

Establishment of the Japan

Shogi Association

After the disappearance of Edo period's iemoto system of families upholding the tradition of shogi, the shogi world in the Meiji and Taisho eras was disorganized. However, in 1924, around the time Sekine Kinjirō challenged for the 13th generation master position, the movement to unify the shogi world became active, and in 1924, the Tokyo Shogi Club, the Shogi Alliance, and the Tokyo Shogi Research Group merged to form the Tokyo Shogi Association. In 1935, Sekine Kinjirō announced his retirement, putting an end to the long tradition of the generational master system and ushering in a new era of the system of talented masters. After that, the shogi world split for a while, but in 1936, it started again under the name of the Shogi Consolidation Association. In 1947, the Shogi Consolidation Association changed its name to the Japan Shogi Federation, and in 1949, it became a legal entity. It has been a public interest incorporated association since 2011.