

Competitions and Operations

This past month was dedicated to finalizing registration, accreditation information, flight booking and visa processing for the 2,055 participants coming from 105 countries and regions. At the same time, all the logistic matters are falling into place such as airport transfer, hotel allocation, shuttle bus service, catering and other related services.

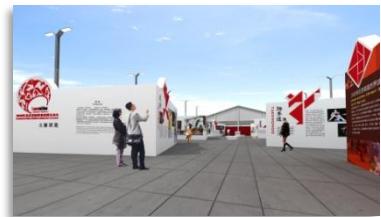
Operational rehearsals have been carried out in Beijing and the venue operation teams have tested their respective venue operation plans. The Training venue is equally in place to welcome the event participants. Combat Games medals were carefully designed. Now 118 gold medals are waiting quietly to be taken by the winners.

We focus our efforts in making the final touches to the organizational work. Beijing is ready!

Ambassador & Cultural Programmes

The ambassador programme is unveiled. The IF ambassadors composed of world champions, film stars and well-known martial arts practitioners will combine visits to spectacular competitions and the colorful cultural program with local community visits and personalized programmes. Great media attention is attracted as we look forward to welcoming our ambassadors in Beijing.

The cultural programme kicked off with the Combat Games photo exhibitions in Olympic Green on the 8th of August, 2010 in Beijing – the day that marked the two year anniversary of the success of the Beijing Olympic Games. The exhibition will continue in all the competition venues during the Combat Games, showcasing the history and excitement of each participating sport.



The speakers are ready to attend the Art of Combat Forum, where we will share insight, world views and set the trend of martial arts and combat sports. In the “Combat Village” – located at the Friendship Hotel, athletes and officials will have opportunities to enjoy martial arts shows and traditional Chinese performances during their stay in Beijing. These shows will definitely create a warm and artistic atmosphere in the “Village” – the center of the world for martial arts and combat sports from 28th August – 4th September, 2010.

Look and Feel of the Games

The city of Beijing will be welcoming elites and officials of martial arts and combat sports in 10 days. The two photos present an idea how the city and the competition venue may look.



Technology

Swiss Timing, representing TISSOT, as the Official Timekeeper, is working hard in preparation for the first Combat Games, to be held in Beijing. The technical infrastructure has been validated and the accreditation system is already receiving the data of athletes and officials. A centralized data centre is in the process of installation; it will be able to receive and dispatch, online, all of the relevant information arriving from the various sport venues. While part of the technical staff moves from one venue to another to finalize the installation of the tons of timing and OVR material, all of the application are up and running in a fully equipped laboratory. Ahead of schedule and looking forward to the Games, the whole team is excited to be part of this first event organized by SPORTACCORD.

IF Activities

We are proud to showcase the Muaythai uniform designed and produced by the International Federation of Muaythai Amateur (IFMA). Their Athletes are going to look like Stars! The Thai government pays high attention to IFMA's participation in the 2010 SportAccord Combat Games. There will be a Muaythai evening hosted by the Thai Embassy in Beijing with the participation of Muaythai fans from all walks of life represented by Miss Thailand Universe, Gavintra Photijak.



Additionally as active as the Muaythai Federation, the World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO) has organized a Cultural Activity and the International Federation of Amateur Sambo (FIAS) has planned a Sambo evening. Both the International Kendo Federation (FIK) and the International Sumo Federation (IFS) will hold their individual activities during competitions. The two sports will not miss out on this great opportunity to be exposed to the Chinese and International audiences.

Doping-Free Sport Unit (DFSU)

We support the fight against doping and want the Combat Games in Beijing to be doping-free. We believe in a level playing-field for all athletes competing!



In accordance with the WADA Anti-Doping Code and its International Standards, doping controls will therefore be conducted at the Combat Games. These may take place outside of the competition times as well as during the competitions.

For further information please contact: Ms. SHI Yan (Laura) – Combat Games Manager
yan.shi@sportaccord.com