

Kimiyoshi Hori, Japanese 3rd Generation Member Is An Olympic Torchbearer

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A young Japanese third-generation member was chosen to be a torchbearer as the Olympic Torch journeyed across Japan as part of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.



Kimiyoshi Hori, son of regional President Hori of FFWPU-Japan, was chosen to be a torchbearer as the Olympic Torch arrived at the Tokyo Metropolitan Government building as part of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

The third-generation member was selected from thousands of other submissions to be a torchbearer which were sent in through mail.

President Hori said: "I don't think those things are just regarding my son and my families' luck.

"I can see a deeper providential meaning of a third-generation member playing an important role in the Olympics.

"Also, I felt this is even more wonderful because we were chosen from public recruitment [among several thousands of submissions to be a torchbearer].

"I feel we're just riding on the shoulder of Heavenly Fortune. Clearly, Heaven has shown us that the Heaven is on our side and continues to encourage us."

The opening ceremony was held on Friday 23rd July 2021 with the theme of "Moving Forward". While the ceremony took place in a near-empty stadium, there was plenty of entertainment to be enjoyed.

Tennis star, Naomi Osaka, was given the honour of lighting the Olympic Cauldron, which will burn throughout the course of the games.

Team GB matched their medal total from London 2012, with 22 golds, 21 silvers and 22 bronze medals.

The Tokyo 2020 Olympics Games ended on Sunday 8th August 2021 with a closing ceremony.

GB's most successful female athlete, Laura Kenny, was chosen to carry the British flag during the closing ceremony.

