History of J-Village

J-Village opened as Japan’s first national training center for football in 1997. 6.88 million people used the facilities in the 14 years up until the Great East Japan Earthquake, which worked to promote sport and activate the local region. This was the best facility in Japan for football training with accommodation and training grounds, restaurants and meeting rooms, as well as a fitness center and swimming pool all in one location. The facilities were also used by sports other than football, and there were training camps for sports such as rugby, American football, lacrosse, table tennis, track-and-field, volleyball and badminton.

The facilities were not only used by athletes; the fitness club, restaurants and other facilities were also available to the general public. The facilities were also used for corporate training and to accommodate business visitors. A wide range of groups used the training camp facilities, from top class teams such as the Japan National Football Team and J.League-clubs to teams at the grassroots level. At the time of the 2002 FIFA World Cup, this venue was used by the Argentine National Team as their official camp.

However, TEPCO (TOKYO ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY) has been using J-Village as its operational base for dealing with the nuclear power station accident since the Great East Japan Earthquake and subsequent Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station Accident. That use ending in March 2017 and the facilities are currently being prepared for a resumption of operations.

The new J-Village has a total of 11.5 pitches, with 8 natural turf pitches as well as 3.5 artificial turf pitches such as Japan’s first all-weather football field, and a 400-meter running track. In addition to team training, the facilities are to be used for referee and coach training. A new hotel is also being built and the restoration should improve on the places past appeal.
Natural turf pitch

A natural turf pitch maintains
The best conditions throughout the year.

- Seven natural turf pitches with official size of 68m x 105m
- Night lights installed on two pitches

For natural turf pitches, we use a summer grass known as "Tiffton" and a winter grass known as "Ryegrass". Tiffton is a grass with strong ability to recuperate from being walked on and from wear and tear, while ryegrass is resistant to cold temperatures. This method of overseeding is the most popular for Japanese stadiums.

Stadium

Sounds of cheer reverberate throughout this stadium surrounded by green.

- An official size pitch of 68m x 105m
- Capacity: 5,000 pax
- Equipped with night lights and a scoreboard
- Player dressing room/ management headquarters/ VIP room/ meeting rooms

The stadium is located in a natural environment in a hilly area with a view of the Pacific Ocean. The stadium is not only suitable for official games, but also closed training by national teams.

All-weather football practice field

Training is possible regardless of the weather and climate.

- Effective height under the beam is 22m
  in the central area and 8m above the sidelines
- An official size pitch of 68m x 105m

The training facility is completely covered by a membrae roof so it can be used regardless of weather conditions such rain, snow or wind. Apart from football, the artificial turf pitch can be used for rugby and other sports training.

Track and athletic field

A multipurpose field regardless of game type.

- A 4-lane 400m track for track and field
- Night lights
- Artificial turf field inside the field

A field for wide-ranging purposes such as track and field, physical training for other matches, and for football, rugby and American football.
Accommodation
Providing a high quality resting place for athletes after finishing their tough training.

- South wing: 43 twin rooms, 2 suites
- North wing: 38 four-person rooms
- New wing: 113 single rooms, 3 junior suites

It is vital for a sports training camp to provide highly nutritious meals, sleep and rest. Please enjoy meals suitable for athletes and also some relaxation after practice.

Banquet hall
A multipurpose room suitable for parties and workshops, as well as conferences and banquets.

- Located on the ground floor of the new wing, floor area of 280 m²
- Able to provide full course meals for main dining venue (200 seats)
- Classroom style workshop (225 seats)
- Can be partitioned into two rooms, each with a floor area of 140 m²

Available for a variety of purposes from weddings to formal meetings, as well as corporate workshops. Apart from a ceiling-installed projector, the hall is equipped with a button for lighting and audio equipment.

Fitness club
From use by top athletes to improving the health of the local community.

Providing various types of free weights and the latest training equipment, The facility is available for use by overnight guests and non-residential members. Apart from a 4-lane 25m indoor pool and gymnasium, there are also bathing facilities and a sauna.

The Convention facility
Allows more effective coaching through video

- 160 convention seats
- 150-inch Large monitor screen/Video writer

This stair style hall allows coaches and players to show on the 150-inch high-intensity LCD. The skill check can be efficiently by using the video writer in the banquet rooms or learning rooms.

Other
- A 250-seat cafeteria and 96-seat main dining room
- A 160-seat tiered classroom
- Five 25-person meeting rooms, one 40-person meeting room
- One Japanese-style banquet hall (60 tatami mat room)
- 4 Learning rooms
**Flight Access**

**Airport Information**

Access from Fukushima Airport to J-VILLAGE: About 89km via Iwaki

Access from Sendai Airport to J-VILLAGE: Go north on Joban Expressway about 110km (about One and half hours)
This airport serves as an international airport.

Access from Ibaraki Airport to J-VILLAGE: About 130km via Iwaki
This airport serves as an international airport.

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**Traffic Access**

**Traffic information**

Access by JR Joban Line Hitachi
Required time
From Tokyo to Iwaki: two hours and 20 minutes.
16 trains available per day
From Iwaki to Hirono: 22 minutes.
17 trains available per day

Access by Joban Expressway Distance
From Tokyo (Hakozaki) to Hirono interchange 233km
From Hirono interchange to J-village about 25km
Parking capacity about 750 in J-VILLAGE

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**Teams who have held training camps at J-Village in the past.**

- Argentina national team for FIFA World Cup 2002
- Chile national team of soccer (2007 and 2009)
- Japan soccer national team (men) for FIFA World Cup (seven times from 1997 to 2006)
- Japan soccer national team (women) for FIFA World Cup (12 times from 1997 to 2009)
- Japan soccer national team (men) for Olympic Games (Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004, twice in total)
- Japan soccer national teams of other categories (boys and girls) (138 times in total from 1997 to 2010)
- Teams from J-League (Kashima Antlers, FC Tokyo, Cerezo Osaka and many others)
- Japan rugby national team for World Cup (four times from 2004 to 2007)
- Teams from Rugby Top / Challenge League (Soccor Ruggers and Kamiseta Seawaves)