

# *Sport News Round Up March 15*

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## **Terry Fox Marathon of Hope**

The *Terry Fox Marathon of Hope*, in its 14th edition, kicks off today March 15th throughout Cuba, with the special motivation of promoting the fight against cancer through exercise.

Children, youth and adults, in all Cuba's municipalities, rural and mountain population centers of the country, will honor the young Canadian victim of the disease who, at 18, suffered the amputation of his right leg 6 inches above the knee and ran 42 km. daily during 143 consecutive days using a prosthesis.

Carlos Gattorno, director of *Marabana-Maracuba Project*, told reporters that the event can be attended by all people in accordance with their physical capabilities as it is an event that does not have awards.

He added that the starting signal was be given at 10 am by *Radio Reloj station* and urged Cubans to massively attend the race, as an expression of solidarity that characterizes the Cuban people.

Terry Fox died at age 22, but his will, effort and sacrifice in the struggle for life serves as example to the new generations.

## **Japan-Cuba**

Yuichi Hirano, deputy general manager of the *Sports Science Institute of Japan*, will arrive this Saturday to Cuba to cover a working visit during which he will exchange experiences with local sport authorities.

On Monday, the distinguished visitor will meet with executives, principals and professors of the *University of the Sciences of Physical Culture and Sports*, and offer the lecture *Programs of Research and Support at the Sports Science Institute of Japan*, at the auditorium of the *National Institute of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation (INDER)*, the Jit digital sport publication said today.

For Monday evening, Mr. Hirano also plans to talk with Christian Jiménez Molina, President of INDER, to lately visit the *National School of Gymnastics*, and the *Anti-Doping Laboratory* on Tuesday.

Jit also stands out that on Tuesday, during his last day of official visit, the Japanese representative will hold talks with local officials from the *Department of International Relations of INDER*.

## **Rodeo Competition**

The *International Rodeo Championship* will be one of the attractions of the *17th International Food and Agribusiness Fair of Rancho Boyeros, FIAGROP 2014* to be held from today March 15th-23rd.

The best horsemen and horsewomen of Costa Rica, Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia and Panama will perform for the enjoyment of the public, said Yoandri Lazo, director of events of the Havana entity to local media.

Lazo explained that this time there will be calf roping, double lassos, bull riding, knocking over, barrels and acrobatics among many other activities, including a trade fair in which some of the new technologies used in Cuban agriculture will be presented.

Consumables, products, technologies, scientific-technical advances, agricultural equipment and machinery, as well as equipment, materials and veterinary medicines and agricultural products and services of the participating companies and entities will be on display as well.

In this way, FIAGROP favors direct exchanges of entrepreneurs and producers, and generates the signing of agreements and negotiations between production and marketing centers of nations represented.

## **Basketball**

El Salvador will house a friendly top of Men's basketball from April 11th-13th, to which were invited selections Belize, Cuba and Colombia and the host team, said the president of the *Salvadoran Basketball Federation (FETSAL)*, Yamil Bukele.

Bukele said that March 10th is the deadline for registering the invited countries to confirm their attendance to this tournament, which look for training El Salvador's teams facing the *Central American and Caribbean Basketball (Centrobasket)*, scheduled from August 1st to 7th in Mexico.

According to the official, the local team to compete in this tournament will be the same to attend the championship in Mexico.

In addition, the Centrobasket tournament will be the proper way for the local team may qualify for other international competitions such as the Central American and Caribbean Games, Pan-American Games and the Olympic Basketball Qualifying.



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