



UNIQLO WHEELCHAIR TENNIS TOUR



For everyone at UNIQLO it is truly an honour to partner with the International Tennis Federation (ITF), an association that first began in 2014, which we are as proud as ever to continue. While 2021 was another challenging year for live sporting events, we are grateful for the opportunity to continue working with the ITF to support wheelchair tennis. And we are delighted to have recently renewed our partnership with the ITF, until the end of 2024.

In 2022, UNIQLO is once again the proud title sponsor of the UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour, a tournament that showcases the best of the sport in 40 countries over 160 tournaments, including all four world Grand Slam events. In addition, we sponsor the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Rankings.

Last year was a great year for UNIQLO on the court. Shingo Kunieda, our first Global Brand Ambassador, made history again, winning gold at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games in the men's singles and the men's wheelchair singles title at the US Open. His US Open win marked a historic 25th singles Grand Slam, for a career total of 29 men's singles titles, including titles won in the pre-Grand Slam era. Gordon Reid, another of our Global Brand Ambassadors, also had an extraordinary year. He was a singles division finalist at Wimbledon and won bronze (men's singles) and silver (men's doubles) medals at the Tokyo Paralympic Games. Furthermore, together with his doubles partner, Alfie Hewett, won all four Grand Slam men's doubles titles – the first time this has been done in the history of wheelchair tennis. Shingo and Gordon personify the values important to UNIQLO, and I wish to congratulate them both on their tremendous achievements.

UNIQLO LifeWear is the ultimate in everyday clothing. Designed to make everyone's life better, it is simple, high-quality, everyday apparel with a practical sense of beauty and ingenious in detail. LifeWear is always evolving, thought through with all life's needs in mind, to be clothing our customers will love and use for a long time. UNIQLO's aim is to make the world a better place by offering LifeWear to, and engaging with, local communities. Our close association with the ITF and wheelchair tennis brings that vision closer to reality.

On behalf of everyone at UNIQLO, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the players and the organizers for their exceptional efforts to keep the sport strong during these times. Recent challenges remind us of the universal value of sport in our daily lives. We wish you all the very best for the UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour in 2022.

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