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STORY HEADLINE: Ruka Hirano wins gold for Japan in men's snowboard halfpipe at Lausanne 2020 as teammate Kaishu Hirano emulates brother Ayumu with silver

LOCATION: Leysin Park and Pipe, Switzerland.

DATE: January 21, 2020

LANGUAGE: Japanese

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STORY SCRIPT:

Japan won gold and silver in Leysin Park and Pipe at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Lausanne 2020.

17-year-old Ruka Hirano, from Osaka, won gold in a tight contest with his compatriot Kaishu Hirano, also 17, from Nigata. Kaishu is the younger brother of Ayumu Hirano, who won silver in this event in the Olympic Winter Games Sochi 2014 and Pyeongchang 2018.

Ruka Hirano, who cites football as his favourite hobby along with Manchester City and the Netherland's Kevin de Bruyne as his favourite athlete, won with a best score on the judges cards of 97.33.

Kaishu Hirano settled with silver on a score of 95.66.

Canadian athlete Liam Brearley added Bronze to the silver he won in snowboard slopestyle.

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 Ruka Hirano on gold medal run

00:31 Ruka Hirano waiting for score and celebrating

00:40 Various Kaishu Hirano on silver medal run

01:00 Ruka Hirano and Kaishu Hirano celebrate

01:06 Kaishu Hirano climbs onto silver medal place on podium at mascot ceremony

01:11 Close up Kaishu Hirano

01:15 Ruka Hirano climbs on to top of podium at mascot ceremony

01:19 Ruka Hirano receives toy mascot

01:23 Three medallists together on podium

01:28 **SOUNDBITE: Ruka Hirano, Japan. Gold Medallist, Men's Snowboard Halfpipe (Japanese Language).**

"I gave all the tricks that I tried in the competition and it's really good to win."

01:32 Action of Ruka Hirano on gold medal winning routine

01:40 **SOUNDBITE: Ruka Hirano, Japan. Gold Medallist, Men's Snowboard Halfpipe (Japanese Language).**

"I didn't feel too nervous about the competition until this morning, the day of the competition, but it was OK."

01:45 Kaishu Hirano on silver medal winning run

01:49 **SOUNDBITE: Kaishu Hirano, Japan. Silver Medallist, Men's Snowboard Halfpipe (Japanese Language).**

"I really respect my brother. This is the Youth Olympics but my brother got the silver medal at the Olympics and I really respect him. I want to be like him."

02:00 Action from the medal ceremony of the men's snowboard halfpipe.

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