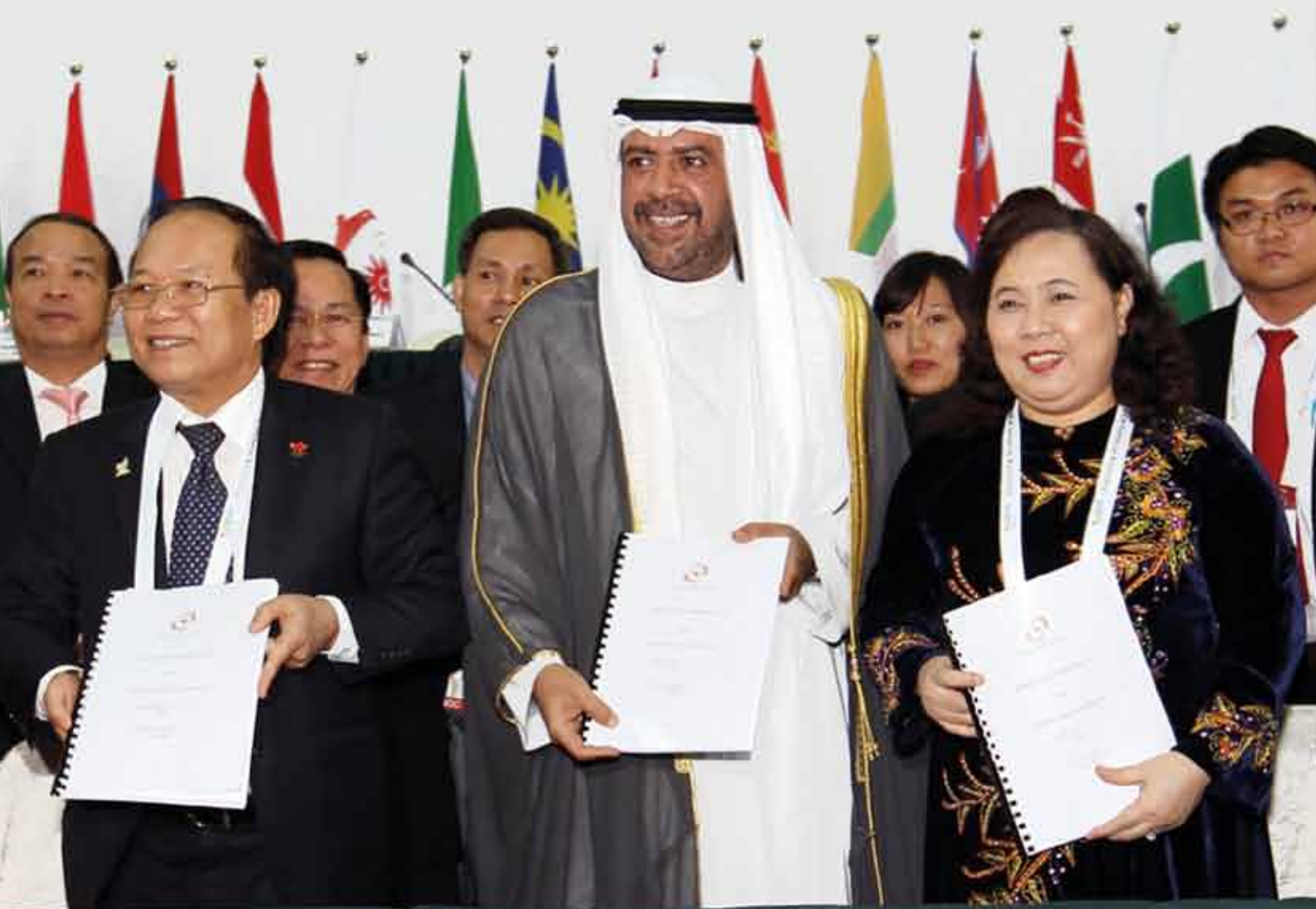


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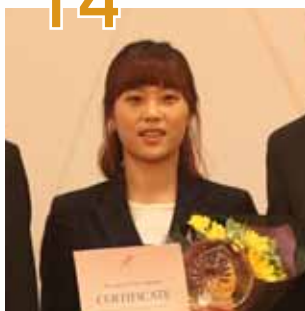
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The OCA President congratulates the Hanoi delegation in Macau.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REFLECTS RISE OF OCA



The 31st OCA General Assembly in Macau, China, on November 8 was a complete success. The attendance of IOC members and International Federation Presidents from around the world reflected the standing of the OCA within the worldwide Olympic movement, and lifted the General Assembly to a truly international level.

It also gave the OCA an opportunity to promote our events and activities to a global audience of sports leaders, and show them the passion and pride that exists in Asia in terms of hosting our various multi-sports games.

At this point I must congratulate Hanoi, Vietnam, on being chosen to host the 18th Asian Games in 2019. These are exciting times in Vietnam, and the OCA will be a part of this development over the next few years thanks to the 2019 Asian Games.

I would also like to thank Surabaya, Indonesia, for their wonderful presentation to the OCA General Assembly. Like an Olympic race, there can be only one gold medal-winner, and I have nothing but praise and gratitude for the spirit of fair play in which the race for 2019 was conducted.

Both Hanoi and Surabaya were a credit to Asian sport and to the OCA.

Finally, I would like to thank and congratulate the Sports and Olympic Committee of Macau, China, and the government of Macau for their hard work in the build-up to and during the week-long series of meetings and activities.

It was a huge logistical exercise to undertake with some 500 people descending on Macau for the General Assembly, and everyone was impressed with the warm hospitality, the luxurious accommodation and the detailed organisation.

The OCA is stronger following the success of our General Assembly in Macau, and we head into 2013 and a new Olympic cycle as a robust, united and dynamic organisation ready to meet all challengers.

IOC VP BACH REFLECTS ON 'FLOURISHING' OCA

IOC Vice President Thomas Bach believes Asia is becoming more and more influential in world sport, both on and off the playing field.

The German sports leader was a high-level guest and interested observer at the 31st OCA General Assembly in Macau, China, on November 8, and was very impressed with what he saw.

"The OCA is a very flourishing continental association with many activities," he told Sporting Asia.

"On the continental level you can see they organise different games. By being here in Macau you can also see the great importance of the Asian Games for the future of sport in Asia."

The IOC Vice President feels that Asia is on the rise across the board.

"In general you can see how sport in Asia has improved by winning

more and more medals on the international stage," he added.

"With regard to sporting achievement, it is more apparent they are more powerful than before."



Thomas Bach with Lord Sebastian Coe in Macau



Ly Nha Ky, Ambassador of Vietnam Tourism, addresses the OCA GA.



V for Vietnam - and V for Victory



Hanoi signs the host city contract

HANOI TO HOST 2019

The OCA's showpiece event, the Asian Games, will be held in Vietnam for the first time after the capital Hanoi won a two-city race over Surabaya, Indonesia, to stage the 18th edition in 2019.

The OCA President, H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah, made the announcement at the 31st OCA General Assembly, describing the result of the secret ballot as "very tight" following two lively and colourful presentations by the bid cities.

The announcement was greeted by cheers and celebrations from the Vietnam camp, and brought to an end a General Assembly spanning over eight hours at the Macau East Asian Games Dome.

"I am confident the government of Vietnam, the city of Hanoi and the National Olympic Committee of Vietnam will do a great job, in cooperation with the OCA," Sheikh Ahmad told a press conference.

