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**The First Part**

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**FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022  
Visit to QARS: Qatar Amateur Radio Society****—I came, I operated, I conquered<sup>1</sup>—****Days of No-Mask**

During 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, I stayed in Doha, the capital of Qatar, as a supporter of the Japan National Team of Football, and witnessed the victories over Germany and Spain. At the same time, it was the days of the operation of A722FWC, the competition commemorative station at QARS. I will write about a number of dream-like events without wearing any Masks then.



Victory over Spain



A722FWC Operation

**1 Prologue**

As a supporter of the Japan National Team of Football well before the start of J-League, Japan Professional Football League, it was inevitable that I would visit Qatar to attend the World Cup held in Qatar in the Middle East. Since 2002 Korea/Japan when I went to the stadiums by public transportation, I missed boats at 2006 Germany, 2010 South Africa, 2014 Brazil and 2018 Russia to watch the games on site. At the end of my rope, I decided

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<sup>1</sup> The Original Quote : Julius Caesar "Veni, vidi, vici"

to visit Qatar.

And in fact, I am a Middle East hand. I have experience working for multiple Middle East-related foundations, and during my stay there, I contacted the amateur radio associations of the countries concerned and operated their stations as a guest operator many times. Qatar has joined my experience.

<Table 1> My activities in Middle East and Africa (including Turkey)

Year	Prefix	Entity	Call Sign	Remarks
2010	A4	Oman	A47RS	The Royal Oman Amateur Radio Society
2013	9K	Kuwait	9K2RA	Kuwait Amateur Radio Society
	A9	Bahrain		Contact with local hams
	A6	UAE	A60A	Emirates Amateur Radio Society
	HZ	Saudi Arabia		Contact with local hams
2014	TA	Turkey	TA2/W3FO	Wireless and Radio Amateur Society in Turkey
	A4	Oman	A47RS	The Royal Oman Amateur Radio Society All Asian DX Contest The 1 <sup>st</sup> in Oman
2015	CN	Morocco		Association Royale des Radio Amateurs du Maroc
2022	A7	<b>Qatar</b>	<b>A722FWC</b>	<b>Qatar Amateur Radio Society</b>

Source : [Monthly FB NEWS July 2018](#)

I must thank many people for my A722FWC operation. While other countries relaxed their border measures when entering the countries, only Qatar stubbornly demanded "A negative PCR test certificate within 48 hours of departure from the final departure point." At the end of October 2022, the restrictions were finally lifted, and just as I was relieved that the PCR test was no longer necessary at Narita Airport, another good news came from JR2SCJ Harada-san who always helped me at various contests. "[Qatar World Cup – S.E.S.](#)" I had an epiphany that I should visit QARS as W3FO, an Amateur Extra and be allowed to operate the event station as a guest operator.

As a Volunteer Examiner of ARRL VEC Tokyo/Yokohama VE Teams, I have been the examiner in more than 40 sessions. Because of this connection, I asked AB1FM Ms. Maria Somma, who is in charge of ARRL VEC, to contact QARS from the department in charge. Shortly after, I received an email from QARS saying, "We would like to welcome you as a guest operator."

## 2 Visit to QARS and Victory over Germany

On November 23, 2022, the day of the fateful Game against Germany, I met with A75GM Mr. Jogesh (Kumar) Dewan who picked me up at my hotel located the central part of Doha, then we went to QARS by his car.

At QARS, Mr. Kumar, A75GD Mr. Krishna and Mr. Adele of the local staff welcomed me. Then I started operating A722FWC immediately. The rig is YAESU FTDX5000 + ACOM 2000A, and the antenna is a super-multi-element Yagi antenna.



With A75GM Kumar



A722FWC Shack

The first thing that I received at the shack was the lecture of A75GD Krishna's lecture on the operation of SSB. The meaning of the Call Sign A722FWC is **A7**: Qatar prefix, **22**: 2022, **FWC**: **F**IFA **W**orld **C**up. His lecture was to use the phonetic code to announce A722FWC as "Alpha Seven Two-Two Fox Whiskey Charlie" then to add "Special Even Station FIFA World Cup."

On the first day, I beamed at JA and called "CQ JA" repeatedly with an output of 1.0 kW. However, I could not make it. On the other hand, it seemed a rate station for the EU, and after being listed in the cluster, I received huge pileups. I used split operations a lot

in CW/SSB. When operating CW, I proudly operated with the paddle with a left-hand thumb dot.

QARS is located very close to Doha Metro Katara Station. I visited by subway on and after the next day. Thankfully, the QARS giant beam antenna was a perfect landmark, and I was able to easily visit QARS by myself even when I reached at a wrong subway exit.



