

22 January 2017
The Japan Triathlon Union (JTU)

Re: Accident Occurrence during the 2017 Miyazaki National Team Training Camp

During a bike training session at the 5th National Team Training Camp※ (held in Miyazaki Prefecture from 9th to 23rd January 2017), Hiroaki KOBAYASHI (a triathlete from Chiba Prefecture who belongs to Nihon Shokken) had a fall accident and was delivered to a hospital by Doctor's Helicopter. However, he was confirmed dead after approximately one and a half hours.

Hiroaki Kobayashi was a triathlete with our high expectation toward the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. He was an indispensable athlete for Japan's triathlon world and the national team.

We sincerely pray for a peaceful rest and repose of Hiroaki's soul, and extend our deep condolences to his family and friends for the big loss.

At the moment, we are working in cooperation with the jurisdictional police for on-going inspections into the incidence, and we pledge that we are committed in doing whatever it takes in preventing any accidents.

Note

Hiroaki KOBAYASHI, Triathlete, 24 years old (from Chiba Prefecture, Japan)
Member of Triathlon Team of Nihon Shokken (Ehime Triathlon Association)

※) <http://www.jtu.or.jp/news/2017/170109-1.html>

Name : The 5th National Team Training Camp (2017/Miyazaki)

Period : Mon. 9 January – Mon. 23 January 2017

Location : Miyazaki City, Miyazaki Prefecture

Host Organization : The Japan Triathlon Union (JTU)

(Operated by : JTU Olympic Project Team)

Participating athletes : 13 in total (7 women and 6 men)