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Puerto Vallarta welcomes NORCECA Beach Circuit

PUERTO VALLARTA, Mexico, October 14, 2010 – With Puerto Vallarta Mayor Salvador Gonzalez Resendiz in attendance as well as the Control Committee for the North Central America and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation (NORCECA), the technical meeting for the IV Circuit took place for the event to be held at the Holi Beach Stadium in this port city.

The meeting was presided by NORCECA Supervisor Miguel Beato, Competition Director Arnaldo Sanchez and Mexican Volleyball President Ismael Acosta.

Ten men's and ten women's team will compete representing Costa Rica, Canada, Cuba, United States, Puerto Rico, Guatemala and Mexico. Competitions for the gold will kick off on Friday in the last of four stages held in Mexico this year.

The event is also part of the series "On the Road" to the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games and for which today marks exactly one year to their opening, in October 14, 2011. Puerto Vallarta is one of the sub sites where beach volleyball will be played as well as the open water swimming, triathlon and sailing competitions.

The opening match at the stadium will be played by Mexico's teams 3 and 4, respectively, in the men's category at 10:00AM.

Competition Director Laura Amaral, who will also be the competition director for the Pan American Games, hopes that every seat, of the 1,800 available, will be completely filled on Saturday and Sunday.

"We adapted the areas at Holi Beach; we leveled and cleaned up the sand in order to meet the official requirements of NORCECA and the International Federation.

This way, the objective of having a solid venue for this volleyball event was met and we can also highlight the natural beauty, that is the sun and sand, of Puerto Vallarta," mentioned Amaral as she proudly spoke of the set-up for the competition.

Finals will be played on Sunday for this event that promises to showcase the competitive level anticipated for October 2011.

Women's teams: Yarleen Santiago/Dariam Acevedo (PUR), Nirian Sinal/Kirenia Ballard (CUB), Cayley Thurlby/Kimberly McGiven (USA), Heather Bansley/Elizabeth Maloney (CAN-1) Katherine Zakrzewski/Julie Rodrigues (CAN-2), Ingrid Morales/Natalia Alfaro (CRC), Maria Orellana/Lourdes Ramirez (GUA), Martha Revuelta/Xitlali Herrera (MEX-1), Martha Estrada/Diana Estrada (MEX-2), Natalia Sanchez/Gabriela Valencia (MEX-3).

Men's teams: Aldo Miramontes/Juan Virgen (MEX-1), Roberto Rodríguez/Orlando Irizarry (PUR), Marcin Jagoda/Michael Dile (USA-1), John Wankner/Kevin Lynch (USA-2), Yoendri Kinderlan/Sergio Gonzalez (CUB), Steve Marshall/Benjamin Laxton (CAN), Andy Leonardo/Erick Garrido (GUA), Ulises Ontiveros/Lombardo Ontiveros (MEX-2), Arturo Flores/Marcos Macias (MEX-3), Pedro Arenas/Jesus rodríguez (MEX-4).

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