



Gay Games 11 Hong Kong Hosts Soccer Tournament with the Federation of Gay Games in November 2022

Hong Kong, 8 June, 2021 - Gay Games 11 Hong Kong 2022 (GGHK) together with the Federation of Gay Games (FGG), today announced that they will be hosting the Soccer (Football) tournaments along with 35 other planned sports events including Dragon Boat, Racing, Dodgeball, eSports, and Trail Running.

It is GGHK's top priority to make all sport events accessible to participants across Asia and the rest of the world. Due to multiple constraints, we will not be hosting the IGLFA World Championship XXIV at the same time at GGHK in November 2022.

Dennis Philipse, Co-Chair of GGHK says, "Not being able to host the IGLFA World Championship XXIV was a difficult decision for all of us, however, given the circumstances, we believe it was the right decision to make. Everything we do at GGHK is about Unity in Diversity."

Joanie Evans, the co-president of the Federation of Gay Games (FGG) says, "We have always been about promoting sports and arts & culture to bring people and communities together, and I'm incredibly proud of the impact we've made in the LGBTQ+ community. We look forward to welcoming everyone to GGHK 2022 to participate in our football/soccer tournament!"

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About Gay Games 11 Hong Kong 2022

Gay Games 11 Hong Kong will take place in 11-19 November 2022, first time in Asia. We are expecting 12,000 participants, 75,000 spectators and 3,000 volunteers from 100 countries under the theme "Unity in Diversity." There are 36 sporting events planned including Dragon Boat Racing, Dodgeball, eSports, and Trail Running, Opening & Closing ceremonies, Festival Village,

and Arts & Culture events with daily performances, a Gala Concert, LGBTQ+ art exhibitions, and memorial events to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Gay Games. Supporting organisations include the Equal Opportunities Commission, BrandHK, InvestHK and the Hong Kong Tourism Board. Building on the success of the Paris Gay Games 10 in August 2018, Gay Games 11 will have an estimated economic impact of HKD 1 billion (USD 128 million), comprising 300,000 hotel room bookings and associated consumption revenue, and millions of pictures on social media #HongKong.

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About the Federation of Gay Games (FGG)

The FGG mission is to promote equality and social change for LGBTQ+ people through its quadrennial sports and culture event, the Gay Games. Conceived by Dr. Tom Waddell, an Olympic decathlete, the Gay Games principles are "Participation, Inclusion and Personal BestTM" and it was first held in San Francisco in 1982. It is now the world's largest quadrennial LGBTQ+ sports and cultural event open to all, that is organized and led by LGBTQ+ artists and athletes. Gay Games have been held in San Francisco (1986), Vancouver (1990), New York (1994), Amsterdam (1998), Sydney (2002), Chicago (2006), Cologne (2010), and Cleveland+Akron (2014). The most recent Gay Games, in Paris (2018), involved over 10,000 participants from 91 countries, 3,000 volunteers, 36 sports.

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