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### GROWING THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT IN ASIA



**A**s President of the Olympic Council of Asia I am often asked if we organise too many multi-sport games, with five at present in the four-year Olympic cycle.

The question came up once again during the official press conference at the 4th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Incheon, Korea, and I remarked that the total was more like 17 when taking into account the regional games throughout the OCA's five zones.

The statistics from the 4th AIMAG speak for themselves: over 1,700 athletes from 44 National Olympic Committees; 19 NOCs won at least one gold medal and 30 NOCs won a medal of some colour during the eight days of competition.

This answers the question posed, as it highlights the interest and enthusiasm of the athletes and NOCs to take part in OCA events.

From a strong base of the Asian Games and Asian Winter Games, we have expanded our portfolio rapidly in recent years to establish the Asian Beach Games and Asian Youth Games as well as the newly combined Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games.

All five multi-sport games offer something different, something fresh, something exciting for the athletes and spectators alike. They all have their own individual characteristics and attractions yet all of them embrace the Olympic ideals and spirit and bring together the youth of Asia.

It takes forward-thinking, courage and commitment to start new events, and this would not be possible without the support of the NOCs, the Asian and International sports federations and the local organising committees.

No, five multi-sport games is not too many. We are growing the Olympic Movement in Asia – and we are proud of that.



**Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah**

President, Olympic Council of Asia

President, Association of National Olympic Committees

Chairman, IOC Olympic Solidarity Commission

### AFRICA ACKNOWLEDGES THE WORK OF SHEIKH AHMAD

**T**he OCA and ANOC President, HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, received two awards on the sidelines of the 15th General Assembly of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, in July.

Cote d'Ivoire's Prime Minister, Daniel Kablan Duncan, awarded Sheikh Ahmad with the Medal of the Republic of the rank of Noble Commander for his services to the international Olympic Movement, as well as young athletes around the world.

Sheikh Ahmad also received the Medal of Merit of ANOCA from its President, Lassana Palenfo, for his efforts in boosting cooperation and ties among continental sports organisations and for promoting the Olympic ideals.



Africa honours Sheikh Ahmad.

## ANOC PAYS TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT ROGGE



Sheikh Ahmad presents the ANOC Merit Award to President Rogge

"He has done a great job for the Olympic Movement and has always helped us to promote our activities," said Sheikh Ahmad.

"We would like to say thank you President Jacques for the efforts and hard work and for creating the Youth Olympic Games."

President Rogge said he had enjoyed working with Sheikh Ahmad in the IOC and more recently as ANOC President in a partnership built on "mutual respect and unity."

President Rogge wished Sheikh Ahmad all success with his "creative and ambitious plans" as ANOC President, which include a new HQ in Lausanne, a new constitution, the modernisation and vision of ANOC and Olympic Solidarity activities.

Just over one year after his election as President of the Association of National Olympic Committees, H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah welcomed 201 NOCs to the Olympic capital Lausanne for the ANOC Extraordinary General Assembly on Saturday, June 15.

The proceedings at the Beaulieu Congress Centre began with a special tribute to the outgoing IOC President, Jacques Rogge, who was presented with the ANOC Merit Award by Sheikh Ahmad.

Thanking President Rogge for his 12 years of service before he stands down in September, Sheikh Ahmad said the IOC leader was the first sports dignitary to receive the ANOC Merit Award twice, the first time in 2001.

The Extraordinary General Assembly adopted the project of the new ANOC constitution and unanimously approved the recommendations put forward by the Modernisation Commission for the future work of ANOC. For more details, see: [www.acnolympic.org](http://www.acnolympic.org)

☀ The ANOC Extraordinary General Assembly welcomed with a round of applause the presence of the Sports and Olympic Committee of Macau, China, as Observer. Macau NOC was represented by its President, Charles Lo, Chairman of the OCA Media Committee and member of the OCA Executive Board. The former Portuguese enclave is now a Special Administrative Region of China.



Yachts in the harbour at Lausanne.



The picturesque clock tower.



Early morning calm on Lake Lemman.



Masato Mizuno with colleagues at the IOC reception



Talking business for Jordan NOC

## KUWAIT, CHINA, THAILAND PREPARE FOR ANOC ACTIVITIES

**K**uwait, home of the Olympic Council of Asia, will host an ANOC Executive Council meeting next year. At the 60th meeting of the ANOC Ex-Co at the Beau Rivage Palace Hotel on Friday, June 14, members confirmed the following five Ex-Co meetings for 2013 and 2014:

2013 - September 6, Buenos Aires, Argentina; December 9, Lausanne, Switzerland.

2014 - March 31, Kuwait; August 18, Nanjing, China; November 5, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

In addition to this, the next three General Assembly meetings were confirmed for: Chiang Mai, Thailand (2014), Washington DC, USA (2015) and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2016).

The President of ANOC, H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, said Kuwait was looking forward to welcoming the

ANOC Ex-Co members to the Gulf next spring and hosting the meeting in the new sea-front headquarters of the OCA.

Regarding the General Assembly in 2014, NOCs will converge on the tourist destination of Chiang Mai in northern Thailand in the first week of November, following which the OCA will stage the 4th Asian Beach Games at Phuket, Thailand, from November 14-21.

Sheikh Ahmad informed the members that ANOC had received requests from NOCs to host the ANOC General Assembly in 2017, 2018 and 2019, but had decided to confirm the venues only as far as 2016.

☀ The festivities in Lausanne included a Friday evening reception at the Lausanne Palace Hotel hosted by the City of Lausanne and Canton de Vaud, dinner at the IOC headquarters following the EGA and a Sunday lunchtime garden party in the grounds of the new ANOC House, which is under renovation.



The majestic Beau Rivage Hotel.



Full steam ahead.



Dawn at Lake Lemman.

## QATARI WINS IOC WOMEN AND SPORT WORLD TROPHY

The IOC honoured six women for their outstanding contributions to the development of women's participation in sport during a ceremony for the 2013 IOC Women and Sport Awards in Lausanne on July 1.

Qatari Ahlam Salem Mubarak Al Mana, a pioneer for women's and girls' sports rights in her country, was presented with the World Trophy, while the five continental winners included Thailand's Boossaba Yodbangtoey for Asia.

As President of the Qatar Women's Sport Committee, Ahlam Salem Mubarak Al Mana has been promoting women's participation in sport across all levels.

She has helped increase the selection of Qatari sportswomen to compete at international level and played an integral role securing the participation of four Qatari female athletes at the

London 2012 Olympic Games – the first time in Olympic history that Qatari women had taken part.

She has also set up training programmes to develop women as coaches in handball, basketball, table tennis, football, volleyball, swimming and athletics, attracted sponsors to women's sport and helped popularise sport among schoolgirls.

IOC President Jacques Rogge said at the ceremony: "We have made great progress towards equality on the field of play, but we have much more to do to boost the number of women coaches and sports administrators. Tonight's award-winners all serve as true role models in the pursuit of this important goal."

