

Vision 2030

As a long-term goal of the Japan Chess Federation, we establish “Vision 2030” as follows, which we aim to achieve by 2030.

Overview

“Vision 2030” is the direction of activities to realize a future where chess will widely penetrate in Japan and continue to develop and spread. “Vision 2030” has the following three goals.

1. Expansion of the number of players
2. Enhancement of competitive strength
3. Development of infrastructure

Expansion of the Number of Players

Increase opportunities to play chess, regardless of age, gender, or nationality. Specific action plans include;

- For youth: Donation of chess sets and dispatch of instructors to schools, launching Instagram account
- For seniors: Lessons and events at culture centers and community centers
- For women: Holding women-only tournaments and events, introduction of refer-a-friend program
- For foreigners: Activation through outreach to the communities they belong to
- Others: Collaboration with influencers, media approach, etc.

As a result of these efforts, we aim to expand the number of members at the following trends.

Year	Number of members
2023 (Actual)	658
2025	1,050
2027	1,600
2030	3,000

Enhancement of Competitive Strength

Continuously produce globally active players, while creating an environment where beginners can learn in a systematic way. Specific action plans include;

- GM/IM production: Holding of norm tournaments in the country, support program for talented players.
- Youth development: Provide opportunities for interaction and competition, invite professional coaches from overseas.
- Development of learning environment: Creation of teaching materials in Japanese, training of certified instructors, etc.

As a result of these efforts, we aim to achieve the following number of title holders.

Number of Title Holders	2023	2030
GM	0	1
IM	2	4
FM	6	10
CM	8	15
Total	16	30

Number of Women Title Holders	2023	2030
WGM	0	0
WIM	0	0
WFM	1	3
WCM	3	5
Total	4	8

*Excluding some inactive players

In addition, rating-based targets shall be set as follows;

- FIDE country open ranking: 70th, top 10 average rating 2,350 (+100 compared to current rating)
- FIDE country women ranking: 80th, top 10 average rating 1,750 (+100 compared to current rating)
- Top university student rating: 2,400 (IM level)
- Top youth rating: 2,200 (CM level)
- Top cadets rating: 1,800
- Top women's rating: 2,100 (WFM level) etc.

Development of Infrastructure

In order to achieve the above two goals, we aim to strengthen collaboration between the Japan Chess Federation and registered clubs and to enhance the activities of both. The following action plans are for the Japan Chess Federation.

- Establishment of permanent chess center: starts in February 2024 in Tokyo
- Annual budget expansion: reaches 30 million yen
- Staffing: 1 full-time director, 2 full-time employees, etc.

The following goals will be set for the activities of the registered clubs.

- Number of registered clubs: 60 (actual at the end of 2023: 24)
- Increasing the number of rated tournaments: Organized by clubs every weekend in each region, etc.

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