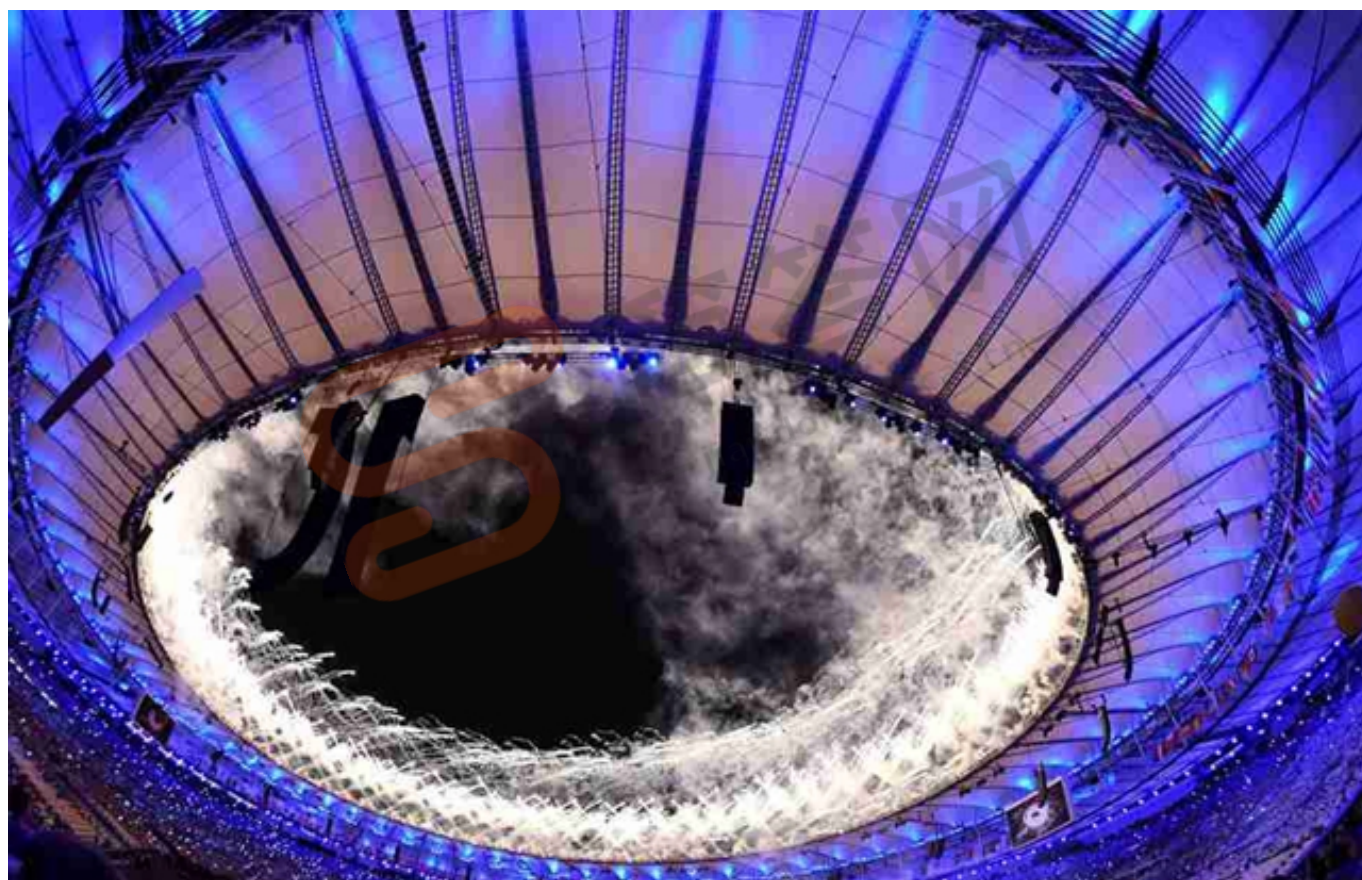


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More than 4,400 athletes from 160 countries and regions will compete at the Rio Paralympic Games, which officially opened at the Maracana Stadium on Wednesday.

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The figure includes two refugees, who will participate under the International Paralympic Athletes flag, the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) said on Wednesday.

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Of the 4,432 athletes registered for the September 7-18 Games, a record 1,621 are women - 12% more than London four years ago and more than double the number that participated in Atlanta 20 years ago.

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The high participation level comes despite the late withdrawals of Comoros and Liberia, and the absence of Russia.

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IPC president Philip Craven said organizers had overcome many obstacles, such as budget cuts and Brazil's worst recession in decades.

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"Two weeks ago I said we faced unprecedented circumstances and since then we've seen unprecedented teamwork," Craven told a news conference.

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Craven said a record 1,500 athletes would be tested for doping during the Rio Paralympics.

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The Games will be broadcast to 154 countries and regions - 39 more than in London.

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