The winners were selected by the IOC Women and Sport Commission from a pool of 49 nominees. The applicants were submitted by NOCs, Continental Associations and International Federations.



The IOC President presents the Trophy to Ahlam Salem Mubarak Al Mana of Qatar.

### IOC AWARDS BROADCAST RIGHTS IN CENTRAL ASIA

The IOC has awarded the broadcast rights in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to Dentsu Inc. for the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, in 2014 and the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2016. Dentsu Inc. has acquired broadcast rights on all media platforms in the respective territories.

### BUENOS AIRES TO HOST 2018 YOG

The 3rd Summer Youth Olympic Games will be hosted by the city of Buenos Aires in 2018, IOC President Jacques Rogge announced on July 4 following a vote by the IOC members at an Extraordinary IOC Session in Lausanne. Buenos Aires (Argentina) was elected ahead of Glasgow (Great Britain) and Medellín (Colombia).



Photo call for the participants of the IOC Athletes' Forum in Singapore.

## SINGAPORE HOSTS IOC ATHLETES' FORUM

The 6th IOC International Athletes' Forum, held in Singapore from June 27-29, resulted in a series of recommendations to the Olympic Movement. In the presence of IOC President Jacques Rogge, athletes' representatives from the IOC, International Federations, Continental Associations, WADA and the International Paralympic Committee called for improved communication and an enriched Games-time experience.

President Rogge, a three-time Olympian in sailing, told the participants: "Olympians are influential role models, especially for young people. With your help we have made significant progress on some important issues that directly affect athletes."

Discussion points included athletes' commissions, communications

and Games-time experience, with a special focus on the opening and closing ceremonies, as well as life in the Olympic Village.

Claudia Bokel, Chair of the IOC Athletes' Commission and a member of the IOC Executive Board, commented: "There was a good buzz during the entire event, and the recommendations are the tangible result of very constructive and lively debates."

☀ The number of IOC members increased to 104 on July 3 with the election and swearing in of the four athletes elected by their peers to the IOC Athletes' Commission during London 2012: Danka Bartekova from Slovakia (shooting), James Tomkins from Australia (rowing), Kirsty Coventry from Zimbabwe (aquatics) and Tony Estanguet from France (canoe-kayak).

## ASIAN DUO NG AND WU JOIN RACE TO SUCCEED ROGGE AS IOC PRESIDENT



The IOC announced on June 7 that six candidates will compete in the election for the presidency of the International Olympic Committee at the 125th IOC Session on September 10 in Buenos Aires.

The six – Thomas Bach, Sergey Bubka, Richard Carrión, Ng Ser Miang, Denis Oswald and Wu Ching-Kuo – officially announced

their candidacies by the deadline of midnight on June 6.

The candidates presented their programmes to the full IOC membership on the occasion of the Extraordinary IOC Session in Lausanne on July 3-4.

Mr Ng, of Singapore, is Chairman of the OCA Advisory Committee and a member of the OCA Executive Board, while CK Wu, of Chinese Taipei, is President of the International Boxing Federation AIBA.



## IOC MEMBERS HEAR 2020 PRESENTATIONS

The three Candidate Cities bidding to host the 2020 Olympic Games delivered their penultimate presentations to members of the IOC on July 3.

The bid committees of Istanbul (Turkey), Tokyo (Japan) and Madrid (Spain) gave 45-minute presentations and fielded ques-

tions from the members during 45-minute question-and-answer sessions.

The cities will give their final presentations to the members at the 125th IOC Session in Buenos Aires on September 7, with the vote taking place the same day.

# Olympic Day in Asia



Olympic Day in Bahrain



Olympic Day in Bahrain



Olympic Day in Bhutan



Olympic Day in Cambodia

***The Olympic Movement celebrated Olympic Day on or around Sunday, June 23 and Asian NOCs were as active as anyone around the globe. Here are some highlights:***

**Bahrain:** The Bahrain Olympic Committee held a 3km walkathon for more than 150 participants on June 23. Other activities included a Sports Medicine Centre corner, diabetes and high blood pressure tests for the public and children's activities such as face painting and sideshows. T-shirts, caps, water bottles and certificates of participation signed by the BOC and IOC were given away to participants.

**Bangladesh:** The Bangladesh Olympic Association observed Olympic Day on June 22-23 with an Olympic Day Run in Dhaka, a sports programme for mentally challenged children, an exhibition of wrestling and bodybuilding, an art competition for children aged from 9-15 and a seminar to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Baron Pierre de Coubertin.

**Bhutan:** The Olympic Day celebrations took place in Gedu, under Chukha Dzongkhag, on May 2, coinciding with the Birth Anniversary of the 3rd Druk Gyalpo, His Majesty Jigme Dorji

Wangchuck. The Olympic Day Fun Run was flagged off by His Majesty's Representative and the President of the Bhutan Olympic Committee, HRH Prince Jigyel Ugyen Wangchuck. The 3,000 participants joined in a variety of Olympic sports and indigenous games, and also took part in a quiz.

**Brunei:** Around 1,400 people took part in Temburong's first-ever celebration of Olympic Day. Organised annually by the Brunei Darussalam National Olympic Council in collaboration with the Department of Youth and Sports, various activities were held including kids' athletics, hockey, bocce, tug-of-war, sepak takraw, futsal, netball, basketball and other traditional games. NOC President HRH Prince Hj Sufri Bolkiah presented the prizes and also competed in the VIP five-a-side football competition.

**Cambodia:** A total of 4,050 participants joined in the 3rd Phnom Penh International Half Marathon on June 16 which also celebrated Olympic Day 2013. The runners included 350



Olympic Day in Hong Kong



Olympic Day in Indonesia



Olympic Day in Hong Kong



Olympic Day in Japan

foreign participants from 21 countries. The event was patronised by the NOC President, H.E. Dr Thong Khon, Minister of Tourism, who was joined by H.E. Hun Manet, first son of the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, H.E. Hun Sen. Mr Kep Thon, 80 years old, joined in this event, as well as some famous singers.

**China:** Sponsored by the Chinese Olympic Committee, the 27th Olympic Day Run attracted more than 50,000 runners in 23 cities across China on June 22. China's Sports Minister and COC President, Liu Peng, and deputy sports ministers and COC vice presidents Yang Shu'an and Feng Jianzhong attended the launching ceremony at Beijing Sport University and led the 2,500 enthusiasts of all ages in the run.

**Hong Kong, China:** Organised by the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, the 2013 Olympic Day Run was held over 5.6km on Sunday, June 23, at Hong

Kong Disneyland Resort with a full entry of 5,000 runners, including 26 corporate teams. Activities included a lucky draw, game booths, magic, music and dance performances.

