Performance of Japanese Athletes at the Athens Paralympic Games

At the Athens Paralympic Games, held on September 17 – 28 following the Olympic Games, Japanese athletes displayed a wonderful performance. At the Paralympic Games, Japan won a record-breaking number of medals, exceeding the 45 total medals and 16 gold medals won at the 1988 Seoul Paralympic Games. (Cooperation: Japan Sports Association for the Disabled and Japan Paralympic Committee)

Mayumi Narita (collapsed vertebra, class S4) won seven gold medals and established six new world records. She won the largest number of gold medals among the athletes who participated in the Athens Paralympic Games.

Wakako Tsuchida (collapsed vertebra, class T 54) won a gold medal in the women’s 5,000-m run. She became the first Japanese to win gold medals both at the summer and winter Paralympic games.

Junichi Kawai (visual disability, class S11) won five medals in total, including a gold medal for the men’s 50-m freestyle swimming (his third consecutive gold medal).

Satoshi Fujimoto (visual disability) won his third consecutive gold medal in the men’s judo 66-kg.