

# Kyoto, where all things start



Anyone aged over 30 can participate

The World Masters Games is an international multi-sport competition for any athletes over the age of 30 to participate, hosted by the International Masters Games Association (IMGA) every four years.

The next WMG 2021 will mark its 10th anniversary, and it will be held in Japan as its first attempt in Asia. Kansai, the west part of Japan is selected as the venue.

Kyoto City will host events for Athletics(Track and Field), Badminton, Squash, and Karate, including the Opening Ceremony which will be produced by making the best use of the unique atmosphere and culture of Kyoto, Kansai. It is an excellent opportunity for people to acknowledge each other beyond the difference of culture and customs through tourism and sports.

We are in process of preparation for the events to make all the visitors fulfilled and impressed by the participation.

Together with the residents of Kyoto, we are looking forward to your visit in 2021!

Application Period: February, 2020 – February, 2021 (tbc)



The Biggest Lifetime Sports Event for All to Participate

# WORLD MASTERS GAMES 2021 KANSAI JAPAN

14 – 30, May, 2021

〈In Kyoto City〉

※The schedule is to be confirmed.



Opening Ceremony

May 14

Around Okazaki Area



Badminton

May 16-23



Squash

May 20-29



Karate

May 21-23



Athletics (Track & Field)

May 21-27

**Kyoto** is Founded in 794, Kyoto has flourished as the capital of Japan for over a millennium. The city has preserved its refined culture, historical sites and innumerable Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples, continuing to fascinate visitors from all over the world.

### Natural features

Surrounded on three sides by mountains and crossed by two rivers, Kamogawa and Katsuragawa, Kyoto city is blessed with beautiful natural environment. Influenced by its position of an interior basin, the climate of Kyoto is marked by hot and humid summers, chilling cold winters and the distinctive passage of the seasons.

### History

From ancient times, a holy city with the innumerable Shinto shrines and the finest examples of Buddhist architecture, arts, statues and Zen gardens. For its unique culture, the whole city can be considered as the heritage of the mankind. Kyoto is also a place rich in events and festivals of all kinds. Starting with the major Kyoto festivals, such as Aoi Matsuri (May 15) with its display of the elegant cultures of the dynastic age, it is said that there is no day without a festival in Kyoto.



### Tourism

One of the world's top tourist destinations, with 53.6 million guests included 7.43 million foreign guests in 2017. Kiyomizu-dera temple, Kamigamo shrine and other 12 Kyoto cultural properties are registered on the UNESCO World Heritage Site list as the "Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto" (total of 17 locations).

## In Kyoto City

### 1 Opening ceremony

#### Venue: Around Okazaki Area

where you can feel the nature, history, and culture of Kyoto, Japan.

**Friday, May 14, 2021**

※Opening Events including stage performance and parade are scheduled before / after the Opening Ceremony.



Opening Event: 13:00-21:00



Opening Ceremony: 15:00-17:00

### 2 Sports (Dates, Target number of participants, Venues)

※The schedule and target number is to be confirmed.

#### Badminton

**May 16-23** (approx.1,500)

Hannaryz Arena  
Kyoto Citizen Sports Hall  
Shimadzu Arena Kyoto



#### Squash

**May 20-29** (approx.540)

L-Sports Kyoto  
Kyoto Terra



#### Karate

**May 21-23** (approx.500)

Kyoto City Budo Center



#### Athletics (Track & Field)

**May 21-27** (approx.2,000)

Nishikyogoku Athletic Park



**Petanque** will be held as "Showcase Sports" in August, 2020 to increase awareness and momentum towards participating in WMG 2021 Kansai.



## The World Masters Games 2021 Kansai Executive Committee of Kyoto City (Secretariat: Sports Promotion Office, City of Kyoto)

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