



## WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

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### International World Karate Day

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Dear President,

After the inclusion of Karate in the Olympic Games 2020 in Tokyo and the Youth Olympics 2018 in Buenos Aires, our next big goal is our continuity as an Olympic sport and therefore to be included in the Sports Program of the 2024 Olympic Games.

As I explained to you in the recent WKF Congress in Linz, the first opportunity to achieve this is in September 2017, when the IOC Session in Lima will decide on the Sports Program of 2024; Karate has to show itself as a world-wide Olympic sport for all social classes and ages.

As presented at the Congress in Linz, we will present this to the IOC President at the International World Karate Day in Munich on the 17th June 2017. More than 1500 Karateka will be presenting the whole variety of our sport together with our top athletes in the WKF during an exceptional course and a unique show program.

Before this, however, all our other 190 National Federations should celebrate their National Karate Day, at a smaller scale, in a date to be decided by each NF between January and May 2017. Whether this is done in a championship or in a different special ad hoc event, it is not important. It is only important to send a full report of the event to the WKF HQ office. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of June, we will present to the IOC President the International World Karate Day as a new prove of our global commitment.

Please participate in this great worldwide action to present karate to the IOC, in line with the Agenda 2020. Contribute to offer Karate the opportunity to remain a part of the Olympic family in 2024.

Regards,

**Antonio Espinos**  
WKF President