



JSGCA Overview

The Japanese Society of Golf Course Architects

<https://jsgca.com/>



Purpose of Establishment

The Japanese Society of Golf Course Architects was established on June 3, 1993 whose purpose is to promote sound development of golf industry and to enrich prosperous golf culture by encouraging those who involved in golf course design to improve their skills, advance design techniques, and propagate design philosophy.

Our organization is open to those who seek for consultations on golf course design, remodeling, supervision, construction, operation and maintenance.

Our association consists with mainly three tiers of members.

Regular Member;

Professionals working on golf course designing, supervising, remodeling, instructing construction, Experts engage in golf business operations, course maintenance, and golf related consultations.

Associate Member;

Business corporations actively associating with golf industries, and admirable golf courses in Japan, those who understand and support our objectives, cooperate together and contribute to our society and golf community while comprehending true nature of golf.

Cooperate Member;

General individuals who admire golf game and desire flourishing golf culture join the organization to cooperate with wide variety of activities so as to golf itself becoming as a major sport in Japan

Message from the Chairman



Kentaro Sato

It is my great honor and a pleasure to accept the Seventh Chairman of the JSGA at the 2024 General Board Meeting. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to my predecessor Mr. Taizo Kawata, who had been serving this position for a decade.

Fortunately, total numbers of the members, especially by increment of Associate and Cooperate members, have reached up to two hundred twenty-two by the end of last year.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of our members, Regular, Associate and Corporate, cooperate in running the organization by participating in various training sessions, lectures, and other events,

It is obvious that building new golf courses become pretty difficult now in Japan. Meanwhile, many of the existing courses reach over 50 years of age and start showing sign of deteriorations.

During this period, private houses and roads have been built adjacent to those courses, and golf equipment have also been enjoining its evolution. Obviously, this new environment requires golf courses for upgrading and renovation. Under these circumstances, the work of golf course architect becomes truly essential for the future golf course improvement.

As to pursue this course improvement concept, it is pretty important to make more people to aware of our organization and get them interested in golf course renovation. Therefore. We will continue holding golf course related seminars and lectures so that the golf course owners and the board members should realize the necessity of golf course rejuvenation.

We will continue advocating above belief in our website JSGCA Home-Page, which we renewed last year.

Last but not least, I would like to ask our Associate and Cooperate members continue participating our various activities and provide vigorous cooperation on our progress. Allow me to humbly swear that I will do my very best in my new position, but without all the members contribution to this organization we are not able to achieve our mission.

Again, your cooperation to achieve our goal will be highly appreciated.



Profile of JSGCA

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Objectives

Promote the healthy development of golf industry and enriching prosperous golf culture by encouraging those who involved in golf course design to improve their skills, advance design techniques, and propagate design philosophy.

Lacation

Higashi-Azabu 3-3-6-503 Minato-ku, Tokyo, 106-0044

Boad Members

Chairman Kentaro Sato

Vice Charman Masashi Sugimoto, Hiroto Nakata

Special Advisor/Director Taizo Kawata

Director Shinobu Inoue, Yasushi Kaizu, Shunji Kurakami, Tadashi Shimamura,
Hiroyuki Hayashi, Ryo Yokayama, Norifumi Yawata

Auditor YuKo Sato, Shinichi Takei

Members (As of February 2024)

Regular Member: 18 persons

Associate Member (Organization, Corporation): 31 groups

Associate Member (Golf courses): 16 courses

Cooperate Member: 148 persons

Honorable Cooperate Member: 4 persons

Contents of operation

- Collecting materials concerning golf course architecture
- Promoting research presentations and lectures concerning golf course architecture
- Consultations, diagnosis, supervising, for golf course new designing, remodeling, expanding, and introduce well-qualified personnel
- Presenting proposals, making recommendations, submitting reports concerning golf course architecture to parliament, relevant government offices, and related organizations
- Holding training sessions Presenting proposals hosted by JSGCA
- Communication, collaboration and cooperation with golf course architecture related organization both domestic and international.