

(Press Release)



## Live Broadcast of PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Games

**TOKYO, January 11, 2018** - NHK will provide live broadcasts almost daily of the competitions in the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Games which will take place over a 10-day period March 9-18 in PyeongChang, South Korea. It is the first time for NHK to do this for any winter Paralympics.

### 【Details of Broadcasts】

#### **NHK General TV**

- Opening Ceremony on March 9 from 7:30 p.m. JST (airing on NHK Educational TV from 9.00 p.m. JST).
- In the afternoons, NHK General TV will provide live telecasts or air recordings of Para alpine skiing, Para snowboard, Para biathlon, and other competitions where Japanese competitors are tipped to win medals.
- Highlights will be aired daily in the *Paralympics Time* program in the 10 p.m. slot. The program will provide a daily roundup and interview medalists and competitors in PyeongChang following their events.

#### **NHK Educational TV**

- Live telecast of the Closing Ceremony on March 18 from 8:00 p.m. JST.

#### **NHK BS 1**

- Live telecasts of Para ice hockey competitions (involving the Japanese team). (Recordings might be shown in some instances.)

※**Broadcast times to be determined once match schedules have been established.**

#### **Broadcasts for everyone!**

##### ① **Airing the competitions on the audio sub-channel**

Each day, one competition will be aired on the audio sub-channel for sake of persons with a visual impairment so that the live broadcasts can be enjoyed by all.

Commentary will provide vivid descriptions and make the rules and other elements of the competitions easy to follow. Audio commentary is being considered for Para alpine skiing, Para snowboard and other competitions.

★Audio sub-channel commentary also available for the PyeongChang Olympics

Audio commentary for persons with a visual impairment will be provided for various competitions, including the free program of the men's figure skating, the normal hill event in the women's skiing jumping, the 1,000 m event in the women's speed skating, and the individual large hill event in the Nordic combined.

※It will be the first time for NHK to provide commentary on the audio sub-channel for any Olympics or Paralympics.

## ② **Enabling everyone to cheer on the competitors each day!**

NHK General TV will air a program providing highlights of the Paralympics daily at 9:30 a.m. JST (8:25 a.m. JST on Sundays) for those with a visual and hearing impairment. Commentary will be provided in audio, sign language and text. NHK will aim to provide broadcasts easily enabling everyone to follow the rules, highlights and so on.

(The same program will be re-aired on NHK Educational TV weekdays at 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekends.)

## **Total amount of broadcasts**

Total for NHK TV channels approx. 62 hours (30 hr. 38 min. for Sochi)

※The live broadcasts, channels, etc. may be subject to change.

## **【Super Hi-Vision】**

- NHK will film mainly Japanese competitors at the Games with 8K camera, and broadcast highlights of the Paralympics for test broadcast for 8K(Super Hi-Vision) .

## **【Online services】**

- As with the Winter Olympics, a special website will be created for the Paralympics giving details about the competitors, competitions, results, etc. It will also provide live streams and a catch-up service for competitions.

※English language commentary from the Olympic Broadcasting Services will be available for some competitions.