

Welcome address by the President of the Republic of Tatarstan

Rustam Minnikhanov

to the participants of the IHF Men's and Women's

Beach Handball World Championships – 2018

Dear friends,

I am glad to welcome you in Kazan at the IHF Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships – 2018!

In recent years Tatarstan has been actively participating in the All-Russian and international sporting life and masterfully hosting the largest and high-profile tournaments.

I suppose that it is not by chance that the International Handball Federation has chosen Kazan for hosting the Beach Handball World Championships. From our side we will spare no effort for the competitions to be held at a traditionally high level of organisation.

Let me sincerely wish the participants enthusiasm, inspiration, sports luck and glorious victories as well as vivid and unforgettable impressions to the guests and spectators. Let the competitions contribute to the development and popularisation of handball and become yet another reason to strengthen friendship and mutual understanding between various peoples.

Rustam Minnikhanov

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