**Indonesia:** Olympic Day on Sunday, June 23, was a joyous morning in Jakarta, with 1,500 participants sharing fun and activities with the Indonesian Olympic Committee. NOC President Mrs Rita Subowo gave an opening address and then lit the flame to signal the start of the Olympic Day activities, which included Zumba, Aerobic Dance, Fun Walk and Cycling.

**Japan:** Thousands of young people joined their families to enjoy a special evening at the Olympic Concert, performed by the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra. The event brought together music, culture and sport in celebration of the Olympic Movement. In a perfect reflection of the beauty of city-centre Tokyo, the night was lit up by 3,000 candles representing Tokyo 2020's emblem.

# Olympic Day in Asia



Olympic Day in Macau



Olympic Day in Macau



Olympic Day in Mongolia



Olympic Day in Mongolia

**Jordan:** Jordan Olympic Committee, under the Presidency of HRH Prince Feisal Al Hussein, organised an inspirational Olympic Day welcoming 200 orphans to enjoy a demonstration of sports. Joined by coaches and athletes from the National Federations, the young participants were invited to try out new sports and learn about leading a healthy lifestyle. Over 500 people joined in a walk.

**Kazakhstan:** The NOC celebrated Olympic Day on May 18.

**Macau, China:** Badminton star Lin Dan, Olympic Games champion in 2008 and 2012 and Guangzhou Asian Games Samsung MVP in 2010, led a group of Chinese Olympic champions to Macau on June 26 for a series of Olympic promotional events and motivational activities with local youngsters.

**Malaysia:** Planned for Sunday, June 23, the Olympic Day Run had to be postponed due to the severe haze caused by the

burning of forests in Indonesia. The run will be held at a later date when the air is cleaner for the athletes.

**Mongolia:** Mongolia NOC, in collaboration with the Mongolian Volleyball Federation, celebrated Olympic Day at Yanzaga children's camp near Ulaanbaatar. S. Nyam-Ochir, London 2012 judo bronze medallist, led the Olympic Day Run alongside hundreds of children. A mini-volleyball competition was also held with the participation of over 500 young players. Mr Jugder Otgontsagaan, NOC Secretary General, Mr Ts. Bat-Enkh and other dignitaries attended the celebrations.

**Nepal:** The Nepal Olympic Committee celebrated Olympic Day from June 15-23 with nine days of different activities. On June 23, 4,000 people joined in the Olympic Day Run at the Jawalakhel Football Ground, Lalitpur. The Chief Guest was His Excellency Dr. Sergey Vasilievich Velichkin, Ambassador of the Russian Federation.



Olympic Day in Chinese Taipei



Olympic Day in Chinese Taipei



Olympic Day in Sri Lanka



Olympic Day in Sri Lanka

**Palestine:** The NOC organised Olympic Day with the theme “Sport and State” on July 8. Various sporting and Olympic activities were offered to the children and athletes of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The opening ceremony was attended by FIFA President Joseph Blatter, NOC President Jibril Al Rjoub and the presidents of several national sports federations. A huge sports march in Ramallah brought together thousands of people. The event was broadcast live on television and radio.

**Sri Lanka:** The NOC hosted the Olympic Day Run and other activities in Eravur, Batticaloa, on June 21 in collaboration with the Eravur Urban Council and Sri Lanka Telecom. The festivities included the Olympic Values Education Programme poster art competition and the top three entries from 50 children each received a bicycle from the NOC. For the first time, the NOC worked with 100 children and youth leaders of Child Action Lanka, a charity working to assist and transform the lives of disadvantaged children, including street beggars.

**Chinese Taipei:** The Chinese Taipei NOC celebrated Olympic Day with 9,841 runners under a special theme of water conservation echoing “World Water Day”. Runners, both professional and amateur and ranging from three to 87 years old, marked a new record in Olympic Day Run attendance. The run was started at 5:30 am on Sunday, June 2, in New Taipei City by CTOC President Thomas Tsai. The race included seven age groups for men and six age groups for women in a 21km race and a fun run over 2.5km.

**Uzbekistan:** The Uzbek NOC organised an excursion to the Museum of Olympic Glory in Tashkent. More than 100 youngsters had the chance to learn about the history of the Olympic Games, the development of the Olympic Movement and the performances of Uzbek athletes. A quiz was also held. The NOC invited eight Olympic medallists spanning the period from the 1964 Games in Tokyo to the 2012 Games in London to talk about their experiences and emotions and the importance of sport and the Olympic values in their lives.

### INCHEON HOSTS 63RD OCA EB MEETING



The OCA Executive Board gathers in Incheon.

The 63rd OCA Executive Board meeting took place at the Hyatt Regency Incheon on the morning of Saturday, June 29 - the day of the opening ceremony of the 4th AIMAG.

The OCA President, HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, welcomed the EB members to Incheon and said Asia continued to play a leading role in the Olympic Movement with the Winter Olympics coming to PyeongChang, Korea, in 2018 and the ANOC General Assembly to Chiang Mai, Thailand, in 2014. He also mentioned the "great potential" of Tokyo in the three-city race to host the 2020 Olympic Games.

Presentations were given by AIMAG organisers and by Hambantota – host of the OCA's 3rd Asian Youth Games in Sri Lanka in 2017.

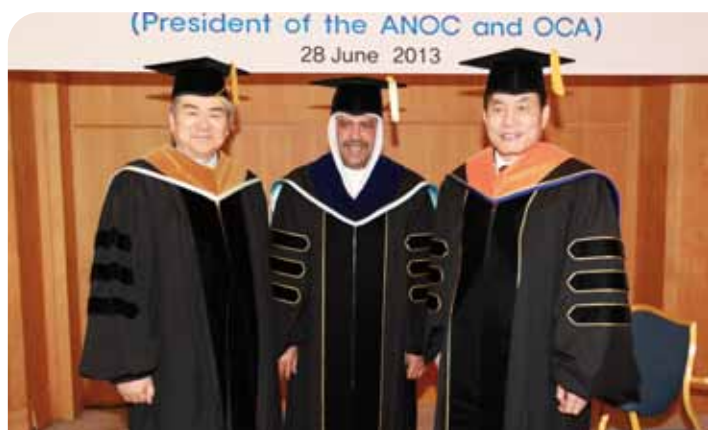
In other news, the EB approved the proposal that Dr Takao Akama replace Dr Yutaka Komatsu in the OCA Medical Committee as the latter has become a Member of Parliament in Japan.

The next EB meeting will take place in November on the sidelines of the Asian Games Centennial Festival in Boracay, Philippines.

On June 4, the OCA President visited Al-Zatari refugee camp, located on the border of Jordan and Syria, where approximately 120,000 Syrian refugees have been camped. The refugees have been displaced from the ongoing war in Syria and the figure includes 70,000 children.

OCA Director General Husain Al Musallam was re-elected Vice President of world swimming governing body FINA for a four-term, 2013-2017, at the FINA Congress in Barcelona, Spain.

