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Paris 2024 gets ready to take the baton from Tokyo 2020 on August 8th
The Eiffel Tower turns flag bearer

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Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games Organising Committee
On Tuesday 8th June, Paris 2024, in partnership with the Eiffel Tower Operating Company, conducted a large-scale test on the Eiffel Tower as part of preparations for festivities linked to the Handover Ceremony with Tokyo 2020.

Paris 2024 President Tony Estanguet said: “Less than 50 days before the Opening Ceremony of the Tokyo 2020 Games, we are thinking of our Japanese counterparts and looking forward to the start of the Games, which we have all missed so much. Just like the Olympic and Paralympic athletes, Paris 2024 is also getting ready for Tokyo. Today was just a test, but we are sending an invitation to the French public and the whole world to join us on August 8th for the first Paris 2024 ceremony.”

The official Handover will be among the highlights of the Olympic Games Closing Ceremony, which will take place on August 8th in the Olympic Stadium in Tokyo. The Governor of Tokyo will officially pass the Olympic flag to the Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo ahead of a 12-minute artistic sequence, during which Paris 2024 will provide a foretaste of its festive ambition.

To celebrate this handover and the joy of people coming back together after a challenging year, Paris 2024 and the City of Paris will organise the ‘Live des Jeux’ in Paris – a space offering screenings, sports and festive activities in the Trocadéro Gardens throughout the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The Paris 2024 Club, together with the French Air and Space Force, is inviting the public to be part of experience from the skies above Paris

True to its ambition to open the Games to as many people as possible, Paris 2024 is offering the French public the chance to experience the Handover celebrations from the inside, via a unique prize.

France’s elite air display team, the Patrouille de France, will fly over the French capital on August 8th and proposes to take two deserving members of the Paris 2024 Club along for the ride.

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The Paris 2024 Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games is responsible for planning, organising, financing and delivering the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris in 2024, in accordance with the Host City Contract signed by the IOC (International Olympic Committee), CNOSF (French National Olympic and Sports Committee) and Paris City Council.

The Olympic and Paralympic Games are the leading sports event in the world and have a unique media impact, bringing together some 10,500 Olympic and 4,350 Paralympic athletes, respectively representing 206 and 182 delegations from five continents. The Games are followed by over 13 million spectators and 4 billion viewers around the world through more than 100,000 hours of TV coverage, and their impact as a global event of great sporting, economic and cultural importance is unparalleled.
Paris 2024 was established in January 2018 and is chaired by Tony Estanguet (three-time Olympic champion and IOC member). It is run by an Executive Board, which brings together all the project’s founding members, namely the CNOSF, Paris City Council, the French State, the Greater Paris regional authorities, CPSF (French Paralympic and Sports Committee), Métropole du Grand Paris, Seine Saint Denis departmental council and representatives from the towns and cities involved in the Games.

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