

National Paralympic Day celebrated in Iran

The celebrations, held in the Iranian capital of Tehran, saw 8,000 children in attendance as an array of para-sports were demonstrated.

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Thousands of children enjoyed various activities during seven days of festivities for the 2013 Iranian National Paralympic Week.

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Eight-thousand children with an impairment were in attendance to celebrate National Paralympic Day at the



As part of the festivities, they received an inclusive National Paralympic Day medal and met with the Iranian Sport Minister, Co-operate Minister, National Olympic Committee officials, Paralympians and other sporting officials and invited dignitaries.

A video message from Sir Philip Craven, President of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), was also shown as para-equestrian riders paraded the stadium with the flags of the IPC and International Organisation of Sports for the Disabled (IOSD).

Wilfried Lemke, Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace, supported the ceremony by sending an official message, which was read by IPC Shooting world champion, Sareh Javamardidodmani.

Para-sports, such as football, powerlifting, shooting, boccia and archery were also demonstrated by Iranian athletes.

The National Paralympic Day festivities, which were broadcast throughout Iran, were also celebrated in other provinces, with around 40,000 people attending.



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