

## Naoki Miwa (Japan)



### Short Bio:

My name is Naoki Miwa. I am from Japan (Asia) and 22 years old now. I started memory sports in 2018 and found it very interesting. Since then, I have competed in several championships and got some good results (e.g., champion titles at Asian-Oceanian open and Egypt open / world record in ML World tour). I've also engaged in memory competitions as an online arbiter since last year.

### Motivation:

IAM is a fair, democratic organization and holds many great championships. As a memory athlete, I appreciate the great endeavors by the current board members and other supporters. And I believe it's my turn to support IAM. That's why I applied this time.

If elected, my aims would be the following points:

- Develop our memory community around the world
- Many countries hold official memory competitions these days. However, I believe we can develop more globally. I think we can get many memory enthusiasts in distant areas. To do so, we should conduct more public relations activities.

- Develop memory groups in East Asia

- There are only a few athletes in my region (Korea, Japan, Taiwan) compared to Europe and Southeast Asia. I would make efforts to develop memory communities in this region (by e.g., organizing a tournament and representing the athletes' claims).

- Implement good ideas to attract more people

- The current formats (both traditional format and ML) are nice and work well so far, but we can make memory sports more attractive. I have heard some new promising ideas from other athletes. It would be nice to discuss whether we can implement them.

- Solve some issues in competitions

- Although every competition proceeds very well, there are some points to improve. One of the most important points is a translation problem in minor languages. In order to avoid this, we might have to make some rules concerning how to interpret words.

I would try to accomplish them and support the memory world.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Naoki Miwa