



## **Implementation report: Surprise project for rare disease patient**

In 2018, ASrid had conducted the actual condition survey of FOP (Fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva). We conducted interview surveys of patients and families across the country. From one of them, Ms. Sairi Ikeda, told us that she is a big fan of Sagan Tosu, a local professional football team.

ASrid has also managed the Rare Disease Day JAPAN Secretariat, and CMIC Holdings Co., Ltd is one of sponsor companies. Mr. Takeshi Sano, Executive Vice President of CMIC was a former Vice President of Operating Company of this football team. We talked to him about her, then he contacted the club team. Thanks to him, we were able to give her a signed uniform of a famous active player (Yoshiki Takahashi) in October 2018. When she got a uniform, we cannot forget her bright and big smile.

After that, ASrid and Mr. Sano implemented a second surprise project to meet the athletes directly at the stadium. Planning took place on June 1st, 2019. We met the director of Sagan Tosu football team and the CEO of Sagan Dreams Co., Ltd. before the match. In addition, six staff members brought the electric wheelchair to the pitch, and Sairi was able to participate in the pre-match ceremony. Sairi's mother and friend were also invited to this game, and everyone cheered well.

After the match, we able to talk with Yoshiki. Everyone was a great day out. Through this surprise project, it goes without saying that Sairi's love for Sagan Tosu was further enhanced. We believe it became her a great vitality every day. ASrid would like to thank the all people involved in the project for their generous support; Mr. Sano, Yoshiki, Sagan Tosu Club Team, Sagan Dreams Co., Ltd., and Saga Shimbun.

ASrid will continue to deliver voices of patients, families, and persons concerned with rare and / or intractable diseases in an appropriate form and connect them, regardless of whether they are non-profit or for-profit.

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