



MARUGAME (Kyodo) Kayoko Fukushi set a national record in winning the women's race at the Marugame half-marathon on Sunday, breaking the mark held by Athens Olympic marathon gold medalist Mizuki Noguchi.

Kayoko Fukushi crosses the finish line in 1 hour, 7 minutes and 26 seconds, setting a national record in winning the Marugame half-marathon in Kagawa Prefecture.

Fukushi crossed the finish line at Marugame municipal stadium in Kagawa Prefecture in 1 hour, 7 minutes and 26 seconds. Noguchi came second in 1:07.43 in her first competitive race since winning the Berlin Marathon in a national record last September.

Fukushi, who represented Japan in long-distance races at last year's world championships, shaved 57 seconds off the previous record set by Noguchi in October 2001.

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