"Vietnam has all the tools to host a good and successful Asian Games. It is a country with big potential and a booming economy. In my experience, not just in sport but also in finance and the economy, Vietnam always delivers on its promises. We trust their leaders to reach their commitment," he added.

2019 ASIAN GAMES

Vietnam Olympic Committee President Hoang Tuan Anh described it as “a great and happy day” for Hanoi and Vietnam.

“I would like to express my thanks to the OCA General Assembly,” he said. “We have successfully organised the SEA Games and the Asian Indoor Games in 2009, and based on this experience we know we have to do much more to build a successful Asian Games in Hanoi. We will use any difficulties from the past for our future work.”

Hanoi added a touch of glamour to their presentation with an introduction by bid ambassador/actress Ly Nha Ky, while Surabaya replied with an appearance by Olympic badminton champions Alan Budikusuma and Susi Susanti.

National and local government officials as well as Olympic leaders lined up to endorse their respective bids, leaving a very difficult choice for the General Assembly.

After the vote, Surabaya - the second largest city in Indonesia after Jakarta and located in East Java - signed a host city contract with the OCA to stage the 4th Asian Youth Games in 2021.



A high-level delegation from Indonesia.



Badminton stars shine in Macau.



Surabaya signs the host city contract for the 2021 AYG.

FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR HANOI

Anyone who has watched sport in Vietnam will be aware of the pride and passion of the local people. The OCA's 3rd Asian Indoor Games in Hanoi in 2009 was a good example, with large and enthusiastic crowds for everything from women's boxing to ballroom dancing.



All this bodes well for the 18th Asian Games in 2019, so let's see what's in store for the athletes and officials from the 45 NOCs.

Timeframe: 16 competition days, following the opening ceremony in November 2019.

Sports: 36 - 28 at the 2020 Olympic Games, four Asia-specific sports and four more in consultation with the OCA and governing bodies. Non-Olympic sports proposed include sepaktakraw, kabaddi, shuttlecock and chess.

Venues: 40 competition venues and 25 training venues. Almost 50 per cent of the venues already exist, for example My Dinh National Sports Complex.

New venues: 12, including Xuan Trach Asian Games Complex.

Opening and closing ceremonies: My Dinh National Stadium, capacity 40,000.

Athletes' Village: 15 km from the city centre in the Gia Lam district, on 39 hectares of land, next to Xuan Trach Asian Games Complex. Will accommodate 11,000 athletes and officials in tower blocks.

Infrastructure projects: New airport terminal, seven highways and eight bridges are being built as part of the long-term master plan development of Hanoi.

November conditions: Average temperature, 21.9 C (71.4 F); rainfall, 43.4mm (1.709 inches); humidity, 74 per cent; number of rainy days, 6.5; monthly sunshine hours, 150.



We love Hanoi!



Hambantota signs up for 2017 AYG: The OCA signed a host city contract with the burgeoning Sri Lankan port city of Hambantota to stage the 3rd Asian Youth Games in 2017. Hambantota hosted the 1st South Asian Beach Games in October 2011 for 500 athletes and officials from eight NOCs in 10 sports, and will use this experience to welcome Asia's youth in 2017.

SAMSUNG CONTINUES PARTNERSHIP WITH OCA

Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., a global leader in the consumer electronics industry, signed a Prestige Partner sponsorship agreement for the 17th Asian Games Incheon 2014 during the 31st OCA General Assembly.

The signing ceremony was attended by H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah, OCA President, Mr Kwon Kyung Sang, Secretary General of the 2014 Incheon Asian Games Organizing Committee (IAGOC), and Mr. Sunny Hwang, Vice President and Head of Global Sports Marketing of Samsung Electronics.

Samsung Electronics is the OCA's longest-serving Prestige Partner, as it has signed five consecutive partnerships for sponsoring the Asian Games since Bangkok 1998.

Samsung is providing multi-category support to the Asian Games, covering mobile, audio/visual products and home appliances. In addition, it will supply personal computers (desktops and notebook computers) to the 17th Asian Games Incheon 2014, expanding the coverage of its sponsorship.

"Samsung is proud of its legacy with the Asian Games, one of the world's leading sporting events," said Mr Hwang.

Mr. Kwon added: "We are very pleased that Samsung has made a commitment to support the 17th Asian Games Incheon 2014. We will be working in close association with Samsung to stage a successful event together."

H.E. Sheikh Ahmad commented: "We are delighted that Samsung, as a long-term sponsor, has once again come on board to sponsor the Asian Games. The OCA is extremely proud of its association with Samsung and is confident that Samsung's commitment will play an integral part in the success of the 2014 Asian Games."

☀ OCA also signed a sponsorship agreement with Getty Images to provide photographic services at all events and multi-sports games. OCA will use the images for the official website (www.ocasia.org), Sporting Asia newsletter and to build an archive at OCA HQ in Kuwait.

OCA MERIT AWARDS

The OCA presented two Merit Awards for outstanding service to Asian sport. The recipients were Gao Jingtao, Vice Mayor of Haiyang, Shandong province, for the successful hosting of the

3rd Asian Beach Games in June 2012, and Kyrgyzstan NOC President Murat Saralinov for his contribution to sports development in the Central Asia region.



Samsung signs Prestige Partner deal



OCA teams up with Getty Images



Gao Jingtao receives his Merit Award



Murat Saralinov receives his Merit Award

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MACAU EAST ASIAN GAMES DOME





CAS moves into Asia

IOC Executive Board member John D. Coates, President of the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS), informed delegates that ICAS was establishing Alternative Hearing Centres (AHC) in four cities to supplement operations at Lausanne HQ and regional offices in New York and Sydney.

Three of the four new centres are in Asia, at Abu Dhabi (since May 2012), Shanghai (November 2012) and Kuala Lumpur (2013). The fourth will be in Cairo (December 2012).

Also, at the invitation of the OCA President and Executive Board, ICAS will establish an ad-hoc division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) for the 17th Asian Games at Incheon, Korea, in 2014, providing free legal service in any disputes that may arise.



WADA updates NOCs

World Anti-Doping Agency Director General David Howman thanked the OCA and NOCs for their support in setting up five Regional Anti-Doping Organizations (RADO) in Asia.

A total of 121 countries now belong to 15 RADOs worldwide.

Proposed changes to the World Anti-Doping Code for 2015 include the statute of limitations on testing an athlete's sample being extended from eight to 14 years.

All NOCs are invited to attend the World Conference on Doping in Sport at Johannesburg, South Africa, from November 13-15, 2013, when the Revised Code will be accepted.



London 2012 wrap-up

London 2012's Head of NOC Services and Relations, James Macleod, gave the final Olympic Games report to the General Assembly. Interesting statistics included:

- 11 million tickets sold, 1 million directly to NOCs
- 16,000 athletes and officials were accommodated at the Athletes' Village
- 1.2 million meals were served at the Village, at an average of 60,000 per day
- 16 Asian NOCs held training camps in UK.



Macau's commitment to sport

Chief Guest Cheong U, Secretary of Social Affairs and Culture, welcomed the delegates and said the 31st OCA General Assembly would contribute towards Macau's goal to be a global centre for tourism, culture and sport.

He said the Macau government would continue to support sports development at all levels.

Macau hosted the East Asian Games in 2005, the Lusofonia Games for Portuguese-speaking countries and regions in 2006 and the 2nd Asian Indoor Games in 2007.

