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STORY HEADLINE: Japan's Motonago enjoys more Speed Skating Gold Medal success at Lausanne 2020 with victory in Men's Mass Start event.

LOCATION: St Moritz, Switzerland

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LANGUAGE: Japanese

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STORY SCRIPT:

A finely judged race from Japan's Arito Motonago was rewarded with gold medal victory in the Speed Skating Men's mass start at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG)

It was Arito's second gold medal of the Games on the frozen lake in the historic Alpine Ski resort of St Moritz following his success in the Men's 1500m on Sunday (January 13th).

The pace-setter for most of the race was Max Flodorav of Belarus. But he only held the slenderest of advantages as the field gathered for the final sprint of the 10 lap 4,000m race.

Arito from Hokkaido emerged victorious from the pack. Colombia's Diego Amaya Martinez took the silver medal. Pavel Taran of Russia took Bronze.

In the Speed Skating mass start at the Winter YOG, skaters start together and only one competition lane (extending the ordinary inner & outer lane with the warm-up lane) is used. Both women and men will skate over a distance of 4000 meters, 10 laps each.

During the race, there's one intermediate sprint, which will be concluded at the finishing line after five laps, and a final sprint at finish. Race points are awarded for the sprints as follows: Intermediate sprint: first three skaters gain: 5 - 3 - 1 points. Final sprint: first three skaters will gain: 30 - 20 - 10 points. The winners of the final sprint (places 1 to 3) will be ranked 1 - 2 - 3 in the race.

Lausanne 2020 is the third edition of the Winter YOG, bringing together the world's best young athletes between the ages of 15 and 18. For the first time in Winter Olympic history the Games will have gender equality, with equal numbers of male and female competitors in the 81 medal events.



1,872 athletes from 79 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) will be in action in Lausanne, 12 of those NOCs for the first time at a Youth Olympic Games - Albania, Azerbaijan, Ecuador, Haiti, Hong Kong, Kosovo, Pakistan, Qatar, Singapore, Thailand, Turkmenistan and Trinidad & Tobago.

As well as the brand new sport of Ski Mountaineering, Lausanne 2020 features five new events, Women's Nordic Combined, Individual Normal Hill/4km, Women's Doubles Luge, Mixed NOC 3x3 Ice Hockey, Freeski Big Air, Snowboard Big Air.

The first Winter Youth Olympic Games took place in Innsbruck, Austria, in 2012. The second edition was held in the Norwegian city of Lillehammer in 2016.

SHOTLIST:

00:05 Various action shots from the Men's Speed Skating Mass Start

00:21 SOUNDBITE: Arito Motonago, Gold medallist, Men's Speed Skating Mass Start (Japanese Language).

"At the beginning of the race I had to be patient and not go too hard and then just before the end go at 100%"

00:32 Shots from the victory ceremony of the Men's Speed Skating Mass Start

00:38 SOUNDBITE: Arito Motonago, Gold medallist, Men's Speed Skating Mass Start (Japanese Language).

"I did not really worry about the Belarusian. I just kept my focus. I had confidence in myself for the last part."

00:54 Close up shot of the Men's Speed Skating Mass Start podium

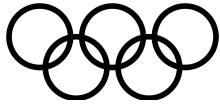
01:01 SOUNDBITE: Arito Motonago, Gold medallist, Men's Speed Skating Mass Start (Japanese Language).

"I am so happy [to have two medals]. I am surprised as well but mostly very happy."

00:00 Various shots medal ceremony at St Moritz Medal Plaza

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