A722FWC Antenna  
(CW, SSB)



A722FWC  
Antenna  
(FT8)

The time has come for the fateful battle against Germany. After greeting QARS members, I took the subway from Red Line Katara Station to the hub station Msheireb Station and arrived at Gold Line Sports City Station. I was in tears when I saw Khalifa International Stadium in front of me. This is my very first opportunity to support Japan National Team of Football at World Cup finals.

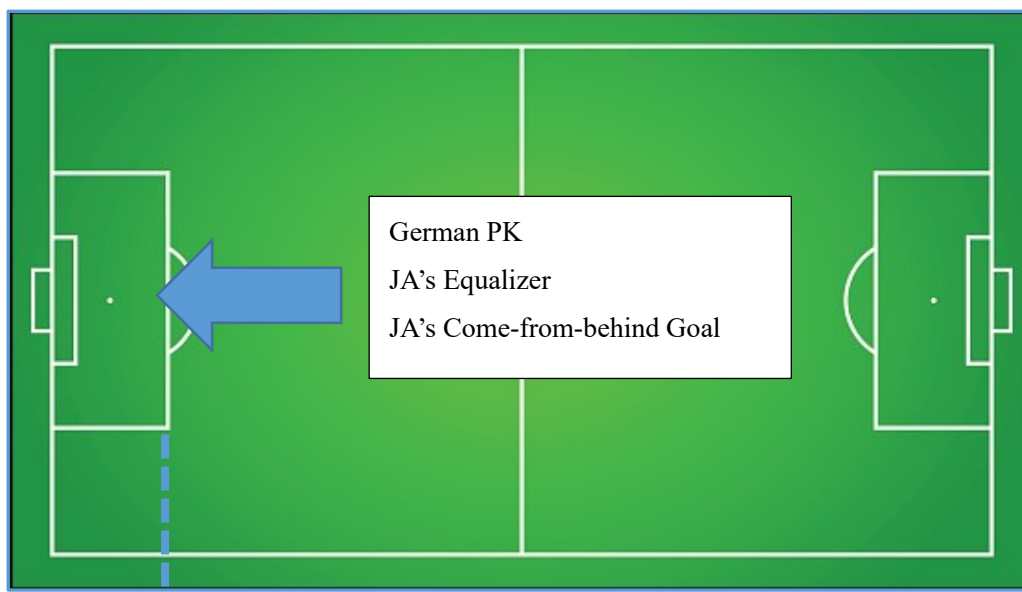


Khalifa International Stadium  
The most auspicious venue for Japan National Team of Football

- The Asian Champion at the Asian Cup in 2011
- FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022  
Victory over Germany  
Victory over Spain

After the grouping lottery in April 2022, I asked myself for a long time, “How to compete against Germany, the 4-time World Champion?” After the match started, as expected, I gave up the opening goal with the German PK in the first half, and I was depressed all the time until the 30th minute of the second half. Then I suddenly felt better and better. Ritsu Doan’s equalizer and Takuma Asano’s come-from-behind goal changed everything. Germany, who took the lead, continued to circulate the ball near their goal until the 29th minute of the second half. It is extremely impressive that German big players suddenly hurried to the opponent’s goal after Japan’s lead.

<Drawing 1> Khalifa International Stadium



Source : [ISTOCKPHOTO](#)

Back Stand



My Majestic Figure  
At Germany – Japan Game

Seeing the German supporters chanting the traditional "Deutschland, Deutschland" and raising the German flags, I was overwhelmed with emotion, "4-Time World Champion Germany has come this far against Japan!" I was also impressed by the complete silence of the German supporters after the turnaround.

The additional time was 7 minutes, the longest one in my life. As the final whistle was blown, Khalifa International Stadium became a vortex of joy for JA. Of course, I also attended the festival wholeheartedly. No matter how you look at it, there are people who don't look Japanese, wore JA uniforms that were out of stock in Japan, and waved the Hinomaru flags. They were all my targets for "selfie," pictures taken by my iPhone as my grass-root goodwill diplomacy.



Commemorative Photos after Victory against Germany  
(Evidence for My Goodwill Grass-Root Diplomacy)

3 Winning at FIFA World Cup

I was thrilled and nervous, but I was overwhelmed by the fact that we won against Germany, who could have given us a crushing defeat.

Qatar World Cup is actually a "tournament to watch using the subway". Thanks to the Hayya Card, which is both for an entry visa to Qatar and a free public transportation, we can ride the Doha Metro for free, which runs from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. the next morning. Every time I went the stadiums, I used Doha Metro.