GLOBAL SOLIDARITY IN MACAU

After the dust had settled on the 31st OCA General Assembly and the last plate had been cleared away from the Gala Dinner, Macau's role as host was not quite over.

OS Scholarships for London 2012

1,264 Athletes
177 NOC
657 Competed in London
76 Won medals

On Friday, November 9, the Banyan Tree Hotel was the setting for two more international gatherings: the IOC's Olympic Solidarity Commission (OSC) in the morning, followed by the 57th meeting of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) Executive Council.

Commission members heard reports from the five continental associations on Olympic Solidarity activities during the 2009-2012 quadrennial and were presented with the proposed budget for 2013-2016, including a breakdown for the World Programme, Continental Programme and for the NOCs.

The figures must be approved by the IOC Executive Board in Lausanne in early December before being circulated, and will come into effect on January 1.

Closing the Commission meeting, OSC Chairman H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah thanked the members for their "cooperation and solidarity" and added: "I hope we will try and do something to develop in the right direction our support of the athletes, NOCs and all the partners. Together as a team we will do something."



Pere Miro of Olympic Solidarity addresses the OS Commission



Lord Sebastian Coe attends the ANOC Ex-Co meeting

ANOC WELCOMES LORD COE

ANOC President H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah had the honour of welcoming Lord Sebastian Coe into the Olympic family at the Ex-Co meeting in the afternoon.

Lord Coe, Chair of the Organising Committee of the London Olympic and Paralympic Games 2012, had been elected Chairman of the British Olympic Association only two days earlier before flying out to the Far East.

"You delivered more than sport," Sheikh Ahmad told Lord Coe. "Everyone was happy and satisfied. Welcome to the family in your new role as NOC President."

Lord Coe said he owed the NOCs "a mountainous debt of grati-

tude" for their role in the success of the London Olympics. "You brought 204 countries to the Games and the best athletes of their generation. The rest falls into place," he told the members.

Earlier in the meeting, World Anti-Doping Agency President John Fahey said WADA was trying to increase the budget to the 15 Regional Anti-Doping Organisations (RADO) by more than 60 per cent, and urged all NOCs to "renew your energy and vigour" in the light of the Lance Armstrong cycling doping scandal. "The fight is nowhere near won," he warned.

NOTE: The XIX ANOC Extraordinary General Assembly will be held in Lausanne, Switzerland, from June 14-16, 2013.

OCA EB PREPARES FOR NEW OLYMPIC CYCLE

The 62nd OCA Executive Board meeting was held at the Banyan Tree in Macau on Wednesday, November 7, and marked the start of a new cycle for the Olympic movement in Asia.

The OCA President, H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah, welcomed everyone to “the beautiful city of Macau” and thanked the Macau government, the sports minister and Macau NOC, in particular its President, Charles Lo, for the excellent preparations and organisation.

Sheikh Ahmad said: “We are starting a new term in the Olympic Movement after the London Games - one of the most successful ever - and NOCs and International Federations are in the

process of holding elections to choose their leaders.

“We hope that the new executive boards of all NOCs, especially in Asia, will work for the benefit of the youth and for the movement in Asia.”

Sheikh Ahmad added that the OCA would begin a new cycle of events next summer with the 4th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Incheon, Korea, followed by the 2nd Asian Youth Games in Nanjing, China.

“We must prepare for these events through our meeting today and at the General Assembly tomorrow (November 8) in order to ensure the success of our Games. Our success comes from our solidarity, unity and cooperation.”



Standing room only at the OCA EB meeting

IOC VP ASKS FOR ASIA TO FIGHT FOR TAEKWONDO

IOC Vice President and OCA Advisory Committee Chairman Ng Ser Miang of Singapore called on the EB to support taekwondo and keep it on the Olympic sports programme beyond 2016.

The IOC will select 25 core sports next year, meaning one of the sports from London 2012 will be dropped and asked to fight for inclusion in 2020 alongside eight other sports on an IOC short-list.

Mr Ng said several NOCs had expressed their concern over the future of taekwondo, so appealed to all sports leaders to get behind the fiery Korean martial art in the coming months and protect Asian sports in the Olympic programme.

“Taekwondo has worked very hard and we have seen good

success,” he told the meeting. “The risk may be less, so this can be a challenging issue we are working on.”

☀ Sheikh Ahmad congratulated OCA EB member Tsunekazu Takeda, President of the Japanese Olympic Committee, along with China’s former women’s badminton world champion, Li Lingwei, on their election as IOC members in London this summer.

☀ Organisers of the 5th Children of Asia International Sports Games Yakutsk 2012 thanked the OCA and NOCs for their support in sending teams to the Games in July. A total of 34 teams took part, compared to 17 for the fourth edition. Organisers will work with Asian Sports Federations to include the Games in their calendar for 2016.



WOMEN AND SPORT COMMITTEE

Bangkok, November 5

With Natalya Sipovich in the chair, the committee reflected on a successful London Olympic Games in terms of female participation. For the first time in the history of the Olympic Games, all 204 NOCs included female athletes, with Brunei, Qatar and Saudi Arabia sending female athletes for the first time.

The campaign for gender equality in all aspects of sport will continue, notably for more female representation among the decision-makers in the boardroom.

All 10 members of the committee were present for the meeting, which was held at the Golden Tulip Sovereign Hotel. The members reviewed the responsibilities of the Women and Sport Committee as per the OCA constitution and received reports on the 5th IOC World Conference on Women and Sport held in Los Angeles, California, in February, and on the IOC/OCA media workshop for women held in Muscat, Oman, in April.



PEACE THROUGH SPORT COMMITTEE

Bangkok, November 5

The Chairman, HRH Prince Feisal Al Hussein, greeted new committee members taking part for the first time and introduced the concept of peace through sport that the OCA is spreading in 18 countries of the Asian continent.

The committee's progress report, covering the period July 2011 to October 2012, was presented and discussed with members. In that period, 754 leaders of youth from 12 Asian countries were trained in the peace through sport approach, and they in turn have engaged 19,223 children in sport-based games and other peace-building activities.

Committee members also discussed the proposed 2013 annual plan and budget, and agreed to increase information exchange and activities coordination with all Asian NOCs. Particular emphasis was put on the inclusion of young athletes into peace through sport activities and the possible organisation of workshops in the lead up to the Asian Youth Games in Nanjing next August.



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Macau, November 6

Under the Chairmanship of Kevin Chen of Chinese Taipei, the OCA Finance Committee met at the Banyan Tree Hotel. The Director General and Technical Director of the OCA, Capt. Husain Al-Musallam, announced that the Olympic Solidarity budget for the next quadrennial 2013-2016 would be approved at the OS Commission meeting in Macau on November 9.

He encouraged the Asian NOCs to take maximum benefit from the schemes and funding initiatives. Mr Haider Farman, Director of the OCA's Asian Games department, gave a presentation on the Olympic Solidarity programmes available.

In other matters, the committee gave its blessing to transfer one investment account from Credit-Suisse to Merrill Lynch, and also gave the go-ahead for the OCA to invest in United Resources Real Estate Company. The committee also approved the audit report for 2011.



ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Macau, November 7

IOC Vice President Ng Ser Miang chaired the meeting and congratulated Tsunekazu Takeda and Li Lingwei for becoming IOC members in London this summer.

"We hope there is a continuous flow of IOC members from Asia," he said.

