

PRESS RELEASE

Mitsubishi Electric present in Montecatini for the Special Olympics

The company, with a team of 18 volunteers, enthusiastically supported and encouraged athletes during sports competitions

Agrate Brianza, 11th June 2018 - The XXXIV edition of the **National Summer Games Special Olympics**, the Italian Olympics dedicated to athletes with intellectual disabilities, held in the city of Montecatini (PT), ended yesterday. The event, organized in the year of the 50th anniversary of Special Olympics in the world, is the biggest national event ever in this sector, both for the number of athletes in the competition and for the proposed sport disciplines.

In the Montecatini setting, more than 3,000 athletes, coming from all over Italy, competed in 18 sport disciplines and, also on this occasion, **Mitsubishi Electric volunteers** took an active part, **together with the President of the Italian branch, Tomoyuki Sugai, by supporting and encouraging athletes** during swimming, tennis and athletics competitions.

During the opening parade of the National Games, the President Tomoyuki Sugai has entered the stadium alongside the athletes, to underline in person the commitment of the company that since 2010 is a national partner of Special Olympics Italia to sustain how sport is a mean of inclusion and integration.

"Mitsubishi Electric is happy to participate in these important events and to be alongside these wonderful and brave athletes for over eight years! And I'm sure that our corporate volunteers, present in this edition too, will cheer for you! Good races to all!", these were **the words spoken by President Tomoyuki Sugai during the opening ceremony of the National Games**.

On this occasion, within the team of Mitsubishi Electric photo / video operators, **Emilio Gardoni**, an 18-year-old boy with Down's syndrome, also participated **as assistant photographer**, telling through the camera the most beautiful moments experienced by company volunteers during their participation in this important event, thus testifying himself the possibility of these guys to express great skills and professionalism.

Sport inspires personal growth and values of respect and social inclusion, but it is also essential to integrate people with intellectual disabilities into the workplaces. Therefore, Mitsubishi Electric believes it is important to sensitize and actively support this type of integration, favoring the understanding and enhancement of people.

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