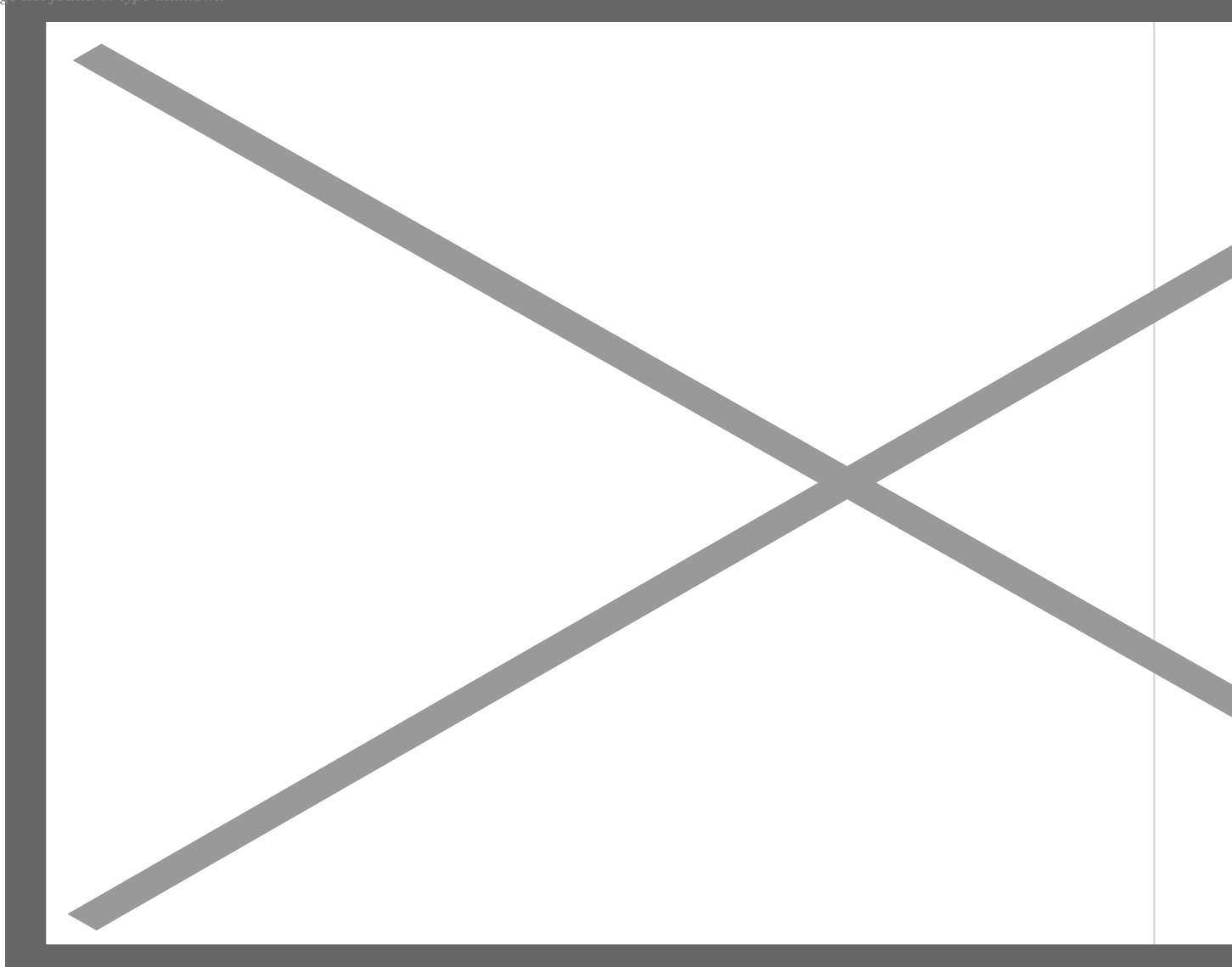


Cuba registers 365 athletes for the Santiago Pan American Games

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Santiago de Chile, October 13 (JIT) - Cuba has registered 365 athletes to participate in 38 of the 60 sports disciplines for the XIX Pan American Games of Santiago 2023.

Jose Antonio Miranda, general director of high performance of Inder, explained to JIT that during the meeting with the organizers it was also officialized that the island will be present in 227 of the 425 events included in the program.

The also deputy chief of mission added that, in line with a trend accentuated in recent years, there are more women (189) than men (176) in a roster that aims to conquer between 18 and 22 scepters.

He said that during this Thursday the members of the Cuban advance team cleared other matters, including the assurance of training and accommodation requirements according to the flow of arrivals and departures.

"We found a lot of professionalism and willingness to contribute to ensure that the main protagonists of the event have the necessary conditions," said Miranda, who played down the importance of certain delays in the implementation of the village.

"It is true that during the so-called pre-opening some services will not be ready yet, but the situation is very favorable and we are working hard so that everything will be solved by October 16," he said.

He ratified that on that day the first segment of the Cuban delegation will arrive, marked by the presence of the boxing and baseball teams, the first sports to take part in action.

Summing up the day, the specialist highlighted the significance of the meeting held with members of solidarity groups who confirmed their willingness to support Cuba's competitors in the competition that will be inaugurated on October 20.

In the presence of the Cuban ambassador, Mercedes Vicente, and the vice-president of Inder, Omar Venega, the meeting became a confirmation of the sympathy towards the Revolution and the condemnation of the US blockade.

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