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Emblem and Logo of the 20th International Biology Olympiad 2009

◆ About the Emblem of the 20th International Biology Olympiad 2009 (IBO 2009 Tsukuba)



Its circular shape shows friendship and peace, and also the hope to establish international exchange and friendship between participants from all over the world. Moreover, the circle stands for the Japanese flag, a five-petaled cherry blossom and the white silhouette of Mount Tsukuba shows the host country Japan and Tsukuba. The basic color stands for "Ibaraki blue", wide sky and the vast Kasumigaura Lake of Ibaraki.

The meaning of the Albatross

The bird in the emblem is an albatross (*Pheobastria albatrus*). The population of this species dropped sharply by overhunting and thus its habit is limited to Torishima and Senkaku islands today. However, the number have restored to 2500 as a result of conservation activities contacted mainly by Japanese researchers. This albatross is included in the emblem of the 20th International Biology Olympiad because it is recovering from the verge of extinction. This is in the spirit of the International Biology Olympiad which hopes for enrichment in education and the environment of the Earth. The bird's migration over borders gives us an image of international exchange.

◆ About the Logo of the 20th International Biology Olympiad Organizing Committee



We have clearly shown the key words of the 20th International Biology Olympiad: "IBO", "2009", "Tsukuba", and "Japan". Also, it uses a five-petaled cherry blossom and a circle in the shape of the Japanese flag to illustrate the host country. The five letters of "Japan" colored in Olympic colors shows that this meeting is a science Olympiad, and the double helix of DNA strands shows that it is an Olympiad of biological sciences.