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STORY HEADLINE: Japan wins Gold and Silver in Women’s Snowboard Halfpipe at Winter Youth Olympic Games, Lausanne, 2020

LOCATION: Leysin Park and Pipe, Switzerland
DATE: January 20, 2020
LANGUAGE: Japanese

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STORY SCRIPT:
Mitsuki Ono won Gold in the Women’s Snowboard Halfpipe for Japan at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Lausanne 2020.

The reigning Junior World Champion showed her class throughout the competition, finishing top of the leaderboard in the two qualification runs and then all three of the runs in the final.

Ono’s best score came on her final run. Her 95.33 points saw her finish 10 points clear of her compatriot Manon Kaji. Switzerland’s Berenice Wicki took bronze.

The Halfpipe competition is a judged sport. Each competitor performs individual runs with several tricks, spins and flips through an inclined snow trough.

The results are calculated on the best out of three runs in final (top 12). Qualification will be held in a 2-run format.

The competitors will be judged on a combination of amplitude, technical difficulty, creativity and landing.

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 Action from the women’s halfpipe snowboarding final.

00:24 SOUNDBYTE: Mitsuki Ono (Japan) Gold medallist, Women’s Halfpipe Snowboard (Japanese Language).
“i was really happy during the last run when I realised I was winning.”

00:30 Shots from the medal ceremony of the women’s halfpipe snowboarding final.

00:41 SOUNDBYTE: Mitsuki Ono (Japan) Gold medallist, Women’s Halfpipe Snowboard (Japanese Language).
“I was wondering if I could still get a medal, but I am very happy to have won it in this competition.”

00:56 The medallists from the women’s halfpipe snowboarding final.

01:03 SOUNDBYTE: Mitsuki Ono (Japan) Gold medallist, Women’s Halfpipe Snowboard (Japanese Language).
“It was my first time on a podium in a big competition. I was very happy and I would like to thank all the people who supported me.”

Shot list updated after medal ceremony at 19:00 21st January CET

01:23 Shots from the medal ceremony of the women’s halfpipe snowboarding final

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