The committee is encouraging NOCs to produce more young sports leaders through training programmes and other initiatives.

Data revealed that 21 Asian NOCs failed to win a medal at either the 2008 Beijing Olympics or at London 2012, and the committee urges the OCA to work with the NOCs in building a base of athletes who can go on to qualify for the Olympics, as opposed to receiving a wild card.

Olympic Solidarity will play a big part in this.

GALAXY OF STARS LIGHT UP MACAU

There was no better way for the OCA to honour the continent's finest athletes by holding a glitzy Gala Dinner and Sports Stars Awards at the Banyan Tree Ballroom on Thursday, November 8.

The OCA selected 20 athletes - 10 female and 10 male, all of them gold medal-winners - to receive a special prize in recognition of their achievements at the London 2012 Olympic Games.

In addition, the OCA rewarded the 21 Asian NOCs that won at least one medal at London 2012 and saw their flag flying proudly in the victory ceremony.

The evening was also graced by the presence of International Sports Federation presidents and IOC members, as well as by Lord Sebastian Coe, Chair of the Organising Committee of the London Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Lord Coe, who knows a thing or two about medal ceremonies and awards from his remarkably successful career in middle-distance running, showed his commitment to Asia and the OCA by arriving in Macau the day after being elected Chairman of the British Olympic Association.

"I am delighted to be here," he told the audience of 500.

"In the seven years we spent preparing for the London Olympics I witnessed two Asian Games, an extraordinary Olympic Games in Beijing and the first Youth Olympic Games in Singapore in 2010.

"Alongside this we have seen the rapid rise and growth of sport in Asia, accompanied by the drive, leadership and vision of the OCA."

Fifteen of the 20 Sports Stars travelled to Macau to receive their awards, including the Chinese swimming sensations Ye Shiwen and Sun Yang – the main targets for the large media contingent reporting on the evening.



China's Sun Yang receives his award from Julio C Maglione.



An Kum Ae receives her award



Hamid Soryan: Pride of Iran

OCA Sports Stars Awards 2012

In recognition of their achievements at the London Olympic Games 2012, the Olympic Council of Asia is proud to present the OCA Sports Stars Award to:

Female

Ye Shiwen (China)
Swimming, 400m Individual Medley and 200m IM

An Kum Ae (DPR Korea)
Judo, -52kg

Zulfiya Chinsbanlo (Kazakhstan)
Weightlifting, 53kg

Kaori Matsumoto (Japan)
Judo, -57kg

Kim Ji Yeon (Korea)
Fencing, Individual Sabre

Olga Rypakova (Kazakhstan)
Athletics, Triple Jump

Li Xuerui (China)
Badminton, Women's Singles

Kaori Icho (Japan)
Wrestling, 63kg

Ki Bo Bae (Korea)
Archery, Women's Team and Women's Individual

Li Xiaoxia (China)
Table Tennis, Women's Team and Women's Individual

Male

Jin Jongob (Korea)
Shooting, 10m Air Pistol and 50m Pistol

Kobei Uchimura (Japan)
Gymnastics, Men's All-Around

Hamid Soryan (Iran)
Wrestling, Greco-Roman, 55kg

Sun Yang (China)
Swimming, 1500m Freestyle and 400m Freestyle

Artur Taymazov (Uzbekistan)
Wrestling, Freestyle 120kg

Ilya Ilin (Kazakhstan)
Weightlifting, 94kg

Ryota Murata (Japan)
Boxing, 75kg

Behdad Salimi Kordasiabi (Iran)
Weightlifting, +105 kg

Kim Un Guk (DPR Korea)
Weightlifting, 62kg

Chen Ding (China)
Athletics, 20km Race Walk



OCA CONGRATULATES THE FOLLOWING 21 NOCS FOR WINNING MEDALS AT LONDON 2012

R	NOC	G	S	B	T	R	NOC	G	S	B	T
2	People's Republic of China	38	27	23	88	63	Malaysia	0	1	1	2
5	Republic of Korea	13	8	7	28	63	Chinese Taipei	0	1	1	2
11	Japan	7	14	17	38	75	Qatar	0	0	2	2
12	Kazakhstan	7	1	5	13	75	Singapore	0	0	2	2
17	Islamic Republic of Iran	4	5	3	12	79	Afghanistan	0	0	1	1
20	DPR Korea	4	0	2	6	79	Bahrain	0	0	1	1
47	Uzbekistan	1	0	2	3	79	Hong Kong, China	0	0	1	1
55	India	0	2	4	6	79	Saudi Arabia	0	0	1	1
56	Mongolia	0	2	3	5	79	Kuwait	0	0	1	1
57	Thailand	0	2	1	3	79	Tajikistan	0	0	1	1
63	Indonesia	0	1	1	2						



Representatives of the 21 Asian NOCs to win medals at London 2012 receive their awards



Japanese Sports Stars Ryota Murata and Kaori Matsumoto



The 20 OCA Sports Stars Awards



the Gala Dinner.



Korea's Kim Ji Yeon and Ki Bo Bae



ts Stars, or their representatives, fill the stage at the Gala Dinner in Macau on November 8.

AN OCCASION TO REMEMBER FOR OLGA RYPAKOVA



Olga Rypakova jumps to gold in London

For the recipients of the OCA Sports Stars Awards in Macau on November 8, the Asian celebration rounded off a dream year.

In front of an audience of 500, the 20 winners were called on stage to receive their prize and bask in the media spotlight at the luxurious Banyan Tree Ballroom one more time.

"It has been a great evening," said Kazakhstan's London 2012 women's triple jump champion, Olga Rypakova.

"It is a very nice place to hold such a banquet. I am happy to be here and to receive this award from the OCA. This is the first time for me to attend an event like this and it is a great honour for Kazakhstan to be part of it."

Rypakova, 27 at the time of her London success, arrived in Macau via Bali, Indonesia, where she was taking a well-deserved post-Olympic holiday with her husband Denis and eight-year-old daughter, Anastasiya.

Looking back on her golden days in London, she confessed it was her daughter who had been uppermost in her mind after becoming Olympic champion.

"I had not seen my daughter for one month because of my training camp in Prague and then the competition," she said. "I missed her so much, so the morning after my competition I went straight back to Almaty.

"She was so excited to see me again – first, because I am her mother, and second because I am the Olympic champion!"

Rypakova will never forget the atmosphere of the London Olympic Stadium, which was sold out with 80,000 boisterous fans for every athletics session, day and night.

"The stadium was great, very big and a very good atmosphere," she added.

"I enjoyed the competition in the triple jump because all the girls were friendly but it was very competitive. After I had won the gold medal I took our flag and ran all round the track. It was a very, very happy moment for me, not just for winning the gold medal but because all the spectators stayed behind and were cheering for me. I will never forget that."



Olga Rypakova at the OCA Sports Stars Awards.

'ALL EYES ON INCHEON'

The President of the 2014 Incheon Asian Games Organising Committee, Kim Young Soo, believes the sports spotlight has turned to Korea now the dust has settled on the 2012 London Olympic Games.

In his opening address at the 5th OCA-IAOGC Coordination Committee for the 17th Asian Games on October 5, President Kim said: "All eyes are on Incheon after the Olympic Games, so this meeting is more important and more meaningful than ever."

"We have learned lessons from London 2012 and from previous Asian Games and we will prepare efficiently and economically to stage an Asian Games that shows the harmony of 4 billion Asians."

