

Employment of Yui Susaki, gold medalist of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics

Yui Susaki, the gold medalist in wrestling at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics will join KITZ. She will join the company on April 1st, 2022.

KITZ has always supported sports, including the J. League, V. League, and the Ski Federation for the Disabled, as part of the company's social contribution activities.

Through those involved in the wrestling sport who shared the same passion with the company's activities, KITZ was given the opportunity to be introduced to Susaki.

Susaki is from Chiba Prefecture where our head office is located. Overcoming major injuries and facing the competition throughout the tough situation in which the Tokyo Olympics was postponed for a year due to Covid, Susaki qualified for the Olympics and went on to win the golden medal without losing any points for all games, tremendously moving the Japanese nation. Her attitude to always aim high despite hardships inspired KITZ, and the company decided to support Susaki's athletic activities.

In February of this year, KITZ announced its long-term management vision, "Beyond New Heights 2030 Change The 'Flow'". We will take on the challenge of expanding our business domains into growth markets based on our core businesses. To achieve this, we also formulated the First Medium-Term Management Plan 2024, which ends in the fiscal year of 2024. 2024 is the year in which the Paris Olympic Games will be held. Susaki's efforts to achieve the major goal of winning gold medal at the Paris Olympic Games coincide with KITZ, which aims to make further strides.

We will support Susaki's athletic activities and continue to take on challenges together.

■Profile of Yui Susaki



Sports	Wrestling
Date of Birth	June 30, 1999
Origin	Matsudo City, Chiba Prefecture
University	Waseda University (expected to graduate in March 2022)

Main Performance

World Championship 48 kilogram-class victory in 2017

2018 World Championship 50 kilogram-class victory

Fifty-kilogram-class championship at the Meiji Cup All Japan Selected Championships in 2019

2019 Emperor's Cup All Japan Championships

Winner of the 2021 Tokyo Olympic Asian Qualifiers, 50-kilogram Grade

Winner of the 2021 Tokyo 2020 Olympics in the 50-kilogram class

■Comment by Susaki player

I will be joining KITZ on April 1st. I will continue wrestling. KITZ is a worldwide company from my home prefecture Chiba. There were many things to learn, such as the company's philosophies, beliefs, and enthusiasm, and I also strongly wanted to compete in the world with KITZ and play an active role in the world. KITZ also focuses on supporting sports, and I felt that it would be the best environment for me to win two consecutive championships in the Paris Olympics, which is my next goal. In addition, as the head office of KITZ is in Makuhari, I felt a connection with the company as Makuhari Messe was where I achieved my dreams in the Tokyo Olympics.

I am truly grateful that I can continue wrestling in such a wonderful environment, and with an awareness of myself as a member of society, I will work even harder to be able to play an active role in Japan, the world, and the Olympics. With KITZ, I will work hard to achieve my goals on a global scale. I look forward to working with you in the future!