



## OUR MISSION

To develop and promote athletic training in Japan and Asia, and contribute to the health of people participating in sports and physical activities in various levels by collaborating with national and international organizations in the area of sports medicine and sciences.

## PROMOTING AT IN JAPAN

The purpose of JATO is to promote and educate athletic training profession in Japan and to elevate the recognition of BOC certified athletic trainers internationally. As of 2020, more than 200 JATO members are active in a wide variety of fields, including professional leagues, Japan's national sports teams, hospitals, academic institutions, fitness and wellness facilities, local government organizations, and health-related manufacturing companies.

JATO Scholarship Programs are available  
for CAATE students! (See Page 3 for more details)

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# HISTORY

1986



1st Meeting

1996



JATO  
Established

2014



1st Affiliate

2018



Incorporated

2019



WFATT

The inaugural meeting of the Japan Athletic Trainers' Organization (JATO) was held at the Peabody

Hotel, near the venue of the NATA Annual Meeting in 1986. This meeting was attended by forty-seven Japanese athletic trainers and NATA personnel, which was 10 years after a private meeting at the annual NATA convention explored the possibility of founding a professional organization in Japan.

JATO is now the largest group of athletic trainers with NATA membership who reside outside of North America.

In 2014, JATO became the first official affiliate of the NATA outside of the U.S. In 2018, JATO was incorporated, 22 years since its foundation. As of 2020, more than 200 JATO members are active in a wide variety of fields, including professional leagues, Japan's national sports teams, hospitals, academic institutions, fitness and wellness facilities, local government organizations, and health-related manufacturing companies.

Since 1998, JATO has hosted 31 continuing education unit (CEU) symposiums and seminars and issued approximately 250 CEU credits. The JATO is a charter member of the World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy (WFATT) along with the professional organizations from U.S., Canada and other countries. In May 2019, JATO hosted the WFATT World Congress X in Tokyo with over 600 participants from around the world. JATO is also active in guiding aspiring students who wish to pursue a career in the athletic training field, hosting student-only seminars and awarding student scholarships in cooperation with NATA.

## WHAT WE DO



Hold  
an Annual  
Symposium



Hold  
Seminars



Publish  
Newsletter  
Twice a year



Advocacy

## OBJECTIVES

1

In addition to promoting athletic training and conducting educational activities, we aim to promote the official recognition of the Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) certified Athletic Trainers (ATs) (BOC Certified ATs) in Japan.

2

We aim to promote continuing education to elevate academic knowledge and practical skills of our members.

3

We will provide a place for members to freely exchange opinions and ideas on common interests in athletic training in Japan.

4

We will serve as the facilitator to promote collaborations with other stakeholders of athletic training industry.



# Scholarship Program Available!

JATO awards two scholarships to Japanese AT students from CAATE accredited undergraduate or entry level master programs annually. For those who are interested, please visit the webpage from the QR code below. JATO Jiro Shikakura Scholarship was established by NATA in 2016. This scholarship was named after the founding president and very first Japanese ATC, Jiro Shikakura. Shinsuke Higashi Scholarship was established when JATO celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2006 with donation from Mr. Shinsuke Higashi who was the one of the JATO Board of Directors at that time.



## Meet the President

Greeting from Japan!

JATO has enjoyed a long standing great relationship with NATA and associated organizations since its foundation. Now Japan has the largest number of certified athletic trainer next to the States with many students currently studying CAATE programs.

We hope to continue to build further stronger relationship by bringing more student to the States in the future!



Atsuko "Sue" Nakaniida, PhD, ATC, JSPO-AT  
JATO President

## JATO's Number At a Glance

**Official  
Affiliate**



**ONE&ONLY**

We are the only one official foreign affiliate organization of NATA

**Interdisciplinary**



**20%**

Twenty percent of ATC in Japan hold license in Eastern Medicine or physical therapy.

**Age Group**



**36-45**

The mode of age group in ATCs who currently reside in Japan is between 36-45 years old.

**ATC's  
Outside U.S.**



**NO.1**

Japan has the most number of ATCs outside of the United States.