

The Mayor's Address



Dear friends of Sport,

It was with great pleasure that I and the members of the council of our municipality learned that two Judo entities, the “Hellenic Judo Veterans Society-Kyuzo Mifune” and the “Special Needs Judo International”, shall organize here, in our renowned sea-resort of Loutraki, a Judo event for impaired athletes!

We were more pleased to understand, that this will be an initial activity out of a line of similar ones intended to be held on annual basis, aiming to urge the Judo family all over to include in their daily practice sessions athletes with Special Needs of any kind, in terms of showing that “it can be done”. Even further, we were very enthusiastic with the renovating and productive idea of the organizers to give the event the form of a festival of activities, under the sensitive title “*flower of inclusion*”, through which, not only the participating athletes shall enjoy sharing games together, but also coaches and officials of this special field of Sport shall have the chance to extend their knowledge and new ones to come forward, and all this in an atmosphere of recreational and cultural events, this way combining at the best the ideals of Sport and Culture, such as our ancient predecessors emerged and showed to the World!

We are sure that our small town will meet your expectations, and the personnel of our Sporting facilities, with the huge experience they have from numerous organizations under their services, will prove the best assistants for your goals to be achieved. A significant factor to this certainty is that only a few months ago-a bit more than a year ahead to the upcoming event-it was here in Loutraki and with the contribution of these personnel, that the All Greek Special Olympics Games were organized, to everyone’s applauding comments.

On behalf of the Council of our Municipality, I welcome the “Flower of Inclusion” to Loutraki and wish all participants a pleasant stay, extending at the same time our thanks to the organizers for the great humanitarian concern and the opportunities they give to our fellow people in need!

Georgios Gionis

The Mayor

Municipality of Loutraki, Perachora & A. Theodoroi