STORY SCRIPT

The IOC’s Olympic Games Executive Director Christophe Dubi has hailed the “outstanding” preparations for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, and says the venues are ready to safely host the world’s athletes.

“The level of preparation is outstanding and we can be very confident,” said Dubi, who has been in Tokyo for the past few weeks as final preparations have been taking place, and has witnessed the work in the venues. “The venues are ready and they look magnificent.”

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The global pandemic has presented unprecedented challenges but Dubi says he is confident they have been met: “We have designed and implemented very precise rules for every participant and they work. At this point in time we have to be focused obviously. But we can also be very, very confident.”

The Executive Director also acknowledged the innovation that will take these Games to viewers around the globe using cutting-edge technology: “Considering the context here in Tokyo, having no spectators was the right decision. What we will ensure nevertheless is that all the energy that is outside of the stadiums will be delivered back into the stadium with fans’ videos, images and messages. We’ll make sure there will be an atmosphere.”

The Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 will take place from July 23 to August 8 2021 and the Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 from August 24 to September 5 2021.

SHOTLIST:
00:04 Drone shot, Tokyo bay
00:12 Olympic nations’ flags blowing in the wind
00:17 Wide shot, Sea Forest Waterway, Tokyo Bay
00:21 Close up of grandstand, Sea Forest Waterway, Tokyo Bay
00:26 Volunteers getting temperature checks
00:31 Tokyo 2020 security measures
00:35 Wide shot, Kasai Canoe Slalom Course, Tokyo
00:40 Pan shot, Rowing boat and bicycle storage unit

QUESTION: Is everything ready for the athletes at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020?

00:47 SOUNDBITE: Christophe Dubi, Olympic Games Executive Director (English Language)
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01:24 Close up, Olympic Rings, Tokyo
00:28 Members of the public using Tokyo 2020 branded escalator
01:33 Wide shot, high street
01:37 Close up, street lights with Tokyo 2020 branding

QUESTION: There is evidence of COVID countermeasures all over the city, in what ways are these Games being made safe and secure?

01:43 SOUNDBITE: Christophe Dubi, Olympic Games Executive Director (English Language)
“"Here, the city is re-introducing the state of emergency and that will be the context in which we will operate and at the same time we have on our side designed and implemented very precise rules for every participant, and they work. So, at this point in time, we have to be focused obviously, but we can also be very very confident.”

02:08 Wide shot, Tokyo Tap Water Station, Tokyo
02:12 Wide shot, restaurant
02:16 Close up, sanitiser bottle
02:20 Moving shot, socially distanced tables
02:24 Close up, socially distanced tables
02:28 Moving shot, chairs with social distancing

QUESTION: How will the safety of Games participants and the local population be maintained at the Games?

02:37 SOUNDBITE: Christophe Dubi, Olympic Games Executive Director (English Language)
“"For us to be very good participants and contributing to the safety of the Games, we have Playbooks which establish what has to be done from the 14 days prior to coming in to Japan, when arriving in Japan and then the behaviour that is expected every single day, every single minute, once we are here in Japan. It starts with very rigorous testing, maintaining [social] distance, using a mask, being simply a perfect Games participant. Between the two, the city context and the Playbooks, the countermeasures for Games participants, we have what it takes to deliver what we always said we would do - a safe Games for everyone.”

03:28 Wide shot, outdoor transport shelter with small buses
03:31 Wide shot, Olympic transport buses within Olympic Village
03:33 Athlete's room, Olympic Village
03:37 Bed, Olympic Village, with Tokyo 2020 duvet
03:41 Close up, sign in Japanese/English: ‘Fitness Centre’
03:44 Depth shot, squat racks in gym
03:46 Wide shot, gym apparatus and exercise balls

QUESTION: How will the decision to have no spectators impact the Games?
03:53 SOUNDbite: Christophe Dubi, Olympic Games Executive Director (English Language)

"Considering the context here in Tokyo, no spectators was the right decision. This is something we had anticipated. In our plans, one of the scenarios was no spectators, so what we will ensure, nevertheless, is that all the energy that is outside of the stadiums coming from the world will be delivered back into the stadiums. Fans, videos, images, messages will be shared with the athletes and the athletes will be able to react. They will be able to tell their loved ones what is their experience. They will be able to tell us as well what they felt and their achievements."

04:39 Close up, Tokyo 2020 sign, public on busy street crossing
04:43 Mid shot, public walking past Olympic Rings on street
04:48 Wide shot, Tokyo 2020 Olympic Stadium
04:51 Wide shot, temperature check point at building entrance
04:56 Reception staff in covid-safe working room
05:01 Mid shot, sanitiser bottles in boxes
05:09 Wide shot, Tokyo 2020 Olympic Stadium
05:14 Aerial tracking shot, Olympic Park, Tokyo

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