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Club Activities

Toyohashi Tech Badminton Club

After a few months of becoming an enthusiastic member of Toyohashi Tech's Badminton Club, Hayato Ishida, a third year student majoring in electrical and electronic engineering, was asked to take over leadership of the club. His acceptance of the responsibility is a reflection of his enthusiasm for the sport.

Explaining his love for the game, he says, "In badminton you have to use your body and your mind. It's an active team sport and you are always thinking where to hit the shuttlecock. And it's a great feeling when you smash it and score points."

The club has 20 members, and over half of them meet two times weekly in the university's gym. They practice together and hold discussions for around three hours a session. Prior to competitions more members attend and an extra meeting is often arranged to better prepare. "Meeting and practicing regularly is also a good way to create strong relationships, so it's not just about the sport and exercising," says Ishida.

The club is particularly eager to compete in tournaments and may enter as many as seven or eight competitions a year. Last year, the club won the Toyohashi Citizens' Sports Festival Competition and came second in the prestigious Tokai Regional National University Badminton Tournament.

Taking part in competitions helps increase members' confidence and test their abilities, as well as fostering a strong team ethic, Ishida points out. He caught the badminton bug playing the game for the first time in technical college. "I really enjoyed it. It's such a fast, flowing game. So I was delighted to join the club when I entered Toyohashi Tech."

He adds that all comers are welcome to join and they don't need to have played the game before. "Our experienced players are happy to teach new members. So please join. It's fun."



Group photograph



Competition play