



## **Glider Sports**

Many universities are organizing their students gliding sports clubs, and approx. 720 students are practicing and enjoying glider as sports activities in 59 schools.

Students after the basic glider flight training will consciously try to soar higher catching natural power of uplifting thermal airflow, learn the attractiveness of soaring and cross country flights. Then, they may pursuit Private Glider Pilot certification through the knowledge of weather, aviation code and aerodynamics, as well as Domestic and FAI Badge tests (Silver C Badge: 5hours, 1000m height, and 50km distance flight), and finally to be the winner of All Japan Students Glider Championship.

The gliding sports will have long lasting attractiveness for the life after the graduation, such as cross country flights, many international matches, challenges to distance flight, height, or speed record flights.



Glide Ratio of gliders is from 30 of trainer to 60 of racer, which means it has a performance of 30km to 60km of distance to fly if the glider is cruising at 1000m height. And the gliders are employed with the ultimate state of arts technologies. Glider sports is a combination art of using these performance and the knowledge on the power of natural

circulating air flow energy to fly high, fast and far.

For example, "All Japan Students Glider Championship", held at Menuma Glider Port in March every year, is cruising speed competition among 20 gliders using 24km to 46km triangle course depending on the weather condition of the day.

## **History**

### **(Foundation)**

- 'Japan Student Aviation League' was established in 1930 fully sponsored by Asahi Newspaper Company. Members at that time were 8 colleges as Hosei, Waseda, Senshu, Keio, Jikei Medical, Meiji, kanto Gakuin, Yokohama. In 1935, glider training was included.
- After that, Added to the original members, Kansai, Tokai, Tohoku, Kyushu, and Hokkaido Branches are formed and became one of major nationwide students sporting organization. First 'Student Gliding Competition' was held at Kirigamine Highland in 1938.

### **(Interruption and Restart)**

- All the activities were suspended due to WWII, and still wait for the restart until 1952 after 7 years of flight prohibition. 20 colleges gathered and organized in 1952 right after the prohibition the became Non-Profit Foundation for glider sports under Ministry of Education in order to promote aviation culture.

### **(Current)**



- The most of universities and high schools which have Glider club (59 including 2 high schools) are participated and forming 4 geographical regions (Kanto, Tokai, Kansai, and Seibu(Kyushu)). We have approx. 30,000 flights each year with 119 gliders, 10 winches. This is dominating over 50% of total glider flights in Japan as the largest glider sports organization in Japan.



- No. of students membership is 719, 270 registered instructors as of Sep/2020.
- Supported by over 20,000 alumni including 2,000 licensed glider pilots, and 800 CFIs.
- Student exchange program with Australia, Germany.

- Our operation of CAB designated private pilot training course since after 1989 have been incubating 50-60 private pilots a year.
- FAI "Diplome D'Honneur" was awarded in 1990, as for our contribution to gliding sports.
- In 2012, our organization was stepped into the new stage as 'Public Foundation Japan Students Aviation League' under the Ministerial Government.

In our new article of association, our key objectives are stated as follows:

- ① Gliding sports training
- ② Gliding sports competition
- ③ Publicity & promotion of aviation sports



We have to cooperate with as many people as possible in order to incubate youth aviation sports through efficient manner of operations.

**(Future)**

- To realize our dream, we are eager to jump into our new step, with more stable financial base, more slim and efficient organization, more participants and supporting organizations.

