

E-Mail Newsletter from Mayor of Okayama City (34)
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(Okayama Seagulls and Lake Kojimako Flower-passageway
Marathon)

Hello, I'm Omori, Mayor of Okayama City.

I had an opportunity to attend some events through last holiday weekends. Today, I'd like to talk about Okayama Seagulls and Lake Kojimako Passageway Marathon.

Okayama Seagulls is the only civil club team among the Women Volleyball V Premium League. I had a couple of chances to watch their games in Tokyo, however, this time was the first time to watch their game in Okayama since I became a Mayor. It is a little ashamed thing for me that I couldn't arrange the time for it, though.

The opponent team was Toray Arrows which got the third place of the previous year, so we expected a sort of tangled hard game, however, Seagulls got a clear victory in set count 3-0. Ms. Yamaguchi and Ms. Aki Kawabata obtained the points by various attacks which Setter Miyashita made tosses for them. The highlight of the game was drastic spikes of the Southpaw Asazu. I felt sorry for the opponent team because it would be so painful if they got her spike in straight.

'Okayama', refrain of the word for cheering was appealed strongly during the game. It was just a marvelous game to watch. Okayama Seagulls is a professional sports team which is representative of Okayama as well as the soccer team, Fagiano Okayama. I would like to support the teams genuinely all over Okayama from now on.

The Lake Kojimako Flower-passageway Marathon reached the fifth in this year, however, it became the last race because it will change the name as 'Okayama Marathon' from next year. There were 3km, 5km, and 10km courses for this last race, and were participated by 2,410 people with wide ranged generation of 2 to 84 years old.

I did the starter of 10km course and recognized 3km course. The atmosphere of this event was extremely wonderful without distinction of age. I made thought strong to take over the atmosphere to 'Okayama Marathon'.

I would like to express many thanks to neighborhood associations, supporter's club for Lake Kojimako Flower-passageway, and all DOWA group companies.