



## **13<sup>th</sup> World Wushu Championships Set to Dazzle Sports World, November 11-18 in Jakarta**

**The world's top wushu athletes gather for the 5-day World Championships in Jakarta, Indonesia, with special guest star Jet Li in attendance. Kungfu fans around the world will watch the event live-streaming for the first time.**

(Beijing, October 22, 2015) -- The **13th World Wushu Championships** (WWC) will be held from November 11th--18th in Jakarta, Indonesia. This signature IWUF event, held every two years, will be the largest ever, with nearly 1,000 participants.

The World Wushu Championships (WWC), hosted by the **International Wushu Federation (IWUF)**, features the highest competitive level within the sport. The championships take place biennially, with this 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the event organized by the Indonesian Wushu Association (IWA). This year's special guest star Jet Li will make an appearance at the opening ceremony and award medals on the first day's competition. All the dazzling martial arts action can also be found live streaming on the International Wushu Federation's new **Wushu.tv** channel.

The International Wushu Federation was officially recognized by the IOC in 2002 during the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. IWUF has held official wushu tournaments as part of the IOC culture and education program in conjunction with the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, and at the 2014 Nanjing Youth Olympic Games (YOG). In 2015 wushu was shortlisted as one of eight sports nominated for recommendation as an additional sport at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. The IWUF is currently preparing to bid for wushu's inclusion in the 2024 Olympic Program.

The competition venue of the 13th WWC will be Istora Senayan, located in central Jakarta with a capacity of 5,000 spectators. The arena has been used for many international events and has witnessed the development of several world sports.

The competition events of the 13th WWC consist mainly of two main disciplines, namely, Taolu (barehand events, weapon events and duel events) and Sanda (full-contact fighting.) Taolu events include: Changquan (longfist), Nanquan (Southern fist), Taijiquan (Tai Chi Chuan), Daoshu (broadsword), Jianshu (straight sword), Gunshu (staff), Qiangshu (spear), Nangun (Southern staff), Nandao (Southern broadsword), Xingyiquan (shape & intent fist), Baguazhang (eight trigrams palm), Shuangjian (double straight swords), Dadao (halberd) and Duilian (Choreographed sparring duel.) Sanda full-contact fighting has 11 categories for men's events and 7 categories for women's events. Sanda competition in the World Wushu Championships offers some of the most exciting fights in martial arts competition, with a combination of scoring from punches, kick, sweeps, throws and throwing the opponent off the stage. Top fighters from Russia, Iran, China and many other countries will be competing to be world champion at this event.

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