Organisers announced they had signed a Prestige Partner sponsorship with Korean Air as the official carrier and a Partner deal with Tissot as official timekeeper.

The Chefs de Mission Seminar is planned for September 2013, one year before the Asian Games.



SPORTS ENTRIES

Entry by Sport:	August 31, 2013
Entry by Number:	May 31, 2014
Entry by Name:	July 31, 2014

The 17th Asian Games will run from September 19 to October 4, 2014, and feature 437 events in 36 sports. A total of 49 competition venues will be used, including 23 new venues.



Lt Gen Syed Arif Hasan represents the OCA at the Korean Air signing ceremony

OCA VISITS AIMAG VENUE

Following the meeting, the Coordination Committee members visited the Incheon Samsan World Gymnasium, one of the most important venues for the 4th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games from June 29 to July 6, 2013.

The Samsan World Gymnasium will host the opening and closing ceremonies as well as the e-sports and dance sport competitions. The Main Stadium has a seating capacity of

7,406, of which 2,626 are removable. This will leave a capacity of around 4,800 for the two ceremonies.

The Samsan World Gymnasium is one of nine AIMAG venues, all of which already exist, to stage the 100 events in nine sports.

NOTE for NOCs: Sports Entry by Number, March 15, 2013. Entry by Name, May 15, 2013.



The one-year countdown ceremony takes place in Nanjing.

NANJING READY TO HOST CDM SEMINAR

The Chefs de Mission Seminar for the 2nd Asian Youth Games in Nanjing, China, next summer will take place from January 16-18 at the Nanjing Hilton Hotel.

The seminar for the 45 team leaders will mark a major milestone in the countdown to the 2nd AYG, which will run from August 16-24, 2013, and serve as a high-profile test event for the IOC's 2nd Youth Olympic Games in 2014.

Nanjing organisers updated the OCA Executive Board and General Assembly in Macau on preparations for the 2nd AYG. Here are some key points:

Sports Programme

Athletes aged from 14 to 17 will compete in 118 events in 15 sports.

Sports Entries

Entry by Number: April 15, 2013

Entry by Name: June 25, 2013

Venues

Regarding venue construction and renovation, a total of 24 venues in three clusters will be in operation, comprised of 17 for competition and training and seven for training only. The only new stadium to be built is for rugby sevens, and all construction and renovation work will be completed by March 2013.



All venues are located within 30 minutes' drive of the Athletes' Village, the OCA HQ Hotel and the Main Media Centre.

Athletes' Village

The Jiangpu Campus of Nanjing University of Technology will accommodate 3,500 athletes and officials. The Village will pre-open from August 8-11, officially

open on August 12 and close on August 26, 2013.

Accreditation

Opens on February 1, closes on April 30. Organisers will begin to issue non-activated accreditation cards to NOCs from June 30.

Internet

Organisers will provide free internet access via cable in all rooms in the Athletes' Village. Free wi-fi will be available in the Village and competition venues.

Volunteers

Around 15,000 volunteers will be on duty. Recruitment began in September 2012.

Torch Relay

A "virtual" torch relay will take place as well as the traditional relay, with a lighting ceremony.

PHUKET PROMISES GOLD GALORE

Organisers of the 4th Asian Beach Games in Phuket, Thailand, in November 2014 plan to more than double the number of gold medals that were on offer at the 3rd ABG in Haiyang, China, this June.

In Haiyang, 13 sports produced 49 gold medals, but in Phuket there will be 17 sports and 106 gold medals. Muay Thai - the local favourite - will offer 17 gold medals, the most of any sport, while water skiing will produce 14 and triathlon 10.

The full list of sports, and number of events, for Phuket 2014 is: Beach Handball (2), Beach Volleyball (2), Beach Woodball (4), Beach Wrestling (8), Water Sports (4), Beach Kabaddi (2), Beach



Sepaktakraw (6), Beach Soccer (1), Beach Basketball (2), Beach Petanque (9), Jet Ski (6), Water Skiing (14), Muay Thai (17), Sailing (5), Windsurfing (6), Triathlon (10), Paragliding (8).

With a slogan of "Celebrate Charming Sunshine", the 4th ABG will run from November 14-21, 2014.

The 5th Asian Beach Games will be held in Nha Trang, Vietnam, in 2016.



The beauty of Phuket, Thailand.

ICONIC WINTER SPORTS VENUES FOR SAPPORO 2017

Having hosted the Winter Olympics in 1972 and the first two Asian Winter Games, in 1986 and 1990, Sapporo, Japan, can be relied upon to produce a magnificent spectacle when it stages the 8th Asian Winter Games in 2017.

In an update to the OCA General Assembly, organisers said the 8th AWG would take place over a period of seven days between the dates of January 21 and February 19, 2017.

The sports programme comprises five sports: Biathlon, Curling, Ice Hockey, Skating (figure skating, short track speed skating and speed skating) and Skiing (alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, freestyle skiing, ski jumping and snowboard).

Venues will include the iconic Okurayama Ski Jump Stadium from the 1972 Winter Olympics, a new curling stadium that opened in September 2012 and the indoor speed skating rink at Obihiro, Sapporo's sister city for the 8th AWG.

The organising committee will be established on April 1, 2013.



Spectacular: The winter sports city of Sapporo, Japan.

Following a break for the London Olympic Games, the OCA's Fun Run + Learn series resumed in China in September. Further stops in Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka and Macau brought the year to a close. OCA would like to thank the participating NOCs and the Incheon Asian Games Organising Committee for making the project such a great success in its first year. Learn more about the Youth Reporter Project, the Fun Learn and Fun Run events over the next four pages.

China



Date: September 22
Venue: Beijing National Olympic Sports Centre
Fun Run entries: 700



The Fun Runners can't wait to get started



Soccer skills...all part of the fun



Ready, set, go!



A pre-run exercise to loosen the limbs



Presentation time in Beijing



Runners show off their certificates

Uzbekistan



Dates: October 13-14
Venue: A. Navoi National Park, Tashkent
YRP students: 45
Winner: Sherzod Qodirjonov, 18, Lyceum, University of World Economy and Diplomacy.
Fun Learn students: 70
Winner: Sardor Mirakhmedov, 15, No. 50 School, Tashkent.
Fun Run entries: 500



A happy fun run winner with her prizes.



Fun Learn winner Sardor Mirakhmedov.



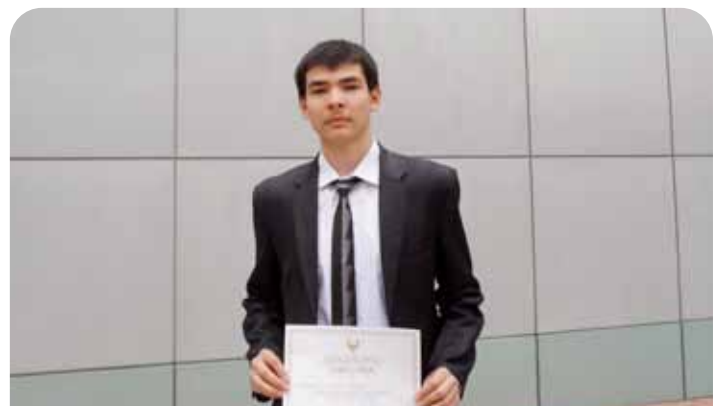
How's this for a Sunday morning wake-up call.



IAGOC's Kwon Kyung Sang is interviewed by local TV.