The OCA President was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Political Science by Inha University in Incheon, Korea, on Friday, June 28, in recognition of his vision and leadership and his pioneering role in promoting sport and the youth movement throughout the continent.



The OCA President receives an Honorary Doctorate.



The OCA President visits the Syrian refugee camp.



## 4TH AIMAG 2013

<b>Host City:</b>	Incheon
<b>Opening Ceremony:</b>	June 29
<b>Closing Ceremony:</b>	July 6
<b>Athletes:</b>	1,720
<b>NOCs:</b>	44
<b>Media:</b>	769
<b>Total Participants:</b>	4,400
<b>Sports:</b>	9
<b>Events:</b>	100
<b>Opened by:</b>	Chung Hong Won, Prime Minister, Republic of Korea
<b>Closed by:</b>	Wei Jizhong, Hon. Life Vice President, OCA

The OCA President meets nine-year-old Korean chess player Kim Yubin during his tour of the Athletes' Village. At his press conference later in the day, Sheikh Ahmad drew the attention of the AIMAG media to the achievements of Little Miss Kim.

## AIMAG PROVIDES 'FRESH AND UNIQUE ATMOSPHERE'

The Olympic Council of Asia opened a new chapter in its long sporting history when staging the 4th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games at Incheon, Korea, from June 29 to July 6, 2013.

It was the first time the OCA had combined two previous events - the Asian Indoor Games and Asian Martial Arts Games - and the merger worked well for athletes and spectators alike.

"We believe the 4th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games have provided a fresh and unique atmosphere," said Mr Kim Young Soo, President of the Organising Committee, at the farewell dinner.

"We have worked hard to reflect the distinctive features of the sports from the two different games and feel that the 4th AIMAG has contributed to the harmony and unity of the youth in Asia."



Mr Kim said the organisers had encountered some "unexpected problems" and vowed to improve and upgrade all services for the 17th Asian Games in Incheon in September 2014.

"I hope the 4th AIMAG Incheon 2013 will last long in your heart and memory and I look forward to seeing all of you in Incheon next year for the Asian Games," he concluded.

Mr Kim was presented with a gift from the OCA by the Honorary Life Vice President, Wei Jizhong.

## AIMAG SETS THE SCENE FOR INCHEON

The 4th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games proved to be the perfect testing ground for organisers of next year's Asian Games.

With over 1,700 athletes from 44 National Olympic Committees competing for the 100 gold medals on offer, Games services such as accreditation, accommodation, transportation and protocol will all have benefited from the AIMAG experience.

But Incheon 2013 was so much more than a full-scale dress rehearsal for Incheon 2014; it was an outstanding and entertaining multi-sports event in its own right.

Samsan World Gymnasium, venue for the opening and closing ceremonies, hosted two of the most talked-about sports – E-Sports for the electronic gaming enthusiasts and Dance Sport for anyone and everyone who wants to be entertained and bedazzled by the glitzy attire, the perfect precision of the athletes, the music and the general bonhomie sweeping the venue.

The large crowds simply could not get enough of the Waltz

and the Tango or the Samba and the Cha Cha Cha as the athletes whizzed by in a whirl of colour and costume, every intricate move producing gasps of awe and appreciation.

The presentation of the E-Sports, too, added a new dimension, with the house lights down and the moves of the gamers projected on to a big screen so the audience could follow the action. In the case of FIFA 13, it was just like watching a football match on TV – only with the likes of Neymar (Brazil) and Cristiano Ronaldo (Real Madrid) making an appearance in the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games.

But if these Indoor and Martial Arts Games were supposed to bring new sporting powers to the top of the medals table, someone forgot to tell China.

In a two-horse race for all but the last two days of competition, China emerged victorious by winning 29 gold medals, eight more than host Korea with 21. Between them, China and Korea won exactly 50 per cent of the 100 gold medals.

The Short Course Swimming (25 metres) proved decisive for the Chinese, as they won 14 of the 30 events, backed up by



The official cheer team for Myanmar.



Japanese Futsal players join the Play True campaign.

## 2014

more gold in Baduk (3), Billiard Sports (3), Chess (3) and Dance Sport (6).

Vietnam finished third with eight gold medals, ahead of great regional rivals Thailand on a count back of silver medals (7-3) as the Thais also claimed eight gold. Kazakhstan completed the top five with seven gold medals.




Nineteen NOCs won gold, and 30 of the 44 teams claimed at least one medal of some colour. The only no-show was DPR Korea, although hopes are high that the North will enter the Asian Games next year and complete a full house.

Futsal attracted the most spectators with 7,528, followed by Dance Sport (5,047), Billiard Sports (3,816), Muay (2,259), E-Sports (2,063) and Short Course Swimming (1,261).



The IOC flag is raised to the roof at the indoor kabaddi venue after victory for the Independent Olympic Athletes representing the suspended Indian Olympic Association.

## FINAL MEDAL TABLE

Rank	NOC				Total	Rank by Total
1	China	29	13	10	52	2
2	Korea	21	27	19	67	1
3	Vietnam	8	7	12	27	4
4	Thailand	8	3	11	22	5
5	Kazakhstan	7	6	18	31	3
6	Iran	3	6	2	11	9
7	Chinese Taipei	3	5	12	20	6
8	Hong Kong, China	3	4	10	17	7
9	Japan	3	4	8	15	8
10	Uzbekistan	3	4	3	10	=10
11	Turkmenistan	2	4	1	7	13
12	AOI*	2	3	5	10	=10
13	Singapore	2	0	3	5	=15
14	Indonesia	1	3	4	8	12
15	Kyrgyzstan	1	2	3	6	14
16	Tajikistan	1	2	1	4	=17
17	Mongolia	1	1	2	4	=17
18	Iraq	1	0	3	4	=17
19	Philippines	1	0	2	3	=20
20	Jordan	0	2	3	5	=15
21	Kuwait	0	2	0	2	=26
22	Malaysia	0	1	2	3	=20
22	UAE	0	1	2	3	=20
24	Laos	0	1	1	2	=26
25	Afghanistan	0	0	3	3	=20
25	Myanmar	0	0	3	3	=20
25	Syria	0	0	3	3	=20
28	Lebanon	0	0	2	2	=26
29	Palestine	0	0	1	1	=29
29	Qatar	0	0	1	1	=29
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>351</b>	

\*Independent Olympic Athletes

## AIMAG ACTION FR



Korea's "Billiards Beauty" Cha You Ram pocketed two gold medals – women's nine-ball and 10-ball singles.



Grand Slam: China's Zhou Yanxin claimed four gold medals in the pool.



The Green Machine: There's no escape from Iran's women's kabbadi team.



Strike Two: Singapore's Daphne Tan won two gold medals in bowling – singles and team

## OM INCHEON 2013



Kurash, bang, wallop: Turkmenistan's Muhammet Temirov is a man on fire in the kurash competition against Zhanibel Nazarov of Kazakhstan.



