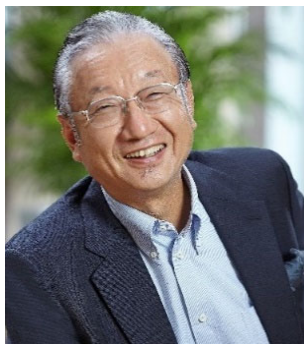


Pair Go World Festival 2025



About Pair Go



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Invented Pair Go in 1990



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Pair Go is an international mind sport born in Japan in which pairs of male and female players play against each other.

Unlike regular one-on-one Go, pairs take turns making moves one at a time. During the game, discussing moves is prohibited. Therefore, you are allowed to look at your partner's moves only, guess what your partner is thinking, and respect and advance the game.

As long as you know the rules of Go, you can enjoy pairing up with anyone, regardless of language or nationality. It is a communication tool that can greatly contribute to international friendship, as it is characterized by the importance of consideration for one's partner.

Since its creation in 1990, Pair Go has spread to 78 countries and regions around the world. It was also featured at the 16th Asian Games held in 2010, and has been played at various international mind sports tournaments since then.

International Amateur Pair Go Championship



Pair Go World Cup and Pair Go World Championship



**The Pair Go World Festival will be held on August 8, 9, and 10
at the Expo Messe “WASSE” in the Expo site!**



Pair Go World Festival Planned Events



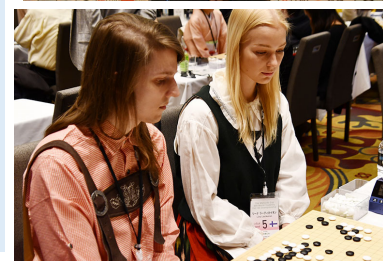
The 34th International Amateur Pair Go Championship

Five rounds of Swiss-system league games will be played by 32 pairs of 64 players. The International Championship and the All-Japan Championship will be held in one block, and the winning pair will be awarded the IAPG Cup, and the highest ranked Japanese pair will be awarded the JAPG Cup.



The Matsuda Cup 9th World Students Pair Go Championship

The “Matsuda Cup,” named after the late former President Masatake Matsuda, is an international tournament for 16 pairs of undergraduate and graduate students from around the world to determine the world's best student pair Go champion of the year. 4 games were played over 2 days, and the winning pair was awarded the WSPG Cup.



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World Pair Go Official Handicap Tournament

Pairs will be assigned pair points based on their dan ranking, which will be determined by Pandanet, and it will be held according to the difference in points between the pairs. Three or four rounds of Swiss-system tournaments will be held, divided into blocks according to their ranks.



Araki Cup Handicap Tournament

The open recruitment is divided into three blocks according to pair points. The winning pair of Block A will receive the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology's Encouragement Prize. Participating pairs in the World Pair Go Official Handicap Tournament will also take part.



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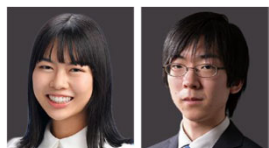
U-15 World Junior Pair Go Championship

The world's first international amateur Pair Go tournament for children under 15. Eight pairs of boys and girls who enjoy Go and Pair Go from around the world will gather in Osaka to decide the best Junior Pair Go Champion in the world and to deepen international exchange among children who will live in the world in the future.



Professional Pair Go Championship

Eight pairs of Japan's top male and female professionals, including the previous year's winning pair (Asami Ueno and Toramaru Shibano), will compete to determine the strongest pair in Japan.



Pair Go World Festival Planned Events



Best Dresser Awards

Ms. Junko Koshino was invited as the chairman of the judging committee. Judging will be conducted for each category such as national costume and junior, and the results will be announced at the awards ceremony.



Illustrations of national costumes by manga artists

Leading Japanese manga artists and young upcoming manga artists will draw national costumes from all over the world. The event will be rich in international color through a collaborative project between Japanese culture, manga, and national costumes from around the world.



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Pair Go Goodwill Game

Players, executives, and Go officials participating in the festival play a relaxed game dressed in national costumes. International exchange will take place in Pair Go, beyond nationality and language.

