



On 6 and 7 July, Ambassador Nenad Glisic visited the city of [Kashiwazaki](#) in the Japanese Niigata Prefecture at the invitation of the city's Mayor Masahiro Sakurai where our senior water polo team players are on practice training for the World Championship to be held in Gwangju. Kashiwazaki is the first city in Japan that formed its water polo team and was designated by the Government of Japan to be the host-city for the Serbian national team ahead of the Tokyo Olympics 2020.

During the visit to Kashiwazaki from 5 through 11 July, the Serbian national team had two training matches with the Japanese national team. The Japanese team won the first game, scoring 16:13 and were defeated by the Serbian team 10:1 in the second match. The admission to both matches was free. The city authorities prepared various promotional materials and distributed T-shirts and shirts with "Come on Serbia" in the colours of the Serbian flag, fans adorned with Serbian emblems and basic information on Serbia and badges. An exhibition featuring information on Serbia was mounted in the sports stadium. Huge welcome posters in support of our water polo team were displayed around the city. The visit of our national water polo team was widely covered in the Japanese media.





David Pais with Jia Saphir Veseljak, Ambassador of Serbia in Tokyo, Masahiro Maeda of the Sakgasu ichi City hall