

**Marathon Expo,
Paris, Porte de Versailles
5th of April 2008**

**Off we go for the 32nd edition of
the International Paris Marathon
Start tomorrow at 8:45 on the Champs-Élysées for 37 000 runners**

The start of the 32nd International Paris marathon will be given tomorrow at 8:45 (8:35 for the handisport race and special operations), on the Champs-Élysées, jointly by the State Secretary for Youth and Sports, Bernard Laporte; the Mayor of Paris, Bertrand Delanoë; the Mayor of Quebec, Régis Labeaume and Joël Lainé, Director of the Paris Marathon.

Among the registered runners, 94 nationalities are represented. Indeed, over 10 000 foreign runners will be on the start line tomorrow.

For the 200 000 expected spectators in the streets of the capital, 70 musical and festive animations will be organised all along the course with several podiums set up, notably at Porte de Charenton, at the 12th district City Hall, at Boulevard Henri IV, at the Trocadéro, at Place de Bolivie, at Porte d'Auteuil...

This morning was organised the Breakfast race which started at the Parvis de l'Unesco. 5.2 kilometres of a festive and friendly race which included close to 5 000 competitors, eager to prepare before the big day.

On a purely sporting point of view, a fierce battle will take place between the elite runners. Young Ethiopian Tsegaye Kebede looks to be the man of the moment against the usual Kenyan armada led by James Rotich. In the women's race, all eyes will be on Kenyan Linah Cheruyot, winner of the Paris Semi-Marathon just a month ago and who should be fighting for victory against Russian Gulnara Vygovskaya. Concerning the French contingent, a lot is expected from Yamna Oubouhou who will be competing in her first marathon.

For the first time thanks to Runners TV and Jogging International, the competitors will be able to discover on www.parismarathon.com video footage of their passage at each timed sector (every 5 kilometres) via the "standings" page of the official website.

The race will be broadcasted live by France 3 and Eurosport. For the French public channel, former cycling champion Laurent Jalabert will be commenting his own marathon from the inside thanks to a special radio frequency.

***Find all the information on the International Paris Marathon on the official website:
www.parismarathon.com***

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