Silhouette star: Pavel Saprikin of Uzbekistan competes in the E-Sports FIFA 13



The men's and women's Futsal competitions attracted the largest aggregate attendance of the 4th AIMAG – over 7,500.



Have some of that: Ahmad Hassan Majed Almalkee of Iraq lets fly in the Kickboxing.



Tan Hui Tien and Lim Swie King of Malaysia light up the Samsan World Gymnasium.

## OCA YOUTH REPORTER PROJECT BEARS FRUIT

The first two students from the Olympic Council of Asia's Youth Reporter Project (YRP) joined a multi-sport games for the first time at Incheon 2013.

They were Jonathan Raj, aged 16, from Malaysia, and Annie Lai On Nei, 15, from Macau, China. They had both won their respective YRP conducted by the OCA in association with the NOCs in 2012.

"It was a great experience," said Jonathan. "I learned so much about the OCA, the Olympic Movement and how a big sports event is organised. I am really excited about coming back next year for the Asian Games."

Annie, a big fan of Korean popular culture long before arriving in Incheon, added: "I will never forget my time at the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games. The days flew by because we were doing so many different things – watching sports events, interviewing athletes, writing articles and taking photos."

The OCA began the YRP in 2012 as part of the Fun Run + Learn campaign to promote the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, Korea, in 2014.

Eight NOCs held the YRP in 2012 and the first half of 2013, and the winners were invited to attend either the 4th AIMAG or 2nd Asian Youth Games in Nanjing, China, in August as a fact-finding mission ahead of next year's Asian Games.

The AIMAG programme included:

☀ Attending a Team Welcome Ceremony in the International Zone.

☀ Attending the Opening and Closing Ceremony and official dinners.

☀ Accompanying the OCA President on his tour of the Athletes' Village.

☀ Attending the official OCA Press Conference, at which the OCA President introduced the two young reporters to the AIMAG media.

☀ Watching sports events, including Futsal, Dance Sport, Indoor Kabaddi, E-Sports, Billiard Sports and Bowling.

☀ Visiting the 1988 Olympic Park in Seoul and the world-famous Gangnam District.

The OCA's two young reporters also found themselves at the centre of media attention, including a feature on KBS TV which involved a morning of shooting at various venues.

☀ The OCA would like to thank the NOCs of Malaysia and Macau, China, for their support of the YRP and also Yu Byungjin of IAGOC for her hospitality, coordination and guidance in making the project such a big success.



OCA Media Committee Chairman Charles Lo greets the two young reporters and their guests ahead of the Opening Ceremony.



## A GREAT DAY WITH THE OCA PRESIDENT

By Jonathan Raj  
OCA Young Reporter, Malaysia

I was thrilled to be part of the OCA President's entourage to tour the Athletes' Village and the Main Media Centre on the first day of the Games.

The OCA President is a very gracious and friendly gentleman. He smiled and greeted the people around him and even took pictures with the volunteers while making the peace sign. What a sporting president indeed!

At the Athletes' Village, I could not help but notice the OCA President warmly greeting and speaking to the athletes. Even at the canteen, the president took time to chat with the athletes and coaches from different countries. He was genuinely concerned about their welfare. The president even had lunch at the canteen just like any other athlete would do.

After lunch, we proceeded towards the Main Media Centre. We were given a briefing on its facilities, work rooms and its transmission centre. The main press conference was held here at 3pm and the president answered the many questions put to him by the reporters.

Once the press conference ended, Miss Lai and I were then interviewed by some of the reporters there. This has been the highlight of my stay here so far. What a great day it has been!



The OCA President greets the two young reporters on a sunny day at the Athletes' Village.



## PARK TAE-HWAN BRINGS SUNSHINE ON A RAINY DAY

By Annie Lai On Nei,  
OCA Young Reporter, Macau-China

One of my most memorable moments from Incheon 2013 was attending a signing ceremony by 2008 Olympic swimming champion Park Tae-hwan – a Goodwill Ambassador for the 17th Asian Games in 2014.

The event took place outside the swimming venue and there was a long queue of excited fans when I arrived. Squeals filled my ears. Everything was crazy!

As the 30-minute signing ceremony drew to a close, the people at the end of the queue were screaming, worried it was going to be too late for them to meet their hero. When it was announced that the session would be extended by 10 minutes, everybody was cheering. Then it was my turn.

I was the first one in the VIP area. I approached him, and my face was burning. Maybe that is a natural reaction when a girl sees a handsome guy. The Youth Reporter from Malaysia, Jonathan, and I took a photo with him first. And we asked him for his autograph. For sure, he did not reject us. At that time, I heard a Korean girl say that we were so lucky. Yes! She is right!

After our photos, it was time for him to leave. Everybody was shouting something – "Oppa (elder brother in Korean), you must not leave me!" Everyone was crazy, shouting, singing a sorrowful song, and even chased after his car.

Even though it was a rainy day, it became sunny after seeing his glorious smiling face.



Korean swimming hero Park Tae-hwan with the OCA's two young reporters.

# 4th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games



Opening Ceremony delights.



K-Pop at the Opening Ceremony.

## AIMAG – THE HOMELY GAMES FOR ASIA’S SPORTS FAMILY

The compact Samsan World Gymnasium was a fitting venue for the Opening Ceremony on June 29 and Closing Ceremony on July 6 as it provided a homely atmosphere for athletes and spectators alike.

Unlike the vast outdoor arenas required for the Olympic Games and Asian Games, the Samsan World Gymnasium brought everyone together in an atmosphere of celebration and friendship.

Both ceremonies were full of the old and the new, from poetry reading, folk tales and ballet to modern K-Pop and a tumbling, theatrical presentation of the sports on offer at the 4th AIMAG.

The Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea, Chung Hong Won, had the honour of opening the Games, in the presence of the OCA President, H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah,

IAGOC President Kim Young Soo and the Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City, Song Young Gil, and other dignitaries.

Popular athlete Cha You Ram, nicknamed “Billiards Beauty” in Korea, lit the cauldron at the end of a torch relay that had begun earlier in the day at Mt Mani.

At the Closing Ceremony seven days later, the Games were declared over by the OCA’s Honorary Life Vice President, Wei Jizhong, and the OCA flag was passed from Incheon to Turkmenistan - host of the 5th AIMAG in the capital Ashgabat in 2017.

With the athletes as one group in the arena, taking souvenir photos and dancing in circles, Turkmenistan performers entertained the spectators with a vibrant cultural show to set the scene for Ashgabat 2017.



Joy and surprises at the closing ceremony.



Turkmenistan - already excited about the 5th AIMAG in 2017.



## VIETNAM

Date: July 22, 2013  
 Venue: Hanoi Amsterdam High School  
 Fun Run entries: 200 students in four categories – boys and girls, 14 and 15 years  
 YRP students: 30  
 YRP Winner: Le Minh Trang, 14, Hanoi Amsterdam High School.  
 Fun Learn students: 200  
 Fun Learn Winner: Nguyen Hieu Minh Khanh, 14, Hanoi Amsterdam High School.

