**News Release** 



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Lucent Co., Ltd., our affiliated company (Head office: Kashiwa City, Chiba; Representative Managing Director: Yoshihiro Nakano, hereinafter referred to as "Lucent"), has announced that both Mr. Hirokazu Nishimura and Mr. Hiroki Kai, top ultramarathon runners in Japan, have been confirmed to participate in "Trans Jeju by UTMB" official tour "LUC+Adventures", which Lucent operates as its travel business and we provide promotional support.

While providing promotional support, we also expect further expansion of the travel business to be developed in collaboration with Lucent in the future.

Please see below, the press release from Lucent for your reference. (Here is the press release from Lucent.)

LUC+Adventures, the race tour support business brand of Lucent, is supporting the official tour of "Trans Jeju by UTMB," one of the "By UTMB" series races including the Ultra Trail Du Mont-Blanc (UTMB), the world's top trail running race.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Hirokazu Nishimura will participate in the 100Km category and Mr. Hiroki Kai will participate in the 50Km category of the race as invited athletes from the event organizer and official tour.

Both of them are top-level trail runners in Japan who have achieved excellent results in many races and have also been selected as representatives of Japan for the Trail & Mountain Running World Championships. They have been actively competing in the front lines. Mr. Hirokazu Nishimura won the UTMF (100 miles) and Mr. Hiroki Kai won the KAI (69Km) category at the 2022 UTMF, the largest ultra-trail race in

### Japan.





Mr. Hirokazu Nishimura

Mr. Hiroki Kai

Both of them are planning to participate in events including pre-tour briefings, trial runs with tour participants, and post-race parties in the official tour supported by "LUC+Adventures".

### < About Trans Jeju by UTMB>

"Trans Jeju by UTMB" is a trail running race held in Jeju Island, South Korea in October 2023. The course takes place in the surrounding area of Hallasan, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the highest peak in South Korea at 1,950 meters above sea level. The course features volcanic terrain such as calderas and lava caves, as well as abundant nature with approximately 1,800 subtropical plant species and 4,000 animal species. Only the 50K and 100K courses include climbing up Hallasan.

Jeju Island is accessible from Japan by plane in about 2-3 hours, so it can be said that "Trans Jeju by UTMB" is the closest UTMB series race from Japan. The travel time is short and there is no time difference, and the climate is similar to Japan, so there is little physical burden or stress compared to races in Europe. It is a recommended race for runners who want to challenge their first overseas tour or their first "By UTMB" series.

There are four categories of distances, from 10km to 100km. Participants can choose according to their level, from those who want to challenge overseas 100km races to those who want to participate in their first overseas race. Except for the 10K, participants can earn Running Stones, which are required for the UTMB lottery.

#### <LUC+Adventures>

"LUC+Adventures" has signed an official tour operator contract with UTMB and is the only official tour operator in Japan for the "By UTMB" series. Since the start of recruitment in March, many amateur runners are also planning to participate. Through the operation of these tours, we will also support top Japanese athletes in their challenges at international races.

Website: <a href="https://tabirun.run/tour/">https://tabirun.run/tour/</a>

Trans Jeju by UTMB: <a href="https://tabirun.run/tour/transjeju2023/">https://tabirun.run/tour/transjeju2023/</a>

Instagram account: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/luctus.adventures/">https://www.instagram.com/luctus.adventures/</a>
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For 130 years since the startup phase of soft tennis, we have been providing various sports goods, including "AKAEMU," the No.1 soft tennis ball in the domestic market. We also manufacture and sell sports clothes under the brand names of "LUCENT" and "LUC+", as well as operate sports facilities such as tennis clubs and running stations nationwide. Since 2022, we have expanded our business to support running race tour called "LUC+ Adventures" around the world. With the slogan, "Cheer up healthy lives of all throughout Japan through sports communities," we support athletes including Mr. Wataru lino and various sports scenes.

# URL: <a href="https://lucent-sports.com/">https://lucent-sports.com/</a>

Business overview: Manufacture and selling products under original brand names of "LUCENT" and "AKAEMU," as well as selling related sports equipment and goods, Sports facility construction, Operation of tennis clubs, and Support for overseas tours.

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