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22nd WUC HANDBALL STARTS TODAY!



This year, Guimarães hosts the 22nd World University Handball Championship organized, in cooperation, by University of Minho, University of Minho's Students Union and Guimarães City Council, under the aegis of the Portuguese Federation of University Sports.

The event will happen in three different sport halls in the city of Guimarães. It is all set to receive 11 male and 12 female teams from 15 countries worldwide.

The Opening Ceremony will take place today in Largo da Oliveira and the competition will start officially tomorrow at 12:30pm with the female game Poland – Republic of Korea.

Welcome to our country...



Filipa Godinho

Portuguese Federation of University Sports

On behalf of the Portuguese Federation of University Sport it is a great pleasure to receive all the participants in the 22nd World University Handball Championship, this year in Portugal.

For all the athletes and officials we hope that you have great moments in our country with the best conditions for an unforgettable experience and sports success.

For the partners, volunteers and guests I am sure that it will be an event with a large organizational quality and certainly an asset to all.

For this, University of Minho and its Students Union (AAUM) are ready with FADU to welcome everyone for this memorable university sports competition, built on the values of ethics and fair play and reflecting the true spirit of university sports.

Good luck to everyone, welcome to Portugal, welcome to the 22nd World University Handball Championship!



Portugal

Portugal is a developed country, has a high Human Development Index and is among the world's 20 highest rated countries in terms of quality of life. It is a member of the European Union (since 1986) and the United Nations (since 1955). According to the Global Peace Index, Portugal is among the top ten most peaceful countries in the world.

Guimarães

Guimarães is an historical city that had an important role in the formation of Portugal. It was settled in the 9th century, at which time it was called Vimaranes. This denomination might have had its origin in the warrior Vímara Peres, when he chose this area as the main government seat for the County of Portugal which he conquered for the Kingdom of Galicia.

Guimarães is one of the country's most important historical cities. Its historical center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, making it one of the largest tourist centers in the region.

The city is often referred to as the "birthplace of the Portuguese nationality" or "the cradle city" (Cidade Berço in Portuguese). This might be because the administrative seat of the County of Portugal was established there by Henry of Burgundy, or that it might also been the birthplace of Afonso I of Portugal, the first Portuguese king.



Carlos Alberto Videira

President of the Organizing Committee

Welcome to Guimarães,
Welcome to the University of Minho,

It is with great pleasure that I address you all as President of the Organizing Committee of the 22nd World University Handball Championship.

I am confident that some unforgettable days are waiting us. This is the perfect place for the World University Handball Championship. Guimarães is a special city where Portugal began as a country. The University of Minho is a mark in university sport and this is the fifth time that organizes a world university championship, since 1998.

The Organizing Committee and volunteers dedicated the last few months to prepare these forthcoming days. Experienced and dedicated people make up the committee and they have given their all to their task.

Now it is time for the athletes to take the stage. It is an opportunity for you, athletes, to show your talent and your pride in representing your own country.

Good luck for everyone!

...and to our University



University of Minho, founded in 1973, is one of the then named "New Universities" that, at that time, deeply changed the landscape of higher education in Portugal. Located in the region of Minho, known for its significant economic activity and by the youth of its population, University of Minho has played the role of development agent in the region.

Sport Service and sport program in University of Minho is recognized by Sports and Academic Authorities, at national and international level, by the excellence of the facilities, skilled and experienced staff, quality of service. In the Academic Year of 2009/2010, 9422 sports cards have been issued, representing 42% of the Academic community with a regular practice of sport in University of Minho sport facilities.

Minho University sports Service has been created in 1995, and since that, a large experience in organizing national and international sport events has been developed: 1998 World University Futsal Championship, 2004 European University Volleyball Championship, 1997 and 2002 final stage of Portuguese University Championships, Qualifying Tournament for the World FIFA Futsal Championship'04, 2006 European University Basketball Championship, 2008 World University Badminton Championship and the 2009 European University Taekwondo Championship.