## FUN RUN JOY IN HANOI

The prestigious Hanoi Amsterdam High School hosted a full day of Fun Run + Learn activities on Monday, July 22, to promote the 17th Asian Games at Incheon, Korea, in 2014. Starting at 6.30am with the opening ceremony and ending at 6.30pm with the official dinner at the Daewoo Hotel, the Vietnam NOC organised the Fun Run and Fun Learn quiz for 200 students.

In the afternoon, 30 students joined in the Youth Reporter Project. The special guest was Nguyen Huu An, Director of the Vietnam Judo Federation, and the written test focused on Vietnam's "queen of judo" – Van Ngoc Tu, a London Olympian. Miss Le Minh Trang, 14, was a unanimous winner among the five judges from OCA, VOC and the school, and received her prize at the official dinner.



A laugh and a joke on the starting line.



Le Minh Trang won the Youth Reporter Project.



Nguyen Hieu Minh Khanh won the Asian Games Quiz.



Organisers and guests at the photo shoot.



Youth Camp coach Choi Young Seok instructs the athletes.



Taekwondo Ambassador Wu Jingyu at the OCA Youth Camp.



IOC Member Dr Nat Indrapana cuts the ribbon at the opening ceremony.

## TAEKWONDO ATTRACTS RECORD LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION

The Olympic Council of Asia's popular summer youth camp attracted a record level of participation for this year's event in Bangkok, Thailand.

The Asian Taekwondo Youth Camp 2013 opened on Saturday, July 27, at the Training Centre of the Taekwondo Association of Thailand. A total of 86 athletes and coaches from 26 Asian NOCs joined the two-week camp, marking the highest number of participants since the OCA began the annual youth camp in 2009 as part of its Olympic Solidarity Continental Programme.

Addressing the young athletes at the opening ceremony, OCA representative Vahid Kardany said: "The Olympic Council of Asia has been supporting and funding the youth camp with the sole aim of promoting sports and advancing the knowledge and technical expertise of our Asian athletes.

"We want each of you - who represent the future of Taekwondo in Asia - to benefit, learn and improve yourself, while enhancing your technical skills, physical condition and sporting spirit."

On behalf of the National Olympic Committee of Thailand and the Taekwondo Association of Thailand, IOC member Dr Nat Indrapana cut the ribbon to symbolise the official opening of the camp. He told the athletes there was no short cut to success in life, and that "blood, sweat and tears" were needed to make it to the top in Taekwondo.

The camp, which ran from July 27 to

## YOUTH CAMP CORD ENTRY

August 9, was a joint initiative between the OCA and World Taekwondo Federation, along with the Thai NOC and Taekwondo Association of Thailand.

The course was conducted by three experts - Daniel Trenton from the Australian Taekwondo Federation and Choi Young Seok and Kim Jae Woo from the Taekwondo Association of Thailand.

In addition, three Olympic Games medal-winners from Asia attended the camp as Taekwondo Ambassadors. They were Wu Jingyu (China), gold medal-winner at the 2008 and 2012 Olympics in the women's -49kg class; Lee Dae-Hoon (Korea), London 2012 silver medallist in the men's 58kg class; and Chanatip Sonkham (Thailand), bronze medallist at London 2012 in the women's -49kg division.

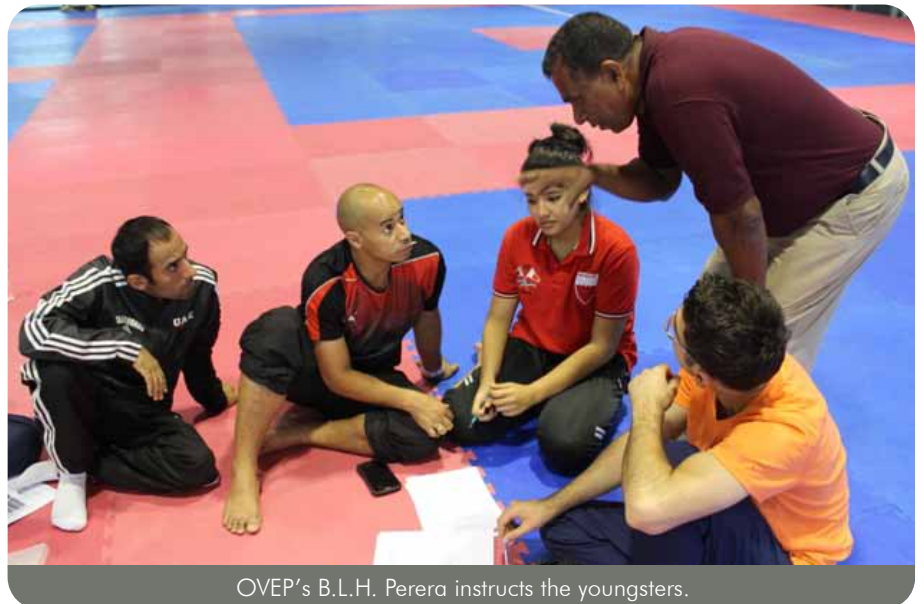
The youth camp also included an Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP) and WADA's Anti-Doping Education "Say No to Doping" campaign.

The World Taekwondo Federation showed true Olympic spirit by giving 120 sets of Taekwondo equipment – each set valued at US\$500 – to the athletes and coaches who took part.

WTF President Dr Choue Chung-won said in a statement: "Taekwondo has given so much hope and so many Olympic dreams to athletes and nations around the globe. We are very proud to work together with the Olympic Council of Asia."



The training is serious at the OCA Youth Camp.



OVEP's B.L.H. Perera instructs the youngsters.



Gobinathan Nair conducts the WADA session.

## VIRTUAL TORCH RELAY IS A REAL SUCCESS FOR NANJING



The online torch relay in Uzbekistan



The online torch relay in Bhutan



The online torch relay in Philippines

The President of the Olympic Council of Asia, HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, wrote to the Executive President of the Nanjing Asian Youth Games Organising Committee, Yang Weize, to congratulate him and his team on the success of the Virtual Torch Relay.

The online relay was launched on May 8 with the aim of promoting the 2nd AYG among the youth of Asia. The relay stopped off at 238 cities and scenic spots of Asia, China and Nanjing ahead of the Opening Ceremony on August 16.

Thanks to a detailed schedule put together by the organisers, Asian NOCs knew exactly when to welcome the torch in their territory and were able to organise games and festivities around the event.

In his letter dated June 23 following the end of the overseas leg, Sheikh Ahmad said the Virtual Torch Relay had played a major role in promoting the AYG.

"More than 680,000 people have registered, and the APP has received more than 2.4 million 'Hoorays' of support in the last 44 days," he said.