Youth Reporter Project guest Timur Nizayev.



Youth Reporter winner Sherzod Qodirjonov

Sri Lanka



Dates: November 3-4
Venue: Kandy
YRP students: 50
Winner: Sashin Leuke Bandara Karunaratne, 15, Kandy Dharmaraja College.
Fun Learn students: 50
Winner: Sumudu Rathnakumari, 15.
Fun Run entries: 500



Youth Reporter winner Sashin Karunaratne



Fun Learn winner Sumudu Rathnakumari



Keen in Kandy



Kandy culture



Runners fill the streets of Kandy



Students concentrate hard

Macau



Dates: November 6-7
Venue: Macau East Asian Games Dome
YRP students: 16
Winner: Lai On Nei, 14, Sheng Kung Hui Choi Kou School
Fun Run entries: 700



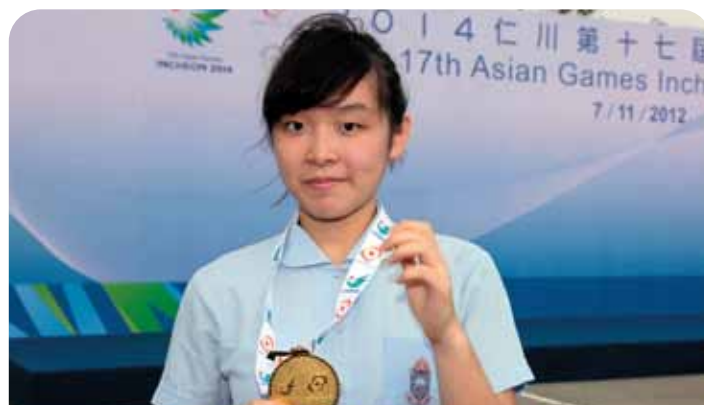
Smiling faces in Macau



Thirsty work around the EAG Dome



Boys and girls join in the Fun Run



Youth Reporter Project winner Lai On Nei.



Synchro swimmer Sharon Au leong enjoys being interviewed



Macau NOC President Charles Lo presents the medals



Afghanistan

NOC President Lt. Mohammad Zahir Aghbar hailed the success of the eight-team Better League national football competition as one of the best accomplishments in the recent history of Afghan sport. He was speaking at the presidential palace during a reception by President Hamid Karzai, reports Bakhtar News.



Bahrain

The first Bahrain Women's Games were organised by the Supreme Council for Women in cooperation with the Bahrain Olympic Committee and featured eight disciplines: volleyball, basketball, athletics, table tennis, bowling, futsal, shooting and disabled sports.



The sports festival was part of the Bahrain Women's Day celebrations and was held under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, wife of His Majesty King Hamad and President of the Supreme Council for Women.

(Rami Ayoob, BOC)



Bangladesh

A meeting of the Bangladesh Olympic Association's Digital Archive, Library and Museum Committee was held on October 2 at Olympic Bhaban, Dhaka. BOA Secretary General Kutubuddin Ahmed presided over the meeting. Financial and other important aspects regarding the digital archive, library and museum were discussed.

(www.nocban.com)



Bhutan

The Bhutan Olympic Committee website reports that Ziwang Gurung, 20, won the first Nick Faldo Series Nepal Golf Championship by two shots at Gokarna Forest Resort in Kathmandu. The Bhutan golfer

qualified for his second Asia Grand Final at Mission Hills Golf Club in China in March 2013 by firing a tournament-low 73 in the final round to finish five over par after 36 holes.

(www.bhutanolympiccommittee.org)



Brunei Darussalam

The welfare of athletes was the biggest topic on the table when the Brunei Darussalam National Olympic Council held a wrap-up meeting to assess the performance of their athletes at the 3rd Asian Beach Games in Haiyang, China, in June and the London Olympics.

(www.bruneiolympic.org)



Cambodia

The National Olympic Committee of Cambodia organised the Olympic Solidarity Sports Administrators' Course for 26 sports officials of Battambang Province from November 1-5.

(www.nocccambodia.org)



China

The Chinese Olympic Committee organised a two-day forum on COC Olympic marketing 2009-2012 in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, on November 8-9 with the participation of representatives of the COC partners and IOC TOP sponsors from different parts of the world.

(www.olympic.cn)



DPR Korea

An Olympic Solidarity archery coaching course took place in Pyongyang from October 11-18. The course dealt with matters such as a player's pre-match psychology, training methods for physical development and technical training. It was conducted by international instructor Lin Zhengxian, reports the Korean Central News Agency.



Hong Kong-China

In conjunction with the reception and stamp preview ceremony of "Congratulations to the HK, China delegation on winning a bronze medal in the women's keirin race at the London 2012 Olympic Games" organised jointly with Hongkong Post on October 5, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee paid tribute to their Olympic delegation by presenting them with a medallist lapel pin and commemorative medals. Bronze medal-winner Sarah Lee Wai Sze was among the VIP guests.

(www.hkolympic.org).



India

The Indian Olympic Association issued a special press release on October 22 to celebrate the victory of badminton star Saina Nehwal at the Denmark Open Super Series. Acting IOA President Vijay Kumar Malhotra said the 22-year-old London Olympic bronze medallist had already become a role model for young athletes and praised her dedication and commitment.

(www.olympic.ind.in)



Indonesia



The Indonesia Olympic Committee conducted a Talent Identification Seminar on Monday, September 24. Dr Jason Gulbin, Head of the Talent Identification section at the Australian Institute of Sport, presented the two-part seminar, which was held at the Australian Embassy in Jakarta and attended by 100 sports coaches and managers.

(www.olympic.or.id).



Iran

The NOC of the Islamic Republic of Iran reports on the success of the 5th Sport for All Festival from October 4-17. It was held on the occasion of the Physical Education Decade in a joint cooperation of two NOC sports commissions - Sport for All and Tourism - as well as the Sport for All Federation.

The opening ceremony took place in the city of Mashhad. Athletes came together from 15 provinces and covered a distance of 1,000km on bicycles, skates and on foot. They were cheered enthusiastically by the public on their way to Tehran.

(www.olympic.ir)



Iraq

His Excellency Sheikh Saoud Bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, Secretary General of the Qatar Olympic Committee, welcomed HE Raad Hamoodi, President of Iraq NOC, to the QOC headquarters. The Iraqi

sports official applauded Qatar's comprehensive development in sports infrastructure and its ambitious strategy for development in all sports fields at both regional and international level.

(www.qatarolympics.org)



Japan

IOC honorary member Shun-ichiro Okano has been awarded the title of "Person of Cultural Merit" by the Japanese government. This distinction recognises individuals who have made an extraordinary contribution to the advancement and development of Japanese culture in the fields of academia, the arts, science and sport.

(www.joc.or.jp)



Jordan

The Jordan Olympic Committee held a workshop for university students to learn about Olympic Values. The workshop introduced the Olympic Movement to the students and recommended programmes and plans that could be implemented by the trainees. The JOC organises a number of workshops and training programmes throughout the year through its Education and Training Department. (www.joc.jo)



Kazakhstan

NOC President Temirkhan Dosmukhambetov says Kazakhstan's seven gold medals in four sports and 12th-place finish at the London Olympics is proof of the sports development in Central Asia, and thanks President Nursultan Nazarbayev for his "sincere and fatherly support" of the Olympic Movement.

(www.olympic.kz).



