

1st Asian Beach Games

The Inaugural Beach Games were held in Bali, Indonesia from 18th to 26th October, 2008.

Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony infused with a showing of Indonesian culture meant to inspire the world. The Ceremony held at the Garuda Wisnu Kencana, a monumental cultural park in Nusa Dua. In the Opening Ceremony included 845 dancers performing a 12-minute dance choreographed by Sentot S. The dance, which depicted the rich history of host country Indonesia, ended with a special collaboration of three Asian Divo: Andre Hehaussa (Indonesia), Christian Bautista (Phillipines), and Mark Lazaro (India) singing "To Be One" with the Erwin Gutawa Orchestra. Athletes and officials from the 45 participating countries also marched in the Ceremony. For the athletes' parade, the athletes divided into five groups based on their regions: West Asia (13 countries), Central Asia (5 countries), South Asia (8 countries), East Asia (8 countries) and South East Asia (11 countries). They symbolized with sand, wind, flower, fire and water, respectively. Following the parade, the theme song of the 1st Asian Beach Games, "Inspire the World," performed by Anggun. The torch carried by three Indonesian athletes: sprinter Suryo Agung Laksono; 2004 Olympic Champion in badminton Taufik Hidayat; and windsurfer I Gusti Oka Sulaksana. Laksono and Hidayat also carried the torch first and second, respectively. Bali native Sulaksana, at the Asian Beach Games, carried the torch on its final leg. The Ceremony ended with a musical performance featuring Indonesian's top talents.

Participating Nations: 45

Participants: 4000 athletes and officials

Sports/Disciplines: 19 Disciplines

Beach Handball, Beach Kabaddi, Beach Pencak Silat, Beach Sepaktakraw, Beach Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Beach Wrestling, Bodybuilding, Dragon Boat Racing, Jet-Ski, Marathon Swimming, Paragliding, Sailing, Surfing, Triathlon, Windsurfing, Woodball, Beach Basketball and Beach Polo.

Winner: The top three winners were Indonesia, Thailand and China:

Medal Tally of 1st Asian Beach Games

| Rank. | Nation | Medals | | | |
|-------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| | | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
| 1 | Indonesia | 23 | 8 | 20 | 51 |
| 2 | Thailand | 10 | 17 | 10 | 37 |
| 3 | China | 6 | 10 | 7 | 23 |

| | | | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 4 | Korea | 4 | 7 | 10 | 21 |
| 5 | Japan | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| 6 | Hong Kong | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| 7 | India | 3 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| 8 | Vietnam | 2 | 5 | 3 | 10 |
| 9 | Myanmar | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| 10 | Malaysia | 2 | 2 | 6 | 10 |
| 11 | Pakistan | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| 12 | Chinese Taipei | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| 13 | Syria | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 14 | Kuwait | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| 15 | Kazakhstan | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| 16 | UAE | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 17 | Singapore | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| 18 | Afghanistan | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 19 | Mongolia | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 20 | Oman | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 21 | Philippines | 0 | 2 | 8 | 10 |
| 22 | Brunei Darussalam | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 23 | Jordan | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 24 | Bangladesh | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 25 | Bahrain | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 26 | Macau | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 27 | Maldives | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | | 71 | 71 | 90 | 232 |

Pakistan's Participation in 1st Asian Beach Games

41-member Pakistan Contingent participated in the 1st Asian Beach Games held at Bali (Indonesia) from 18th to 26th October, 2008. The following were the members of Pakistan Contingent

| Contingent Officials | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Khan | Chef-de-Mission |
| 2. | Syed Amir Hamza Gilani | Secretary-cum-Treasurer |
| 3. | Chaudhry Muhammad Asghar | Admin Officer |
| 4. | Lt. Col. Muhammad Yousuf Baig | Contingent Doctor |
| Bodybuilding | | |
| 5. | Mr. Sohail Anwar | Manager-cum-Coach |
| 6. | Mr. Khalid Ali | Player |
| 7. | Mr. Muhammad Imran Qureshi | " |
| Handball | | |

