

Countries of the U-15 Baseball World Cup

wakil recently hosted the WBSC U-15 Baseball World Cup – this city's first ever international sporting event – from 29th July to 7th August in 2016. 12 nations and regions, including the host nation of Japan, took part in the tournament and an array of exchange activities were carried out in the lead up to and during the event. To celebrate this occasion, this edition of Iwaki Vision would like to introduce each of the countries/regions that visited Iwaki for the tournament (final standings on back cover).

Colombia



Area: 1,139 million km²
Population: 47.79 million (as of 2014)
Capital: Bogota
Language: Spanish
Currency: Colombian Peso

Main Sports: Football, Boxing, Shooting Sports, Tejo (traditional disc-throwing sport)
WBSC U-15 Baseball World Ranking: 20th
2016 World Cup Result: 6th (4W 4L)
Best Game: 12-0 vs Australia

Czech Republic



Area: 78,866 km²
Population: 10.55 million (as of 2016)
Capital: Prague
Language: Czech
Currency: Czech Koruna

Main Sports: Ice Hockey, Football, Basketball, Czech Handball
WBSC U-15 Baseball World Ranking: 16th
2016 World Cup Result: 10th (2W 6L)
Best Game: 10-0 vs Australia, New Zealand

Australia



Area: 7,692 million km²
Population: 23.91 million (as of 2015)
Capital: Canberra
Language: English
Currency: Australian Dollar

Main Sports: Australian Rules Football (AFL), Cricket, rugby League, Rugby Union
WBSC U-15 Baseball World Ranking: 13th
2016 World Cup Result: 11th (2W 6L)
Best Game: 25-11 vs New Zealand

Cuba



Area: 109,884 km²
Population: 11.26 million (as of 2014)
Capital: Havana
Language: Spanish
Currency: Cuban Peso, Convertible Peso

Main Sports: Football, Baseball, Basketball, Track & Field
WBSC U-15 Baseball World Ranking: 5th
2016 World Cup Result: 1st (7W 2L)
Best Game: 11-1 vs Czech Republic

South Korea



Area: 100,000 km²
Population: 51.3 million (as of 2015)
Capital: Seoul
Language: Korean
Currency: Won

Main Sports: Football, Basketball, Baseball, Golf, Tae Kwon Do and other traditional sports
WBSC U-15 Baseball World Ranking: 4th
2016 World Cup Result: 8th (4W 4L)
Best Game: 14-4 vs Czech Republic, Mexico

Japan



Area: 377,915 km²
Population: 126.9 million (as of 2015)
Capital: Tokyo
Language: Japanese
Currency: Yen

Main Sports: Football, Baseball, Sumo, Golf
WBSC U-15 Baseball World Ranking: 1st
2016 World Cup Result: 2nd (7W 2L)
Best Game: 15-0 vs Czech Republic

United States of America



Area: 9.82 million km²
Population: 308.75 million (as of 2010)
Capital: Washington D.C.
Language: English
Currency: US Dollar

Main Sports: American Football (Gridiron), Basketball, Baseball, Ice Hockey
WBSC U-15 Baseball World Ranking: 2nd
2016 World Cup Result: 3rd (7W 2L)
Best Game: 16-0 vs Mexico

Chinese Taipei (Taiwan)



Area: 36,000 km²
Population: 23.5 million (as of 2016)
Capital: Taipei
Language: Mandarin, Formosan, Taiwanese languages
Currency: New Taiwan Dollar

Main Sports: Baseball, Football, Basketball, Golf
WBSC U-15 Baseball World Ranking: 3rd
2016 World Cup Result: 7th (5W 3L)
Best Game: 10-0 vs Czech Republic

Venezuela



Area: 912,050 km²
Population: 29.9 million (as of 2012)
Capital: Caracas
Language: Spanish
Currency: Venezuelan Bolivar

Main Sports: Baseball, Football, Bull Tackling, Bolas Crioles (Venezuelan Bocce-like sport)
WBSC U-15 Baseball World Ranking: 6th
2016 World Cup Result: 5th (4W 4L)
Best Game: 16-3 vs New Zealand

Mexico



Area: 1.96 million km²
Population: 127.01 million (as of 2015)
Capital: Mexico City
Language: Spanish
Currency: Mexican Peso

Main Sports: Football, Boxing, Basque Pelota, Basketball, numerous traditional sports
WBSC U-15 Baseball World Ranking: 7th
2016 World Cup Result: 9th (4W 4L)
Best Game: 11-3 vs New Zealand

Panama



Area: 75,517 km²
Population: 3.87 million (as of 2014)
Capital: Panama City
Language: Spanish
Currency: Balboa, US Dollar

Main Sports: Baseball, Football, Boxing, Basketball
WBSC U-15 Baseball World Ranking: 17th
2016 World Cup Result: 4th (4W 5L)
Best Game: 16-1 vs New Zealand

New Zealand



Area: 270,539 km²
Population: 4.24 million (as of 2013)
Capital: Wellington
Language: English, Maori, NZ Sign Language
Currency: New Zealand Dollar

Main Sports: Rugby Union, Cricket, Netball, Rugby League
WBSC U-15 Baseball World Ranking: 30th
2016 World Cup Result: 12th (0W 8L)
Best Game: 9-10 loss vs Chinese Taipei