Korea

The 24th annual KOC Olympic Academy since the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games was held from November 1-4 at the national training center in Jincheon and attended by 80 college students, young professionals, sports workers and professors.

(www.sports.or.kr)



Kuwait

The Chairman of the Public Authority for Youth and Sports, Faisal Al-Jazzaf, attended an international conference in Paris on the global fight against doping and received the thanks of IOC President Jacques Rogge and WADA President John Fahey for Kuwait's support and commitment to the cause of clean sport, reports the Kuwait News Agency. (www.kuwaitolympic.com).

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Kyrgyzstan

Kabar National News Agency in Bishkek issued a special report on the NOC President, Marat Saralinov, receiving the OCA Merit Award at the General Assembly. Kabar reports that Mr Saralinov was responsible for the revival of the Olympic movement in Kyrgyzstan in 2006, for the first silver medal at the Olympic Games in Beijing in 2008 and the first gold at the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore in 2010.

(www.kabar.kg).



Laos

The NOC held five Olympic Solidarity Sports Administrators' Courses in five different provinces in 2012: Xiengkouang, Oudomxay, Attapeu, Houaphanh and Sayabouly. To celebrate Olympic Day 2012, Laos organised a mini marathon across the third Lao-Thai Friendship Bridge in cooperation with the NOCs of Thailand and Vietnam on June 30.



Lebanon

The National News Agency reports that the Antonine Center in Baabda organised its 7th annual Independence Race under the auspices of the President of the Republic, General Michel Sleiman, on Saturday, November 17. The race went from Independence Castle in Rashaya to the Presidential Palace in Baabda.

(www.nna-leb.gov.lb)



Macau



Over 70 sports organisations took part in the Macau Sports Carnival 2012 on Sunday, October 7, at the Tap Seac Plaza in glorious sunshine. The exhibitors included the Sports and Olympic Committee of Macau, China, whose President, Charles Lo, was among the VIP guests at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

(www.macauolympic.org)



Malaysia

On Monday, October 22, Malaysian Olympic divers Pandeleda Rinong and Wendy Ng, along with their 40 first-year classmates in the Sports Management Programme of the Sports Science Degree Course from University Malaya, visited the Olympic Council of Malaysia Museum and Hall of Fame to learn more about the management, roles and responsibilities of the OCM.

(www.olympic.org.my)



Maldives

The NOC reports that training for the 4th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Incheon, Korea, in June will begin in January in three sports and will involve local and overseas training camps. The NOC has requested financial assistance from the government and Olympic Solidarity.

(www.nocmaldives.org)



Mongolia



The NOC conducted its Olympic Torch Relay through 21 provinces to promote the Olympic Movement. Each stop of the relay was marked with sports events, an Olympic quiz, cultural performances and other celebrations.

(www.olympic.mn).



Myanmar

The NOC organised meetings of the South East Asian Games Federation, including the council, executive committee, sport and rules committee and medical committee, in Nay Pyi Taw for all 11 member NOCs. Myanmar will host the SEA Games in December 2013 in the new capital.



Nepal

NOC President Dhruva Bahadur Pradhan welcomed a Korean delegation on a visit to the NOC office at Satdobato, Lalitpur. In other news, NOC members attended the opening ceremony of the first Indoor National Archery Championship from November 1-3. A total of 49 archers took part in seven events.

(www.nocnepal.org.np)



Oman

The International Sailing Federation council has voted in favour of Al Musannah Sports City as the venue for the 2016 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship. Al Musannah was the site of the Athletes' Village and several competition venues for the 2nd Asian Beach Games, Muscat 2010.



Pakistan

Pakistan Olympic Association President Lt Gen (ret) Syed Arif Hasan, OCA Vice President, was appointed Chairman of a three-strong OCA Evaluation Committee which visited the three cities bidding for the 18th Asian Games in 2019: Surabaya (Indonesia), Hanoi (Vietnam) and Dubai (United Arab Emirates).

(www.nocpakistan.org)



Palestine

Palestine sent 40 athletes and 11 coaches to the 5th Children of Asia International Sports Games, Yakutsk 2012, in July and won two bronze medals. They competed in chess, table tennis, wrestling, boxing, athletics, swimming, taekwondo and judo.



Philippines

The Philippine Wrestling Team is a proud recipient of the OCA-Incheon Vision 2014 Programme of Incheon, Korea. Seven wrestlers spent one month at a training camp at Munhak Stadium from October 26 to November 27 as part of their preparations for the 17th Asian Games at Incheon in 2014.

(www.olympic.ph).



Qatar

Enterprise Qatar, the main sponsor of the School Olympic Programme - which is organised by the Qatar Olympic Committee and the Higher Education Council - conducted a workshop entitled Sports and Investment.

Forty teachers from 27 schools participated in the School Olympic Programme. The workshop took place in Lusail Hall of the QOC.

(www.qatarolympics.org)



Saudi Arabia

Prince Nawaf bin Faisal bin Fahd bin Abdulaziz, General President of Youth Welfare and President of the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee, congratulated the President of the Saudi Weightlifting and Bodybuilding Federation, Mohammed bin Abdulaziz bin Mushait, on the first-place ranking of the Saudi youth team in the Gulf Weightlifting Championships in Oman.

The Saudi team won 72 medals in all categories, comprised of 38 gold, 26 silver and eight bronze, reports the Saudi Press Agency.



Singapore

Olympic medallists Feng Tianwei, Li Jiawei and Wang Yuegu have received a total of S\$625,000 through the Singapore National Olympic Council's Multi-Million Dollar Award Programme for their table tennis achievements at London 2012.

The bronze medal-winning team received S\$375,000 between them and Feng received an additional S\$250,000 for finishing third in the women's singles.

(www.snoc.org.sg)



Sri Lanka

As part of the OCA-Incheon Vision 2014 Programme, NOC Sri Lanka obtained a training scholarship in Korea for two wrestlers, secured for one year the services of an expert handball coach and obtained valuable sports equipment for judo and taekwondo.

(www.srilankaolympic.org).



Syria

Syria sent 71 athletes and 28 coaches to the 5th Children of Asia International Sports Games, Yakutsk 2012, and returned home with one gold medal and five bronze medals. Syria competed in 13 sports.

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Chinese Taipei

The Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee celebrated its 90th anniversary on September 4 with a special ceremony at the Sheraton Taipei Hotel.

In an official welcome message, NOC President Thomas Tsai paid tribute to everyone who had "supported and helped us all the way".



The souvenir programme contained messages of congratulations from IOC President Jacques Rogge and OCA President Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah.



Tajikistan

Mavzuna Chorieva, who won Tajikistan's only medal – a bronze in women's lightweight boxing – at the London 2012 Olympics, had another special day on October 27: her marriage to a former boxer, Amon Boboev. Mavzuna, 20, told the Asia-Plus media group of Tajikistan that she is planning to take one year off from boxing to start a family and, if all goes to plan, resume full training towards the end of 2013.



Thailand

A four-day technical course for coaches in triathlon was held in Chiang-mai Province, under the supervision of Peter Clifford of Australia, from September 1-4, as part of the Olympic Solidarity Continental Programme. This followed technical courses for coaches in badminton, rowing, weightlifting and fencing earlier in the year.

(www.olympicthai.or.th)



Timor Leste

The Real Madrid Foundation travelled to Timor Leste to give their 'They play, we teach' football training course. The course was attended by over 100 trainers from schools and clubs in Dili, Maliana and Baucau.