| | | |
|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| 8. | Mr. Muhammad Abid Qadri Gillani | Manager |
| 9. | Mr. Muhammad Imran | Coach |
| 10. | Mr. Naseer Ahmed | Player |
| 11. | Mr. Muhammad Sohaib | “ |
| 12. | Mr. Tahir Ali | “ |
| 13. | Mr. Babar Sultan | “ |
| 14. | Mr. Muhammad Uzair | “ |
| 15. | Mr. Muhammad Shahid Pervaiz | “ |
| 16. | Mr. Azhar Khan | “ |
| 17. | Mr. Nasr-Ullah | “ |
| Kabaddi | | |
| 18. | Mr. Ahmed Nadeem Sadal | Manager |
| 19. | Ch. Muhammad Sharif | Coach |
| 20. | Mr. Muhammad Akram | Player |
| 21. | Mr. Nasir Ali | “ |
| 22. | Mr. Wasim Sajjad | “ |
| 23. | Mr. Muhammad Tajammal | “ |
| 24. | Mr. Faryad Ali | “ |
| 25. | Mr. Wajid Ali | “ |
| Sailing | | |
| 26. | Mr. Javed Rasool | Manager-cum-Coach |
| 27. | Mr. Muhammad Tanveer | Player |
| 28. | Mr. Khan Dad | “ |
| 29. | Mr. Qasim Abbas | “ |
| 30. | Mr. Muhammad Abdur Rehman Bin Nasir Rao | “ |
| Volleyball | | |
| 31. | Mr. Muhammad Akram | Manager-cum-Coach |
| 32. | Mr. M. Ismail Khan | Player |
| 33. | Mr. Zaheer Abbas | “ |
| 34. | Mr. Zaheer Khan | “ |
| 35. | Hafiz Amjad Hussain Shahzad | “ |
| Wrestling | | |
| 36. | Mr. Muhammad Saqib Khan | Manager |
| 37. | Mr. Muhammad Anwar | Coach |
| 38. | Mr. Muhammad Taseen | Player |
| 39. | Mr. Usman Majeed | “ |
| 40. | Mr. Ghulam Haider | “ |
| 41. | Mr. Muhammad Ali | “ |

Pakistan Medal Tally in 1st Asian Beach Games

| Sr. No. | Discipline | Medals | | | |
|--------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
| 1. | Bodybuilding | – | – | 1 | 1 |
| 2. | Handball | 1 | – | – | 1 |
| 3. | Kabaddi | – | 1 | – | 1 |
| 4. | Wrestling | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Total | | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 |

| Sr. No. | Player | Name of Event | Medal |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Bodybuilding | | | |
| 1. | Mr. Muhammad Imran | 75 Kg | Bronze |
| Handball | | | |
| 2. | Mr. Naseer Ahmed | Handball (Men) | Gold |
| | Mr. Muhammad Sohaib | | |
| | Mr. Tahir Ali | | |
| | Mr. Babar Sultan | | |
| | Mr. Muhammad Uzair | | |
| | Mr. Muhammad Shahid Pervaiz | | |
| | Mr. Azhar Khan | | |
| Mr. Nasr-Ullah | | | |
| Kabaddi | | | |
| 3. | Mr. Muhammad Akram | Kabaddi (Men) | Silver |
| | Mr. Nasir Ali | | |
| | Mr. Wasim Sajjad | | |
| | Mr. Muhammad Tajammal | | |
| | Mr. Faryad Ali | | |
| | Mr. Wajid Ali | | |
| Wrestling | | | |
| 4. | Mr. Ghulam Haider | 65 Kg | Gold |
| 5. | Mr. Muhammad Ali | 75 Kg | Silver |
| 6. | Mr. Muhammad Usman | 85 Kg | Bronze |
| 7. | Mr. Muhammad Taseem | 85+ Kg | Bronze |