# Drop-in Futsal in Hong Kong

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# Drop-in Futsal

個人参加型フットサル

# Drop-in Futsal

- One day
- One person OK
- 15-20 players
- 3-4 teams
- 1.5-2 hours
- 1,000-2,000 yen



Drop-in Futsal in Syunsuke Park in Yokohama<sup>1</sup>

# Traveling South East Asia...

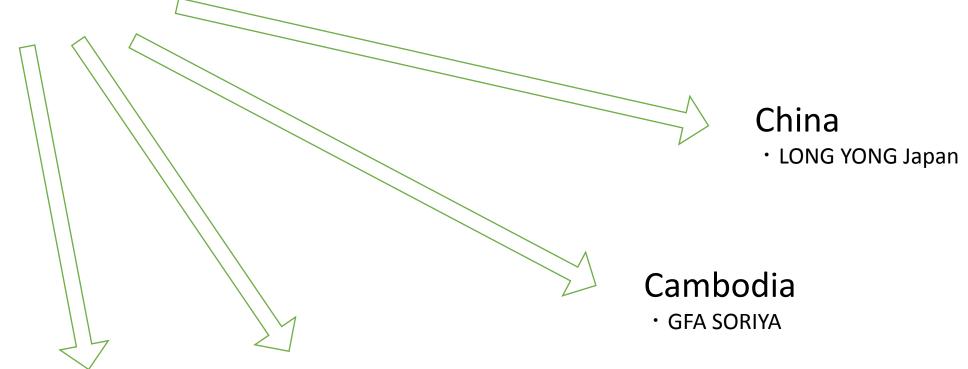




# Japan

Hong Kong

• 920 Futsal Courts<sup>2</sup>



Singapore

ALBIREX NIIGATA SINGAPORE

**Thailand** 

SOLTILO FAMILIA SOCCER SCHOOL

#### **Exporting Drop-in Futsal into Hong Kong**

BUSINESS						
1 Drop-in	2 Rental	3 Event	4 School			
Business Person & University Student	Business Person & University Student	Business Person & University Student	Child & 20-30s Women			
After work or school.	Teams need to register.	EX: University Cup, Company Cup				

#### Expenditure

Initial: Land, Construction(Artificial Turf, Office)

Running: Artificial Turf Replacement, Ball, Goal, Bib, Prize, Salary, Marketing, Insurance, Utilities

#### Income

4 businesses, Food and Drink, Sponsorship, Subsidy

# Why Futsal?

-3 Reasons-

# 1. Popularity

- Soccer ≒ Futsal.
- Soccer is the most popular sport in the world<sup>3</sup> as well as Hong Kong.<sup>4</sup>

1	2	3	4	5	
Soccer	Swimming	Cycling	Basketball	Badminton	Questionnaire in Hong Kong <sup>4</sup> "What sport do you like?"
(61%)	(57%)	(56%)	(51%)	(43%)	

More people involved in Futsal

HKFA's Event:  $16,000(2015-16) \Rightarrow 19,000(000)$  (only in early 2017)<sup>5</sup>

School Competition: Number of Teams  $\Rightarrow 14\%$  (2016-17)<sup>5</sup>

**→** Enough demand for futsal in Hong Kong

# 2. Space Limitation

High Density in Urban Area

"The urban area of Hong Kong has the highest population and employment density in the world."

Soccer Pitch > Futsal Pitch
 Futsal courts at rooftop of buildings,
 under highway, etc.



In Tokyo<sup>7</sup>

→ Futsal is Suitable for Hong Kong

# 3. Diversity

- 451,000 non-Chinese people in Hong Kong
   = 6% of the population (2011)<sup>8</sup>.
- "Asia's World City"

The Hong Kong Government positions itself as "Asia's World City"; it is enriched with an increasingly diverse populace.<sup>9</sup>

- -Plus, Soccer (≒ Futsal) is the world sport.
- → Futsal makes more international interactions

# Two Issues

#### 1. Environment on Futsal Court

• 234 hard surfaced soccer pitches managed by the

government(2017).<sup>10</sup>

Nike Cup futsal tournament

-Hosted by Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) with cooperation from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department <sup>11</sup>

-A total of 476 matches took place.<sup>11</sup>



Hard surfaced pitch used for the tournament 11

### 2. Management

Volunteers manage drop-in futsal

for people speaking English. 12

- Volunteers cannot take responsibility for players' injury.
- There is a risk that main members leave the management.



Casual Football Network HP<sup>12</sup>

### If a company is involved in management of futsal...

Quality of futsal court increases!



EX. Hard surfaced pitch  $\Rightarrow$  Artificial turf pitch, Shower room, etc.

Quality of management increases!



EX: Levels divided, Making clear about reliability, insurance, etc.

- Burden on volunteers can be reduced.
- Management can be stable.

# Why Japan Involved?

-3 Reasons-

#### 1. Good understanding on each culture

#### 2. Geographically close

#### 3. JFA support

- -Japan Football Association(JFA) has a partnership with Hong Kong Football Association. 13
- -Japan national futsal team is one of the strongest in Asia.
- -Support EX: Dispatching professional players, coaches and judges. Exhibition match, etc.
- → Japan can be the best partner!!!

  Relationship between HK and Japan better!!!

#### Why Futsal?

- 1 Popularity
- 2 Space Limitation
- **3** Diversity

#### 2 Issues

- 1 Environment on Futsal Court
- 2 Management

#### Why Japan Involved?

- 1 Cultural Understanding
- 2 Location
- **3JFA Support**







Futsal Court Business by Japanese company can be successful!!!

#### In addition...

## Sports have a great potential to

- Get rid of stress and get people refresh
- Help you keep healthy
- Help you make new friends
- Connect with people beyond cultural difference
- Make people smile and happy etc.

## → People's life in Hong Kong better!

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