

## TÜRK YE ÖZEL SPORCULAR SPOR FEDERASYONU



Honorable SU-DS Family,

We are proud to organise the 2020 Trisome Games in Antalya, Turkey. I hope, the Games to be held in Antalya between the dates of 31 March and 07 April 2020 will leave good memories for all participants. I wish everyone all the best and especially, excellent success to the athletes who will compete in the events.

We have been preparing this important event especially for 2 years. In 2018 October, SU-DS President Dr Geoff Smedley and Sports Director Jose Parreira had come to Antalya and made their first inspection. After this approval we started to finish all the things we need for the sport venues. Second inspection was made in August 2019 by Geoff Smedley, Dr Arly Heide, Jose Parreira and Trevor Low. After this second approval we started to finish all final things. We made plans such as the number of athletes, the number of coaches and the number of companions comparing to the first Trisome Games in Italy. We asked the countries to send their intention of participation letters. 37 countries had sent the forms of the intention of participation. 30th of November was the final date but the countries asked us to extend the date. Although the final date was 5th of February 2020 for sending the final entry and travel forms. There has been countries who have not sent any forms. There has been countries who have not sent their final payments.

We had reserved all the rooms for the hotel. Our teams have been training for couple of months and they are still in the training camps in all branches. The General Coordinator of the Second Trisome Games, Mr Tolga Nasuh Aran, has been answering all your concerns, responds 7 days 24 hours. For especially 2 weeks, the World is suffering from a virüs called Corona Virus. It has been spreading. And it effects many countries. For 3 weeks, we have been in contact with Health Ministery. Our Medical Committe has been informed daily. No serious effect has been seen. The ones coming from other countries had been put quarantined. Some countries requested us to postpone or cancel. We declared here that the Second Trisome Games will not be cancelled. If there were a decision of World Health Organization against Corona Virus, we will make a decision about postpone. I want you all be sure that we are considering all issues like security, health etc. Antalya is 24 degrees centigrade and one of the most peaceful city in the World.



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Dear Turkish Athletes with down syndrome and the athletes with down syndrome from all other countries, all the resources of our country are at your service. We are very pleased to be part of this great organisation and hosting you.

On this occasion, I wish for an unforgettable sporting event where you will gain beautiful memories for all of the coaches, managers and the down syndrome athletes who are competing in the games. We are proud of our down syndrome athletes and welcome you all.

Birol A President of TOSSFED