"The numbers have once again proved to the world that Asia plays a significant role in our Olympic Movement. Asia has once again created history and a new chapter in developing and promoting sport among the young generation with innovation in mind."

The online relay will be supplemented by the more traditional torch relay involving 800 runners and two 5km routes around the city.

☀ The 2nd AYG runs from August 16-24 and comprises 122 events in 16 sports with the addition of Taekwondo.

☀ At the close of the Entry by Name on June 25, NAYGOC reported that 42 NOCs had submitted 2,391 athletes - 1,536 boys and 855 girls. The age range is 14-17.

☀ The draw for team sports in 3x3 basketball, football, handball and rugby sevens was held at NAYGOC HQ on June 26.

## ASIAN GAMES CENTENNIAL FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS IN FULL SWING

**T**he countdown is underway to the biggest celebration of Asian sport in history – the Asian Games Centennial Festival to be held on the paradise island of Boracay, Philippines, this November.

The festival will mark the 100th anniversary of the first recognised multi-sport games ever held on the Asian continent – the 1st Far Eastern Championships, which took place in Manila, capital of the Philippines, in 1913.

With four months remaining to the festival, a delegation from the OCA, led by Vahid Kardany, visited Makati City in late July to finalise all the preparations for this sporting and cultural extravaganza.

The festival, on November 28, will blend sport and performing arts by focusing on the common elements of rhythm, grace and harmony. In order to achieve this, world-renowned Filipino composer Maestro Ryan Cayabyab will work as Musical Director with other experts and talents coming from East, West, Central, South and Southeast Asia.

The OCA panel was comprised of representatives from different Asian regions. Dr Amer Jaafar, foremost composer from Kuwait, represented West Asia; Mr Park Kwang-Yong of Korea represented East Asia and is also public relations head of the Incheon Asian Games Organising Committee; and the South Asian representative was Mr Francis Jude Peiris of Sri Lanka, composer and Navy Commodore.



Robert "Dodot" Jaworski, Executive Director of the organising committee.

## DUBAI HOSTS ASIAN GAMES PUBLIC RELATIONS ROADSHOW



Mayor Song with Goodwill Ambassador Sheikhha Latifah.

**T**he second Public Relations Roadshow for the 2014 Incheon Asian Games was held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on June 2.

The Korean delegation was led by the Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City, Mr Song Young-gil, who is also Chairman of the Executive Committee of the 2014 Incheon Asian Games Organising Committee.

Other participants included Mr Yusuf Al Serkal, First Vice President of the UAE NOC, Mr Mohammad Al Mahmoud, Vice President of the UAE Sports Authority, and Mr Kwon Tae-gyun, Korean Ambassador to the UAE, as well as 100 sports figures, sponsors and media.

A Goodwill Ambassador for the 2014 Incheon Asian Games for the UAE was named: Sheikhha Latifah bint Ahmed bin Juma Al Maktoum, a member of the ruling family of Dubai and a silver medalist in equestrian at the 2010 Guangzhou Asian Games.

Four more PR Roadshows are planned for 2013, in New Delhi, Singapore, Hanoi and Guangzhou.

**VISION 2014:** Iraq and Yemen are the latest NOCs to benefit from the OCA-Incheon Vision 2014 programme. Twelve athletes from Iraq (in boxing and weightlifting) and 12 from Yemen (taekwondo, wrestling and judo) joined an intensive training programme at Incheon's state-of-the-art facilities. NOC representatives attended the closing ceremony to celebrate the success of the project.



# News and Sport from 45 NOCs



## Afghanistan

Construction of the new NOC HQ was inaugurated by NOC President Mohammad Zahir Aghbar in Kabul, reports Bakhtar News. Sami Darei, head of NOC public relations, said the three-storey office complex would be built in an area of 800 square metres and in the shape of the five Olympic rings. Construction will take one year.



## Bahrain



The Security Officers' Club hosted a scientific symposium organised by the Anti-Doping Committee of the Bahrain Olympic Committee in collaboration with the Public Security Sports Federation under the slogan "Common Sports Injuries and Banned Doping". Anti-Doping Committee Chairman Dr Hussein Al Haddad conducted the symposium, which was attended by more than 80 participants.



## Bangladesh

An Olympic Solidarity Athletics (Level 1) Coaches Course was held from June 9-18 for 25 participants. Two coaches nominated by the IAAF, Nasrullah Rana and Rafique Ahmed, conducted the course. The Bangladesh Olympic Association organised a certificate award ceremony at Dutch Bangla Bank Auditorium of Olympic Bhaban. The chief guest was Mr ASM Ali Kabir, President, Bangladesh Athletics Federation, who distributed the certificates. ([www.nocban.com](http://www.nocban.com))



## Bhutan

The Bhutan Olympic Committee reports that the Bhutan Tennis Federation is resurfacing its three existing courts in Thimphu to international standard. With the help of the NOC and the International Tennis Federation, the tennis federation will also upgrade tennis courts in other districts. ([www.bhutanolympiccommittee.org](http://www.bhutanolympiccommittee.org))



## Brunei

The Brunei Cue Sports Association will be looking for a strong outing at the 5th Golden Break 9-Ball Invitational Championship in Kuala Lumpur from August 17-24 - the cueists' big chance to earn a place on the Brunei Darussalam NOC team for the SEA Games in Myanmar this December.

([www.bruneiolympic.org](http://www.bruneiolympic.org))



## Cambodia



The new NOCC headquarters building was inaugurated on June 13 under the presidency of Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia. The seven-storey complex includes a sports science and medicine centre funded by the OCA's Olympasia Project.

([www.noccamboia.org](http://www.noccamboia.org))



China

China's Vice Sports Minister, Cai Zhenhua, was re-elected President of the Asian Table Tennis Union at the biennial ATTU Congress in Busan, Korea, during the 21st Asian Table Tennis Championships. With the participation of 29 associations, the congress confirmed the election of the ATTU Executive Committee members for the next four years from 2013-2017. ([www.olympic.cn](http://www.olympic.cn))



DPR Korea

Marshal Kim Jong Un, first secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, first chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the Korean People's Army, toured Pyongyang International Football School and the Rungna People's Sports Park, reports the Korean Central News Agency. He also visited the remodeled building of the Secretariat of the State Physical Culture and Sports Guidance Committee, giving precious advice on developing the country's sports.



Hong Kong, China



The Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, held a Summer Youth Leadership Camp on Olympism from July 10-12 at Tai Tam Scout Centre. NOC President Timothy Fok said it was a good chance to promote Olympism to the youth and the public and he anticipated more such camps in the future. ([www.hkolympic.org](http://www.hkolympic.org)).



India

With the Indian Olympic Association suspended by the IOC, the athletes went by the title of Independent Olympic Athletes (AOI) at the 4th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Incheon, Korea. The team won two gold medals, in women's and men's indoor kabaddi, and finished 12th in the medals table.



