



Tokyo 2020 chief rules out postponing Olympics

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The president of the Tokyo 2020 organizing committee ruled out a cancellation or further postponement of the Olympics as doubts grew among officials of city governments and medical experts whether the event can be held safely amid the pandemic.

1-1. The head of Japan's Olympic committee on Thursday _____

1-2. amid swirling doubts _____

2-1. Seiko Hashimoto _____

2-2. that Tokyo 2020 _____

3. She said: _____

4. Although, there will be _____

5-1. Athletes _____

5-2. and foreign spectators _____

5. It's yet to be decided _____

6. Public opinion polls in Japan have consistently shown _____

7. Japan is battling a fourth wave of infections, _____

8. Ten regions including Tokyo _____

9. The country's vaccination rollout has also been slow, _____

10-1. Japan's Asahi Shimbun newspaper also reported Thursday that Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga _____

10-2. showing his resolve _____

[Vocabulary]

□ **rule out**: to dismiss from consideration; to stop considering something as a possibility. If you rule out a course of action, an idea, or a solution, you decide that it is impossible or unsuitable.

- *The Prime Minister is believed to have ruled out cuts in child benefit or pensions.*
- *However, he did not completely rule out this possibility.*

□ **swirling**: moving or driven rapidly in a rotary or twisting motion

- *a tornado's whirling winds*
- *Swirling snow in the dark, not a bird to be seen.*

□ **restriction**: the act of limiting or controlling someone or something; an official rule that limits what you can do or that limits the amount or size of something.

- *The relaxation of travel restrictions means they are free to travel and work.*
- *We are asking the government to lift all restrictions on food shipments.*

□ **in place**: organized; In the appropriate or usual position or order

- *The arrangements are all in place for the concert next Thursday.*
- *I think everything's in place for the wedding.*

□ **bar**: to officially say that something must not happen, or that someone must not do something or go somewhere; If someone is barred from a place or from doing something, they are officially forbidden to go there or to do it.

- *Foreign journalists are barred from entering the country.*
- *He has been barred from running for political office for five years.*

□ **yet to be**: having not been done yet

- *The night is still so young, and the real fun is yet to start!*
- *The future is just a memory that has yet to be born.*

□ **venue**: the place where an activity or event happens

- *The hotel is an ideal venue for conferences and business meetings.*
- *The stadium has been specifically designed as a venue **for** World Cup matches.*

□ **public opinion polls**: another name for opinion poll; a poll taken by sampling a cross section of the public in an effort to predict election results or to estimate public attitudes on issues

- *In public opinion polls, she has enjoyed a remarkable popularity.*

- *Over the past weekend two public opinion polls were published.*

□ **battle**: to try very hard to deal with a difficult situation

- *In Wyoming, firefighters are still battling the two blazes.*
- *Many species of birds are battling extinction.*

□ **infection**: a disease or other medical condition that is caused by bacteria or by a virus or a parasite

- *The infection spread to his lungs.*
- *Exactly which bacteria cause the infection is still unknown.*

□ **state of emergency**: a situation in which a government takes action to deal with an event such as a flood or a fire that is putting a lot of people in danger; If a government or other authority declares a state of emergency in an area, it introduces special measures such as increased powers for the police or army, usually because of civil disorder or because of a natural disaster such as an earthquake.

- *A state of emergency has been declared.*
- *The State Governor declared a state of emergency the morning after the earthquake.*

□ **vaccination**: taking a vaccine as a precaution against contracting a disease

- *People eligible for flu vaccination should have it each year.*
- *These incidents reduced public confidence in polio vaccine leading to a drop in vaccination rates.*

□ **rollout**: the introduction of a new product, especially when it gradually becomes available in a large number of places

- *The feature was first launched in Brazil, with a global rollout in April.*
- *The Android 7.0 update rollout began in April 2017.*

□ **inoculate**: to protect someone against a particular disease by injecting a medicine containing a small amount of the disease into them, so that their body becomes immune to it

- *...a program to inoculate every child in the state.*
- *His dogs were inoculated against rabies.*

□ **snap election**: an election that is announced suddenly and unexpectedly; An election that the ruler or political party which is in power calls before the regularly scheduled election time.

- *The LDP would likely take another beating if snap elections were called.*
- *Local media are already predicting snap elections could be called within months.*

□ **resolve**: determination to do what you have decided to do

- *The experience increased her resolve to change careers.*
- *The President vowed the attack would not weaken U.S. resolve.*

□ **push ahead with something**: to make progress with something; to continue with an activity in a determined or enthusiastic way, especially when it is difficult or makes you feel tired

- He wants to push ahead with his reform agenda.
- *They have decided to push ahead with the legal action.*

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