As a result, I rode Doha Metro with supporters from all over the world, and people from foreign countries I had never met said unanimously, "Japan is amazing. Japan is very strong" I also replied, especially to the victorious nations, "You're strong, too!"



Bitter enemies in the same boat  
Inside a Doha Metro



An extremely popular Spot  
Top of a Doha Metro Train

At usual FIFA World Cups, they hold the games in wide areas, so this time, 64 games in 8 stadiums all in the suburbs of Doha, is a rare case.

Volunteers in charge of the subway for the first time managed a large number of crowded foreign passengers (Oh, I am also a foreigner in Qatar?!) wearing no masks, who are also for the first time to use Doha Metro. As I am accustomed to "Getting on Metro after people get off," I sometimes felt there are safety issues.

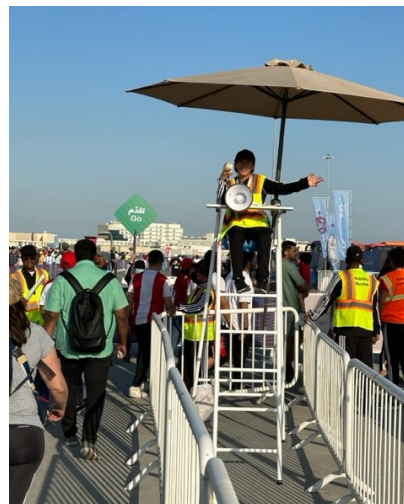
After the victory over Germany, I felt the happiness of becoming a victorious country in the World Cup finals especially at the Doha Metro. Even though it was a subway, there was a considerable distance to the next station, and it was operating at a considerable speed.



From the stadium to the nearest metro station, a Qatari Policewoman guided the guests by singing “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.” I heard The volunteers’ Guiding song "[Metro This Way](#)" many times at several stadiums. In fact, it has become a hot topic in many countries, and I found Google searches reached 1.18 million hits.



A DJ Policeman  
Repetitive movement of a large penlight ONLY



A DJ Policewoman  
Singing “Twinkle,  
Twinkle Little Star.”

As it is a tournament that boasts of using technology, I have the impression that they are making effective use of the Internet. For example, the ticket application is automatically activated when approaching the stadium throughout the tournament, and when checking in at the hotel, I downloaded the paid voucher and presented to the front desk.

In Japan, it seems that living in [a fan village](#) was reported as miserable, but staying at a hotel was really comfortable. The above-mentioned Hayya Card will be delivered from the organizer Qatar2022 for the first time on the premise of hotel reservations and spectator ticket reservations. So hotel reservations are my must. Therefore I made the reservations on the official website half a year ago. It is true that the hotel bill during the tournament was expensive, but I lived a comfortable life at hotels in the center of Doha and at a condominium that was turned into a hotel during the tournament.



Hayya Card  
Both for an entry visa to Qatar  
and a free public transportation



The hotel in the central part  
of Doha where I stayed  
during the victory over

It was the shocking defeat against Costa Rica that completely changed my feelings and plunged me into the abyss.

To be Continued...

# The 39<sup>th</sup> KCJ Top Band Contest Rules



Your Log Submission is Indispensable.

1. **Name of Contest:** The 39<sup>th</sup> KCJ Top Band Contest.
2. **Period:** Starts 1200 UTC February 11, 2023. Ends 1200 UTC February 12, 2023.
3. **Categories and codes:**
  - C18: Single Operator
  - CP: Single Operator QRP
  - CM: Multi Operator
  - DX: Station overseas
  - SWL: SWL
  - CL: Check Log

Any kind of assistance for station operations for a category of Single Operator is prohibited. However, you may use "QSO finding assistance" such as, but not limited to, DX cluster, CW skimmer, Reverse Beacon Network and so on.  
A QRP station must run the output power of five (5) watts or lower.
4. **Frequency: 160-Meter**

Please follow your band plan.  
JA stations: 1801 -1820kHz  
1820 -1825kHz: JA stations are able to respond running DX stations.
5. **Mode:** CW.
6. **Exchange:**
  - JA: RST plus Prefecture/district code (e.g., 599 TK)
  - DX: RST plus CQ Zone number (e.g., 599 03)
7. **Point:** All logs will be collated with each other and each complete contact counts points as follows.
  - For JA: one (1) point for a contact with JA, two (2) points with DX
  - For DX: two (2) points for a contact with JA, one (1) point with others.

When logs of other stations you contacted are not submitted, those contacts do not count points. Therefore, YOUR LOG SUBMISSION IS INDISPENSABLE.
8. **Multipliers** For JA: Each prefecture/district and CQ Zone worked  
For DX: Each prefecture/district in JA worked  
QSO data are cross-checked each other and coincidence QSO counts points.
9. **Scoring:** Multiplying total points by total multipliers
10. **Log instructions:**

Cabrillo file format or JARL file format are recommended.

