

Wacoal Appoints Ms. Miho Takagi as an External Research Associate of the Wacoal Human Science Research & Development Center — Leveraging the Top Athlete's Knowledge in Health and Conditioning Research and Development Activities —

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Wacoal Corp. (head office: Kyoto-shi; Keisuke Kawanishi, Representative Director, President and CEO; hereafter, "Wacoal"), a subsidiary of Wacoal Holdings Corp., hereby announces that it has decided to invite Ms. Miho Takagi to be a **Human Performance Fellow**, an external research associate of the Wacoal Human Science Research & Development Center. Ms. Takagi previously represented Japan as a speed skater. Wacoal aims to create new value by combining Ms. Takagi's unique perspective and senses cultivated throughout her career as an athlete with Wacoal's knowledge regarding human body research that it has accumulated over many years.



Ms. Takagi standing in a Human Science Research & Development Center lab



Ms. Takagi with members of the Human Science Research & Development Center

■ Background behind this assignment

Wacoal has been involved in research on human shapes, movements, and sensory physiology and the relationships between humans and objects, with the Product Research Department (currently, the Wacoal Human Science Research & Development Center) which was established in 1964 playing a core role in these efforts. Leveraging the achievements from these research efforts, Wacoal has been developing products and services to support each individual person mentally and physically.

The relationship between Ms. Takagi and Wacoal started when she began to use the CW-X brand of conditioning wear when she was a high school student. In 2019, she signed a partnership agreement with CW-X. Over the six and a half years since then, Wacoal and Ms. Takagi have been building a relationship through interviews and the provision of information in the development of products. Further, Ms. Takagi and the Human Science Research & Development Center have

exchanged views, enabling Wacoal to share her perspectives based on her experience and senses that she has cultivated as an athlete. Further, as an athlete, she has continued to learn about her own body, and her thoughts about the importance of conditioning and the relationship between exercise and health have developed. She wishes to use the knowledge she has cultivated through competition to benefit society. She is also interested in topics related to people's healthy lifespan, their bodies and the research activities of the Human Science Research & Development Center.

This spirit of inquiry and her relationship with Wacoal that has been established over many years are closely aligned with the research activities of the Human Science Research & Development Center, which is why Wacoal has decided to invite Ms. Takagi to be a Human Performance Fellow.

The Human Science Research & Development Center has been engaged in research about the human body and movements for nearly 60 years. As a top athlete, Ms. Takagi has been learning about her own body for many years. Wacoal will apply Ms. Takagi's knowledge based on her senses and the experience cultivated throughout her life as an athlete, in its research activities so that it can learn new things and obtain new clues from the unique perspectives of an athlete and multilaterally increase its understanding of the human body and movement to move toward the creation of new value.

In this initiative, not only will the experience and knowledge the athlete has cultivated throughout her competitive career be used to benefit society, but it will also create new value by combining those insights with Wacoal's extensive expertise in human body research accumulated over many years. This is the first time Wacoal has invited a top athlete to participate in its research activities as an external research associate.

■ Outline of the activities

Ms. Takagi will participate in the following activities as a Human Performance Fellow.

- Provision of advice regarding the development of products and services leveraging her experience and perspective as a top athlete
- Planning and promotion of research on topics related to health and conditioning
- Provision of knowledge to be used by the Human Science Research & Development Center and individual brands in the development of products
- Internal and external communication of information about research activities and results

Wacoal will communicate information about its research activities and results mainly via the Human Science Research & Development Center website and media it owns.

■ Statement from Ms. Miho Takagi



I have been using CW-X products since high school. In 2019, I began to engage with people from Wacoal in various forms through a partnership agreement. Over the many years of my relationship with Wacoal, I have had positive feelings about its corporate culture and its serious approach to manufacturing and research.

When I was an active athlete, I attached importance to learning about my own body to detect daily changes in and understand my condition. I wanted to use the experience and knowledge I gained as an athlete to benefit society, and I was given this opportunity to be an external research associate of the Human Science Research & Development

Center.

Moving forward, I would like to work on research related to human bodies and health and product development with the researchers by sharing with them my perspective and the things I have learned during my career as an athlete. I would like to work hard to achieve new perspectives and discoveries which can be more familiar and useful to people's lives from the combination of Wacoal's specialized knowledge and my experience as an athlete.

■ Statement from Nozomu Seike, Director of the Human Science Research & Development Center

It is my great pleasure to welcome Ms. Takagi as a Human Performance Fellow. I have been interacting with Ms. Takagi since 2019 as a person responsible for Wacoal's relationship with her, and I have often felt that talking with her is like talking with a researcher.

One of the areas in which the Wacoal Human Science Research & Development Center is active is kinesiology. In this area, we study the movements of humans. Based on this research, we create principles for changing movements using clothing. As researchers, we understand events objectively based on collected data, and I had an opportunity to be surprised at Ms. Takagi's perception of movement while talking with her. I felt that we were able to discuss collected data based on Ms. Takagi's senses and create ideas for affecting bodies based on her senses. I also believe that, through daily conversation with her, our researchers will be as surprised as I have been, and this will elevate their skills. We have decided to invite Ms. Takagi to be an external research associate to create new value and enhance the skills of our researchers.

At present, Wacoal is reconstructing its business areas, transforming them into empowerment solutions based on innerwear. At the Human Science Research & Development Center, we are devoted to healthcare, positioning this area as important. The healthy lifespan of humans, an area in which Ms. Takagi is interested, is within the areas we are researching. I am excited about the products and services we can create in the healthcare area.

[Reference information]

<Profile of Ms. Miho Takagi>

She was born in Makubetsu-cho, Nakagawa-gun, Hokkaido on May 22, 1994.

She began speed skating at the age of five. In 2010, when she was 15 years old, she represented Japan at the Vancouver Olympics. In the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, she won a gold medal in women's team pursuit, a silver medal in the 1500 m, and a bronze medal in the 1000 m. In the same year, she became the first Japanese overall world champion in the World Allround Speed Skating Championships. In the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, she won four medals, including a gold medal in the 1000 m, becoming the first Japanese athlete to win four medals in a single Winter Olympics. In the 2026 games in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, she won three bronze medals. She has won a total of ten Olympic medals, the largest number for a Japanese female athlete. She holds the world record for the 1500 m and has received a large number of awards, including People's Honor Award, the Medal with Purple Ribbon, the highest award in the JOC Sports Awards, and the grand prize in the 71st Japan Sports Awards. She retired as an athlete in March 2026.

<Wacoal Human Science Research & Development Center>

The Wacoal Human Science Research & Development Center is a Wacoal research institution that was established in 1964. Scientists at this facility are scientifically exploring the human body from the perspectives of beauty, comfort, and health. Since its foundation more than 60 years ago, data has been accumulated at the center. This data is the foundation of Wacoal's businesses and it is applied in the development of new products and is also the starting point for its efforts to improve quality and expand its business domains. In recent years, the facility has been exploring the relationship between the body and the mind to propose attractive products and services that fulfill consumers' needs and are in line with their insights and study and develop new materials and technologies.

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