

Fijians impress gymnastics boss

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THE president of the International Gymnastics Federation Morinari Watanabe and his delegates were impressed with the hospitality of the Fijian delegation.

Japanese ambassador to Fiji Masahiro Omura at the welcoming reception for the delegates said this was a very good occasion to promote gymnastics to Fiji.

"I hope the Fijian officials will have a good exchange of views with the executive members of Federation of International Gymnastics," he said.

"Gymnastics is a very special sport in Japan. It has brought the largest number of Olympics medals to Japan among all Olympics sports.

"In Fiji, rugby is the special sport and many world-class athletes have been produced. Fiji definitely has a great po-

tential in various other sports including gymnastics.

"I hope more and more youths in Fiji will have keen interest in gymnastics and help develop the sport in the country."

The International Gymnastics Federation is the oldest established international federation of an Olympics sport and an organization which has participated in the Olympics Games since its revival in 1896.

Fiji was selected as the second venue to host the FIG meeting outside Switzerland.

Watanabe decided to hold the executive committee meeting once a year in a developing country to promote understanding by members of the committee regarding the needs and conditions of those countries.

The meeting is scheduled for four days at the Pearl Resort in Pacific Harbour.



President of International Gymnastics Federation Morinari Watanabe (left) leads other members during the conference break at the Pearl Resort in Pacific Harbour yesterday.

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