

Rare Disease Day (RDD)



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What is Rare Disease ?

Rare diseases constitute a diverse group of conditions, typically characterized by the fact that they affect a significantly smaller number of people compared to more prevalent conditions such as diabetes or heart disease. Many of these diseases have a hereditary component, and rare cancers also fall within this category.

The definition of a rare disease varies by country.

While the number of patients per disease is limited, the overall number of patients with rare diseases is substantial.

300M

PEOPLE WITH RARE DISEASES

3.5 - 5.9%

OF THE POPULATION

72%

ARE GENETIC DISEASES



What is Rare Disease Day ?

Rare Disease Day is the globally-coordinated movement on rare diseases, working towards equity in social opportunity, healthcare, and access to diagnosis and therapies for people living with a rare disease. Since its creation in 2008, Rare Disease Day has played a critical part in building an international rare disease community that is multi-disease, global, and diverse— but united in purpose.

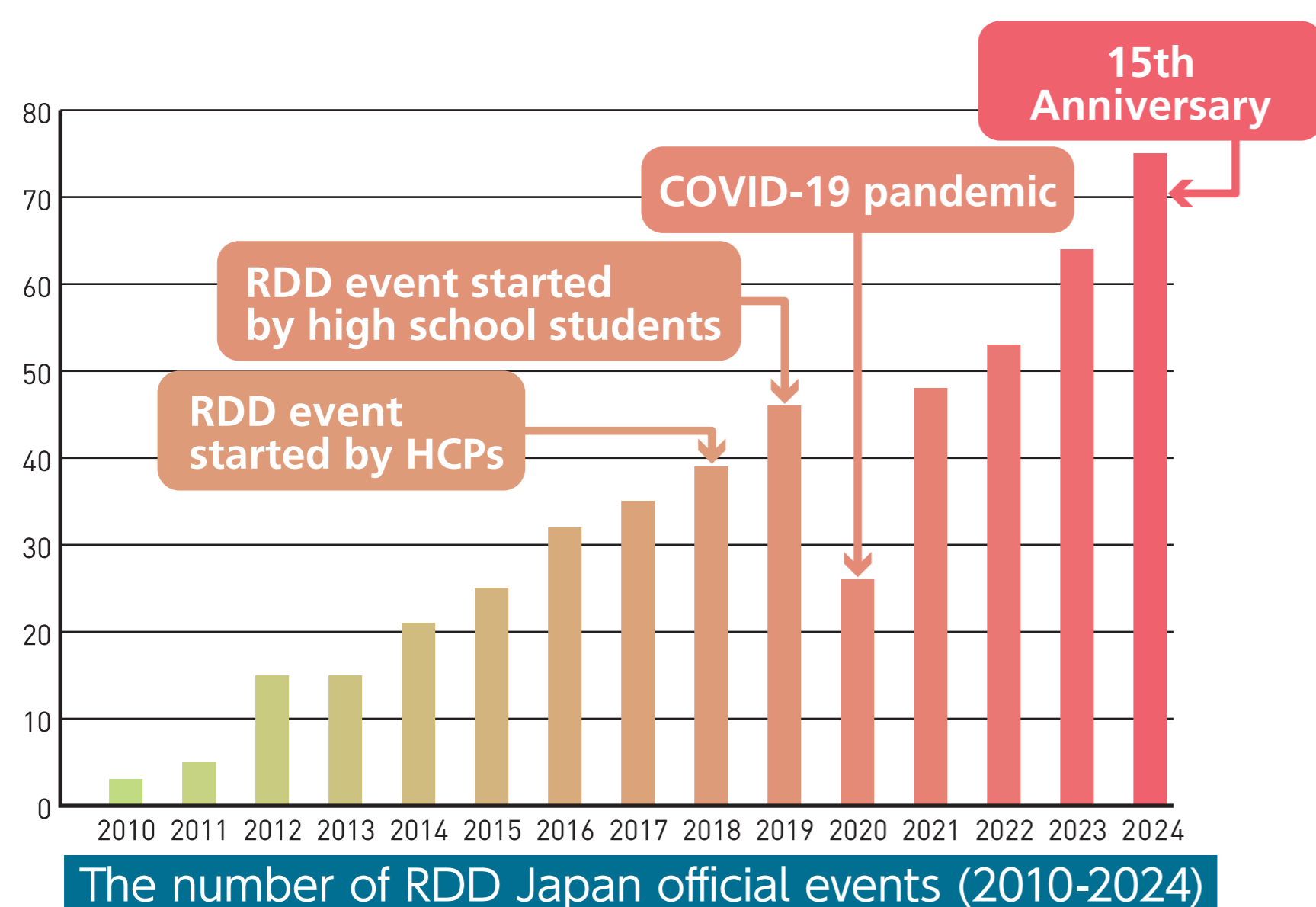
Rare Disease Day is observed every year on 28 February (or 29 in leap years)—the rarest day of the year.



What about RDD Japan ?

In Japan, since the inaugural event in 2010, we have been progressively expanding our activities in collaboration with various stakeholders.

RDD Japan stands out for having established a secretariat that centrally manages all authorized information, fostering the RDD campaign under an "all Japan structure."



The number of RDD Japan official events (2010-2024)

Why not take part in the RDD campaign in your country and get to know people involved in rare diseases?



RDD Global web
<https://www.rarediseaseday.org/>



RDD Japan web
<https://rddjapan.info/2025/>



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