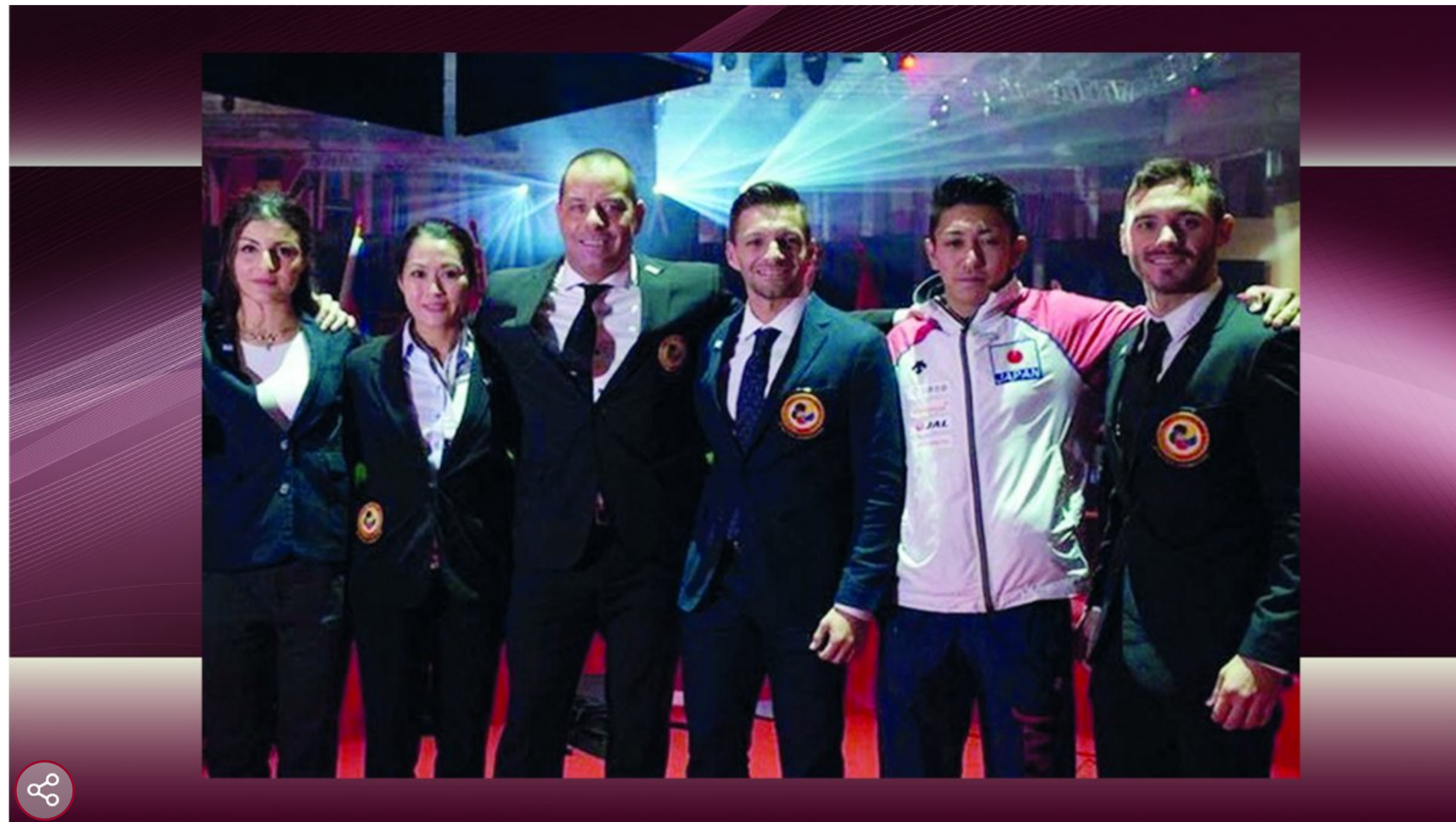


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## WKF Athletes' Commission statement on Tokyo 2020 postponement

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In a statement distributed to athletes and national federations, WKF Athletes' Commission chairman Davide Benetello reviews the impact that the coronavirus outbreak is having on all kinds of activities and informs athletes of the close connection of all WKF stakeholders to evaluate the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic on the sport.

"Additionally, the IOC has also established the revised qualification principles for all sports as of yesterday (Wednesday 1st April), which need to be taken into consideration for evaluation of the current situation and ongoing steps," Benetello points out in the statement.

"Considering the above, we would like to ask you to hold on until the appropriate adjustments have been made with the required formal approvals," declared WKF's Athletes' Commission chairman.

Read the full statement here:



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### Tokyo Olympic Games

#### *Message from the WKF Athletes' Commission Chair upon rescheduling of the Olympic Games to 2021*

Dear Athletes,

As we are all well aware, the coronavirus pandemic has widely spread over the world and is currently affecting a great number of people, impacting on all kinds of activities, certainly including sporting activities, from daily training to competitions.

Since the outbreak of the Covid-19 crisis, the WKF in connection with the WKF Athletes' Commission has therefore been in close contact with all stakeholders to evaluate the impact of Covid-19 on all levels. The developments of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, as well as the corresponding qualification pathway have been constantly monitored. The necessary contact has been maintained amongst others with the IOC and TOCOG, but regular WKF meetings are also taking place in order to proceed with the adjustments necessary.

Only beginning of this week (Monday 30th March) the new dates for the Tokyo Olympic Games have been released, rescheduling the Games for next summer 2021. Additionally, the IOC has also established the revised qualification principles for all sports as of yesterday (Wednesday 1st April), which need to be taken into consideration for evaluation of the current situation and ongoing steps.

Considering the above, we would like to ask you to hold on until the appropriate adjustments have been made with the required formal approvals. This will allow the WKF to then duly communicate to all its stakeholders, including the athletes through their National Federations, informing you of the next steps for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and reviews derived from the postponement of the Olympic Games to the summer 2021, due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

Stay safe!

**Davide Benetello**  
WKF Athletes' Commission Chair



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