

## LESSON 5 The 55-Year Race

① Fifty-four years, 8 months, 6 days, 5 hours, 32 minutes, and 20.3 seconds. This is the slowest time recorded in the men's Olympic marathon. The record was set by Kanakuri Shiso, the "father of the marathon in Japan."

<the +est>最上級「最も～な」

変化形 set-set-set

同格：金栗四三を補足的に説明

② In 1911, Kanakuri broke the world record for the men's marathon by 27 minutes. He was, therefore, selected to represent Japan in the 1912 Stockholm Olympic Games. This was Japan's first appearance in the Olympics.

brake the record 「記録を打ち破る」

【重要】「差」を表すby

SVO to do 「Oが～するように選ぶ」→<受け身>彼は日本を代表するように選ばれた（彼は日本代表に選ばれた）

登場、姿を現すこと

③ On the day of the race, July 14, it was so hot that half of the 68 competitors withdrew. Kanakuri collapsed during the race and was taken care of by a local family. He regained

その日

<so...that～構文>とても...なので～である

withdraw：棄権する

Kanakuri was taken care of 「世話された」/ by ～ 「～に」

consciousness the next morning.

意識を取り戻す

④ In 1967, when Kanakuri was 75 years old, the Swedish Olympic Committee contacted him. "According to our records, you disappeared during the race and are 'missing.'" For the 55th anniversary of the Stockholm Olympic Games, would you like to come and finish the race?"

contact：～に連絡を取る

～によると

行方不明である

<目的>～のために

would you like to do～ <勧誘・依頼>～しませんか

⑤ Thanks to the committee's offer, on March 21, 1967, Kanakuri was finally able to reach the finish line. An announcement was then made: "Japan's Kanakuri has just crossed the finish line, and this concludes all events of the Stockholm Olympic Games."

～おかげで

ゴールのライン

アナウンスが作られた→アナウンスされた

<完了形>(完了)ちょうど～した

金栗がゴールしたこと