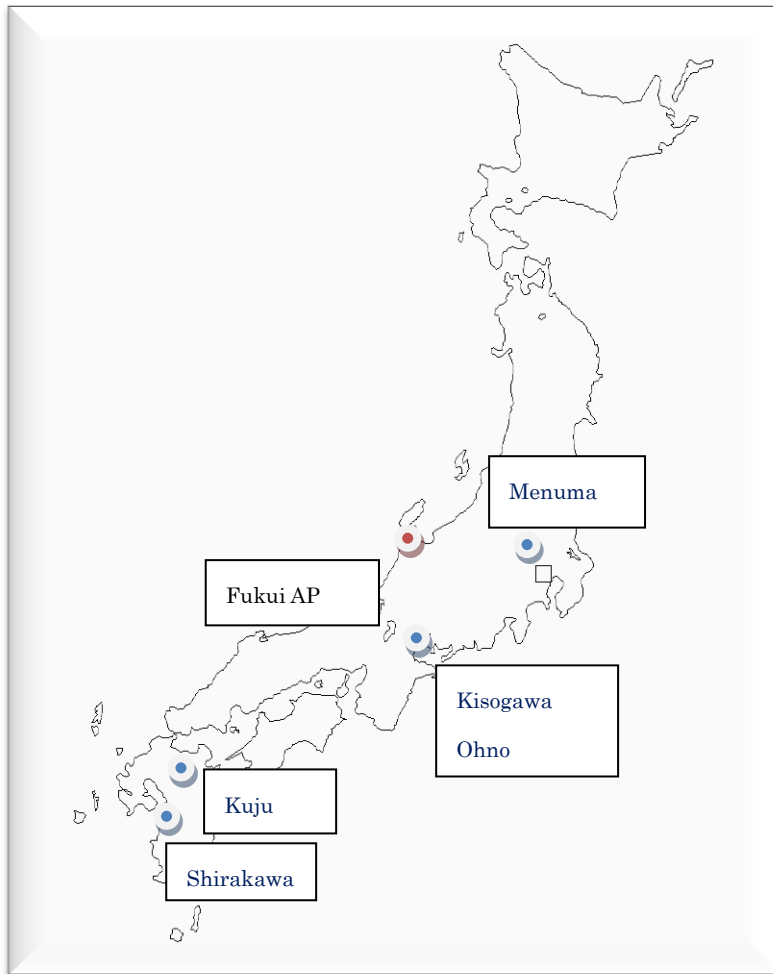
**Annual Events**

Apr.	Recruiting new member
May	Training sessions for new entries
Jun	Glider school for public
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Aug	Ridge soaring matches at Mt. Kuju, Glider school for kids and the parents
Sept	All Japan Jr. Students competition , Tokyo 6 university match
Oct	Many local competitions held in this season.
Nov	
Dec	

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Feb	
Mar	All Japan Students Glider Championship
Other	Competitions, Instructor Training, CFI course, Glider Pilot course, Mechanics Course, Radio Handling Training, Winch Tow Operator Training, Guests Flight Meetings

# List of Leaguer School, Airfield

## Glider Port / Airfields



## Leaguer School

<b>Kanto area</b>	Aoyama Gakuin, Chuo, Hosei, kanto Gakuin, Waseda, Gakushuin, Gakushuin Women's, Tokyo, Tokyo Tech, Tokyo Rika, Shuto, Tokai, Keio, Nippon, Kogakuin, Rikkyo. SDF Academy, Chiba Tech, Meisei, Meiji, Shinshu, Tohoku, Tokyo Maritime, Keio High (24)
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<b>Tokai area</b>	Nagoya, Nagoya Tech, Nanzan, Meijyo, Aichigakuin, Gifu, Aichi Tech, Mie, Nakanihon Aviation High. (9)
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<b>Kansai area</b>	Doshisha, Kansai, KwanseiGakuin, Ritsumeikan, Osaka Furitsu, Osaka, Osaka Tech, Kobe, Kyoto Women's, Ryukoku, Fukui, Osaka Sangyo, Kyoto (13)
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<b>Seibu (Kyushu) area</b>	Fukuoka, Kumamoto, Kumamoto Kenritsu, Kyushu, Kyushu Tech, Seinan Gakuin, Kitakyushu Shiritsu, NipponBunri, Suukei, Fukuoka Edu, Daiichi Tech (11)
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2021 Act	Membership	No. of Gliders
<b>Kanto area</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Tokai area</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Kansai</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Seibu(Kyushu) area</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>129</b>

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