our first year and the funds raised have doubled each consecutive year. It's wonderful to see that this is now well established as an annual event on Tokyo's fund-raising calendar."

At a ceremony in Hibiya Park following the run, awards were presented to the top male and female 10K and 5K runners.

The fastest runners were:

Male 10K: Kosuke Kondo, Merrill Lynch, Time: 35:31 minutes
Female 10K: Yukino Yamakami, KBC, Time: 44:21 minutes
Male 5K: Charles Duran, Barclays, Time: 18:07 minutes
Female 5K: Kanade Ito, KBC, Time: 21:16 minutes

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Event Details:

This year, the event was held on Saturday, May 26, 2007, on a course that circles the Imperial Palace, with a central meeting point for participants in Hibiya Park. The event was organized as three separate runs: a 10K run (9:00 a.m.), a 5K run (10:00 a.m.), and a 5K fun run/walk (11:00 a.m.). Additional information is available on the FIT website: <http://www.fitforcharity.org/>



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