(www.realmadrid.com)



Turkmenistan

The State News Agency of Turkmenistan (TDH) reports that a sports school for 365 students has opened in the administrative centre of Magtymguly in Balkan province. Many indoor and outdoor sports are available, including volleyball, basketball, tennis, boxing, wrestling, martial arts, table tennis, chess, football, gymnastics and athletics.

(www.turkmenistan.gov.tm)



United Arab Emirates

Sheikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, personal representative of HM the King of Bahrain, honoured the UAE NOC on the sidelines of the Sport and Environment Conference in Bahrain from October 19-21. A commemorative gift was received by Yousuf Yaqoub Al Serkal, Vice President of the NOC, Head of the Executive Office, in the presence of Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Supreme Council of Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, and Sheikh Hamed bin Khadem bin Butti Al Hamed, NOC board member.

(www.uaenoc.net)



Uzbekistan

The Judo 2012 World Cup was organised in Tashkent under the auspices of the International Judo Federation in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture and Sports of Uzbekistan, the National Olympic Committee and the Judo Federation, reports Uzbekistan National News Agency. More than 100 judoka from Japan, USA, Canada, Armenia, Israel, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Russia and Tajikistan took part.

(www.uza.uz)



Vietnam

The Vietnam Olympic Committee organised the 4th General Assembly in Hanoi on September 22-23 to elect a new executive board with 29 members. H.E. Hoang Tuan Anh, Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism, was elected President; Prof. Hoang Vinh Giang, Vice President, and Mr Tran Van Manh, Secretary General, for the period 2012-2016.



Yemen

China's Deputy Sports Minister and NOC Vice President, Yang Shu'an, met in Beijing with a visiting sports delegation from the Youth and Sport Ministry of the Republic of Yemen on November 14. The two sides discussed areas of sports exchange and cooperation. Mr Yang congratulated the Yemeni wushu delegation on their success at the recent 5th World Traditional Wushu Championships in Huangshan, Anhui Province.

(www.olympic.cn)

FORMER OCA VICE PRESIDENT PASSES AWAY

It was with great sadness that the Olympic Council of Malaysia announced the passing of Tan Sri Hamzah Abu Samah on September 4 at the age of 88.



Tan Sri Hamzah Abu Samah, a former Sports Minister of Malaysia, contributed immensely to the Olympic Movement in Malaysia and beyond. He was President of the OCM from 1976 to 1998 and subsequently Honorary Life President.

He was elected as an IOC Member in 1978 before becoming an IOC Honorary Member in 2004. At a regional level, Tan Sri

Hamzah Abu Samah was Honorary Life President of the South East Asian Games Federation from 1977 to 2012, Vice President of the OCA from 1982 to 1986 and Vice President of the Commonwealth Games Federation from 1982 to 1988.

As an avid football supporter, Tan Sri Hamzah Abu Samah was President of the Football Association of Malaysia from 1976 to 1983, President of the Asian Football Confederation from 1978 to 1994 and Vice President of FIFA from 1982 to 1990.

"Tan Sri Hamzah Abu Samah's demise leaves a void in the Olympic Movement and is a great loss to the sporting world," said HRH Tunku Imran, President, OCM.



Wu Shaozu

The former Director of the General Administration of Sport of China, Wu Shaozu, passed away on September 18 in Beijing. He was 73.

"He was the helmsman of Chinese sport," commented Chen Peide, former Director of the Zhejiang Provincial Sports Bureau, in an article in the China Daily newspaper.

Wu led China's delegation to the 1992 and 1996 Olympic Games and also earned a reputation for anti-doping by promoting a series of regulations to prohibit drug use.

The former IOC President, Juan Antonio Samaranch, praised Wu as "the model of anti-doping".



Con Conway

A Vice President of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, hockey enthusiast Con Conway passed away on September 8 aged 72 after a long battle with cancer. The Hong Kong sports fraternity paid their respects at a requiem mass at St Joseph's Church on October 4.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, Con arrived in Hong Kong in July 1960 for an intended six-month stay that became 52 years. He was a popular member of the Hong Kong delegation at several Asian Games and Olympic Games, including the London Olympics.

"We will always cherish him as a member of our family who was a force of personality. He is irreplaceable for his passion and knowledge," said Timothy Fok, President, SF&OC, Hong Kong, China.



Mukhamdali Karimov

was 66.

NOC Uzbekistan was deeply saddened to inform the Asian sports world of the death of the NOC Secretary General, Mukhamdali Karimov, on August 24. He

A bright and passionate sports leader who always put the welfare of athletes at the top of his priorities, Mr Karimov played an important role in the promotion of the Olympic Movement and also in establishing an independent boxing school in Uzbekistan.

"We are honoured and grateful to have worked with such a generous person," the NOC said in a statement.

☀ Nepal's first Olympian, marathon runner **Bhupendra Silwal**, passed away at the army hospital, Chhauni, on Thursday, September 20, aged 78.

Silwal participated in the Tokyo Olympics in 1964 and also in the 3rd Asian Games in Tokyo in 1958, when he ran barefoot. He was a sports legend in Nepal and a great inspiration for all Nepalese athletes.

☀ Jordan NOC reported on the death of **Mahmoud Al Johari** on September 3 and praised his contribution to football in Jordan, his dedication and his loyalty.

"His achievements will be remembered by all Jordanians and we offer our sincere condolences to his family at this sad time," said a JOC statement.



It's more fun in the Philippines! The splendour of Boracay beach.

BORACAY BECKONS OCA IN 2013

The Asian sports calendar for 2013 is already packed with multi-sports events at continental and regional level, especially in the second half of the year.

But one event that stands out for its occasion and location promises to be a sporting highlight of 2013.

Boracay Island, 315km south of Manila and a tourist hotspot of the Philippines with its white sandy beaches and crystal-clear sea, will host the Asian Games Centennial Festival in early December, along with the 32nd OCA General Assembly.

With the participation of the 45 Asian NOCs in a beach/sea sport carnival, as well as a cultural programme, Boracay will be the ideal setting for this special celebration of Asian sport, past and present.



Although the first Asian Games took place in 1951, the roots of this multi-sport, multi-nation event can be traced back to the Philippines, and the capital Manila, in 1913.

This was the year of the first Oriental Olympics, also known as the Far Eastern Games or Far Eastern Championships, in which six countries took part over eight days.

With the creation of the West Asian Games in 1934, the stage was set for a full-scale continental games, which the Asian Games Federation (predecessor of the OCA) embraced and brought to fruition in 1951.

2013



Nanjing, China: January 16 - 19
Chef de Mission Seminar for the 2nd AYG



Incheon, Korea: June 29 - July 6
4th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games



Nanjing, China: August 16 - 24
2nd Asian Youth Games



Boracay, Philippines: December
Asian Games Centennial Festival



Boracay, Philippines: December
32nd OCA General Assembly

2014



Incheon, Korea: September 19- October 4
17th Asian Games



Phuket, Thailand: November 14 - 21
4th Asian Beach Games

2016



Nha Trang, Vietnam (dates to be confirmed)
5th Asian Beach Games

2017



Sapporo, Japan (dates to be confirmed)
8th Asian Winter Games



Ashgabat, Turkmenistan (dates to be confirmed)
5th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games



Hambantota, Sri Lanka (dates to be confirmed)
3rd Asian Youth Games

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Diary of Events