- a. Each entry must be accompanied by summary sheet showing all scoring information, name and street-address of a participant.
- b. A QSO data should contain date, time, band, call sign and exchanges both sent and received.
- c. JA must log the time of QSO in JST and DX in UTC.
- d. Output power must be described in the log of category QRP.
- e. Names of all operators must be described in the log of the category Multi Operator.

**11. Log submission**

- a. Web upload of logs is available at <https://www.kcj-cw.com/contest/?DX>
- b. Logs in Cabrillo format may be submitted directly to the following e-mail address: 2023toptest(a)kcj-cw.com (a) must be replaced with @.  
Be sure to put your call sign in the subject line of your e-mail.
- c. Paper logs may be mailed to  
Takayuki Nakamura, #904, 4-6-5 Nyoidani Minoh-City Osaka, 562-0011, Japan

**12. Log Deadline:** 1500 UTC February 27, 2023**13. Releasing Results:** Results of Contest will appear at KCJ Web site on the first day of April.

KCJ informs URL and the results of the cross checking to participants who described his/her e-mail address.

Preliminary results will be sent in early March, and the final results will be sent in late March and announced on the KCJ Web site at the same time.

In the e-mail in late March, the final results, certificates (for prize winners only), participation certificates and the URL to obtain the KCJA will be included.

Please download the certificates and awards from the noticed Web site in the e-mail.

If you do not receive an e-mail by March 31, please contact the following address:

**14. Awards:** Certificates will be awarded to several high rank entrants and the top in each prefecture/district for JA and the top of each entity.

The number of the stations to be awarded depends on the number of participants.

Awards for SWL follow the same policy.

**15. The Certificate of Participation:** KCJ proves the participation of entrants in KCJ Contest with this certificate in which your call sign, name, score and rank appear.**16. KCJCA:** KCJ issues the award KCJCA (Keymen's Club of Japan Contest Award) for the achievement of working many Japanese prefectures/districts.**17. Prohibition:** Two or more simultaneous signals for a single operator

Two or more operation positions for multi operator

Two or more signals on a band for multi operator

**18. Disqualification:** Participants are expected to follow laws of each country and the KCJ Contest rules. KCJ contest committee makes the final decision to disqualify a violator.

19. **Appeal:** If you have any objections to the provisional rankings, please email us with your concrete evidence to 39top-qstn(a)kcj-cw.com within 5 days of the release announcement.(replace (a) with @)

## ***REFERENCE***

### **Japanese Prefecture/District codes**

1. Area 1 (for JA1 through JS1, 7J1 and 7K1-7N4)
 

CB: Chiba	GM: Gumma	IB: Ibaraki	KN: Kanagawa
MT: Minamitorishima	OG: Ogasawara	ST: Saitama	TG: Tochigi
TK: Tokyo	YN: Yamanashi		
  
2. Area 2 (for JA2 through JS2)
 

AC: Aichi	GF: Gifu	ME: Mie	SO: Shizuoka
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3. Area 3 (for JA3 through JS3)
 

HG: Hyogo	KT: Kyoto	NR: Nara	OS: Osaka
SI: Shiga	WK: Wakayama		
  
4. Area 4 (for JA4 through JS4)
 

HS: Hiroshima	OY: Okayama	SN: Shimane	TT: Tottori
YG: Yamaguchi			
  
5. Area 5 (for JA5 through JS5)
 

EH: Ehime	KA: Kagawa	KC: Kochi	TS: Tokushima
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6. Area 6 (for JA6 through JS6)
 

FO: Fukuoka	KG: Kagoshima	KM : Kumamoto	MZ: Miyazaki
NS Nagasaki	ON: Okinawa	OT: Oita	SG: Saga
  
7. Area 7 (for JA7 through JS7)
 

AM :Aomori	AT: Akita	FS: Fukushima	IT: Iwate
MG: Miyagi	YM: Yamagata		
  
8. Area 8 (for JA8 through JS8)
 

HD: Hidaka	HY: Hiyama	IR: Iburi	IS: Ishikari
KK: Kamikawa	KR: Kushiro	NM: Nemuro	OH: Okhotsk
OM: Oshima	RM: Rumoi	SB: Shiribeshi	SC: Sorachi
SY: Soya	TC: Tokachi		
  
9. Area 9 (for JA9 through JS9)
 

FI: Fukui	IK: Ishikawa	TY: Toyama	
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10. Area 0 (for JA0 through JS0)
 

NI: Niigata	NN: Nagano		
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