

Tokyo's Financial Industry Runs Again for the Local Community
Third Annual FIT for Charity Run to be held on May 26

TOKYO March 22, 2007 – Tokyo's financial industry and related sectors will come together again on May 26, 2007 for the third Financial Industry in Tokyo (FIT) For Charity Run to be held around the Imperial Palace, the city's landmark venue. Organizers expect as many as 3,000 participants, topping the 2,800 people who joined the 2006 event and continuing the event's growth from the original 1,000 runners who launched the FIT For Charity Run on September 3, 2005.

"FIT For Charity has, uniquely for any industry, brought together people who are normally fierce competitors to do something for our community that directly benefits the lives of our neighbours. I'm very pleased that this is now firmly established on Tokyo's fund-raising calendar and that we are on course to hold our largest ever event," said Aston Bridgman, FIT for Charity Run Organizing Committee Chairman.

The FIT for Charity Run will support community organizations and charities that serve important needs but do not necessarily receive widespread recognition or attention. The funds raised will be evenly distributed among the following charities selected by a vote of the organising committee members:

- **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** 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.

Event Details

This year, the event will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2007, on a course that circles the Imperial Palace. A central meeting point for participants will be set up in Hibiya Park. Given the expected number of participants, this year's event will be organized as three separate runs: a 10km run (9:00 a.m.), a 5km run (10:00 a.m.) and a 5km fun run/walk (11:00 a.m.). FIT welcomes sponsors and participants from financial-related industry members. Interested sponsors and participants will find further information on the FIT For Charity website at: <http://www.fitforcharity.org/current-en.htm>



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The FIT for Charity Run 2007 Organizing Committee:

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About the Financial Industry in Tokyo (FIT) for Charity Run:

The Financial Industry in Tokyo established the FIT for Charity Run to provide people in the financial and related industries in Tokyo with an opportunity as an industry to support local charities in Japan.

The first FIT for Charity Run was held on September 3, 2005 and raised JPY 16.7 million through the participation of more than 1,000 runners from nearly 50 companies. The proceeds were divided among five charities (FTC Shelter, Japan HIV Center, Nishiwaki Fund, Second Harvest Japan, Special Olympics Nippon/Tokyo) with each charity receiving JPY 3.35 million.

The second FIT For Charity Run was held on May 28, 2006 and raised over JPY33.5 million through the participation of approximately 2,800 people from over 50 companies. The proceeds were divided among six charities (**FTC Shelter, Japan HIV Center, Nishiwaki Fund, Second Harvest Japan, Special Olympics Nippon/Tokyo, Wakakusa-ryo**) with each charity receiving JPY 5.58 million.

The FIT for Charity Run 2007 Organizing Committee would like to thank the following embassies for their kind support:

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