

## Red Sox Look to Games in Japan in '08

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**Red Sox CEO Larry Lucchino** has made it known to MLB that the Red Sox would like to play more games internationally, with Japan in 2008 as a target. With the recent addition of

[Daisuke Matsuzaka](#)

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[contract](#)

) to the Red Sox roster, the move is seen as a logical one. As

[reported by Gordon Estes of the Boston Globe](#)

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&quot;We have made clear our willingness to play international games, international openers,&quot; Lucchino said. &quot;The international committee of Major League Baseball is aware of our willingness. Whether it's 2008 or 2009, should they be looking for clubs to play in Tokyo or other international games, the Red Sox are eager to be considered.&quot;

Lucchino further adds:

&quot;I'm fascinated by the Japanese world, the culture and the history, as any curious American would be,&quot; Lucchino said.

Lucchino is aware, he said, that Japanese prime minister Shinzo Abe is a big baseball fan. &quot;I've been apprised of that by the consul general,&quot; Lucchino said.