The 98-inch high-definition 4K LCD display faithfully reproduces detailed images at the members-only off-site betting booth where visitors can relax while watching horse races.

Installation Details

A large-screen display was installed to improve visitor services.

Offt Keiokaku, which renovated a portion of its racetrack facilities in March 2014, sells betting tickets to all four major Nankan Keiba racetracks, including the Ohi Racecourse and other regional racetracks at the Tokyo City Keiba off-site betting booths. The concept is to allow visitors to “view races in a quiet and relaxing atmosphere,” and this is one of Japan’s few members-only services of its kind. As the first anniversary approached in February 2015, it was decided that a large-screen Panasonic 98-inch 4K LCD display would be installed to further improve member services.

High-definition images show even the race horses in excellent detail.

Until now, approximately forty 40- to 50-inch LCD TVs were set up at Offt Keiokaku, with ticket odds and actual races shown in real-time. As the first anniversary approached, it was decided to install a large-screen display to enable “all members to enjoy races in a luxury setting.” Initially, installing a multiscreen system was discussed, but it was realized that displaying textual information, such as the race odds, was absolutely necessary, so a device was selected that could provide a clear and beautiful display without splitting the screen.

The TH-98LQ70 was chosen for the off-site betting booth because it offered the following features.

- Dynamic live races could be shown on a large, 98-inch screen.
- High-definition 4K image quality could faithfully reproduce the horse’s appearance and muscular condition at the paddock before the race.
After Installation

Improving visitor satisfaction with highly dynamic and vivid images.

The “Theater Seats” installed at the front of the newly delivered 4K LCD display let visitors view races with highly realistic images on a large, 98-inch screen. These seats have become extremely popular. Offt Business General Manager Masaru Hasegawa expressed extreme satisfaction with the effects of the 4K display, stating, “By installing the large-screen display, we have been able to enhance the luxurious atmosphere of the space and this has led to improved visitor satisfaction.”

As a service that enables visitors to further enjoy their racetrack experience, the installation of this system is sure to lead to an increase in membership.

Races, images from the paddock, race odds, and other types of content are concentrated at the “Image Delivery Center” of the Ohi Racecourse, and converted to HD-SDI signals and MPEG-2 TS signals before being transmitted over networks.

At Offt Keiokaku, the received HD-SDI signals and MPEG-2 TS signals are converted to RF signals with OFDM modulators and delivered to the facilities. The 4K LCD display is connected to an external STB, and displays the received RF signals as HDMI images. The 4K LCD display offers input images in high definition on a large screen. During live races, the speed of the races can be displayed to viewers in clear, dynamic images. Images of the paddock are displayed on the large screen with rich details that make it look like the viewer is right there in front of the actual horses.

Displays HD images on a large screen via networks.

TVs suspended on both sides of the “Theater Seats” located at the front of the 4K display (in the upper right and left section of the photo) display race odds, while visitors can view a wide range of race information from their seats. Also, to prevent display malfunctions, a plastic cover has been mounted on the main unit buttons.