Indonesia

An IOC Sports Medicine Course was conducted in Jakarta involving 250 participants, including 194 medical doctors. The course featured four foreign expert speakers from the USA, Italy, Philippines and Singapore as well as leading academics from the University of Indonesia's School of Medicine. The confer-

ence was opened by Mrs Rita Subowo, President of the Indonesian Olympic Committee. The head of the NOC's Sports Medicine Commission, Dr Bayu Rahadian, presented a lecture on the Olympic Medical Code. The course was assisted by a US\$20,000 grant from Olympic Solidarity. ([www.olympic.or.id](http://www.olympic.or.id))



Iran

Paralympic gold medalist Zahra Nemati was presented with the SportAccord "Spirit of Sport" award, reports the Mehr News Agency in Tehran. The 2012 London Paralympic archery champion, who was nominated by the International Paralympic Committee, took the top prize for helping to alter perceptions in Iranian society of disabled people and inspiring women to take up para-archery in her native country. ([www.olympic.ir](http://www.olympic.ir)).



Iraq

Iraq finished 18th in the final medal rankings at the 4th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Incheon, Korea, by winning one gold and three bronze medals.



Japan

The 8th Sapporo Asian Winter Games 2017 Organising Committee has launched the official website and started seeking logo ideas from the public. The website can be located at: <http://sapporo2017.org>. The content is in Japanese only at this moment but once the logo is decided in October it will be expanded and include English. ([www.joc.or.jp](http://www.joc.or.jp))



Jordan

The Jordan Olympic Committee's role in supporting motorsport, in particular the Jordan Rally, has been officially recognised by its national body, which is chaired by HRH Prince Feisal Al Hussein. The JOC provides year-round support to Jordan Motorsport, which organises more than 30 national and international events a year. On behalf of the JOC, Secretary General Lana Al Jaghbeer received a certificate of appreciation from HRH Prince Feisal, who is also President of the JOC.

# News and Sport from 45 NOCs



Kazakhstan

Asian Winter Games masters Kazakhstan proved a force to be reckoned with at the 4th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Incheon, Korea, winning seven gold medals and 31 medals in total to finish fifth in the gold medal rankings and third in total medals. ([www.olympic.kz](http://www.olympic.kz)).



Korea

The KOC and Qatar Olympic Committee signed a Memorandum of Understanding on joint cooperation for sports development on the sidelines of the ANOC Extraordinary General Assembly in Lausanne, Switzerland, on June 15. The agreement renewed and upgraded an earlier deal.

([www.sports.or.kr](http://www.sports.or.kr))



Kuwait

Kuwait's fifth Wushu Kung Fu Tournament kicked off on Wednesday, July 24, at Kuwait Judo and Taekwondo Confederation Hall with the participation of 115 players from seven local clubs, reports the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA). The head of the Kuwaiti Committee for Wushu Kung Fu, Nasser Al-Loghani, told KUNA that the committee organised the three-day competition to select players for the Islamic Solidarity Games in Indonesia and for the World Championships in the Philippines.



Kyrgyzstan

Kyrgyzstan's eight-strong boxing team returned from the Asian Boxing Championships in Jordan with one gold medal and three bronze medals to finish fourth of 27 teams. The gold medal was won by Azat Usenaliev (52 kg), reports Kabar National News Agency.



Laos

The NOC sent four Muay athletes to the 4th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Incheon, Korea, and returned with one silver and one bronze medal. Laos finished 24th of the 44 teams.



Lebanon

Lebanese middle-distance runner Pia Nehme continues to break records on the track, reports the National News Agency. After setting two records in the 1,500 metres recently, the Lebanese champion broke the national record in the women's 3,000 metres at a track meet in Ottawa, Canada.



Macau, China

The Sports and Olympic Committee of Macau, China, whose President is OCA Media Committee Chairman and Executive Board member Charles Lo, has formed a new Youth Committee to promote the Olympic Movement, sport and a healthy lifestyle to the youth of the Special Administrative Region of China.



Malaysia

The 32nd Olympic Council of Malaysia General Assembly was held on Saturday, June 22 at the Tan Sri Hamzah Arena, Wisma OCM, Kuala Lumpur. Election results:

President, HRH Tunku Imran; Deputy President, Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohamad Noor Abdul Rahim; Vice Presidents (5), Dato' Low Beng Choo, Prof Dato' Dr. Zakaria Ahmad, Laksda Dato Pahlawan Danyal Balagobal Abdulleh, Tan Sri Abdul Halil Abdul Mutalif and Dato' Paduka Mumtaz Begum Abdul Jaffar; Secretary General, Dato' Sieh Kok Chi; Treasurer, Yong Choo Kong; Asst Secretary General (female), Moira Tan Siew See; Asst Secretary General (male), Edwin Chong; Asst Treasurer, Ahmad Feisal Haji Ahmad Tajuddin.

([www.olympic.org.my](http://www.olympic.org.my))



Maldives

The Extraordinary General Assembly of the Maldives Olympic Committee was held at the Nasandhura Palace Hotel in Male on July 10. The President, Mr. Ibrahim Ismail, had announced several months earlier that he would not be seeking re-election.

Election results:

President, Mohamed Shaweed; Vice President, Mohamed Abdul Sattar; Secretary General, Ahmed Marzooq; Treasurer, Hussain Rasheed. The Executive Committee was elected for the term 2013-2017.

([www.nocmaldives.org](http://www.nocmaldives.org))





Mongolia



To celebrate the Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, next February, Mongolia NOC, in collaboration with the Russian Embassy in Ulaanbaatar, held an Olympic art competition for schools. Dr Demchigjav Zagdsuren, NOC President, and Mrs O Rakshaeva, Cultural Attache of the Russian Embassy, made presentations to six winners of the Sochi 2014 drawing competition in which 124 schoolchildren took part in two age categories. The prize-giving ceremony was held at the Russian Centre of Science and Culture.

([www.olympic.mn](http://www.olympic.mn))



Myanmar

With Myanmar preparing to host the SEA Games in December, many of their athletes were training overseas in China, Russia and Vietnam when the 4th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games took place in Incheon, Korea; hence an entry of only six athletes in a total delegation of 11.



Nepal

The President of Nepal Olympic Committee, Mr Dhruba Bahadur Pradhan, participated in the 3rd International Forum on Sport for Peace and Development on June 5-6 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA. The forum was a joint venture by the IOC and UN, supported by the United States NOC.

([www.nocnepal.org.np](http://www.nocnepal.org.np))



Oman

Khalid Al Zubair, Chairman of the Oman Olympic Committee, has thanked His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said for providing a financial subsidy worth OMR1,000,000 to each of the clubs in the Sultanate working under the Ministry of Sports Affairs, reports the Times of Oman.



Pakistan

The Pakistan Olympic Association issued a Press Release on July 18 thanking the IOC and OCA for their support in the POA's ongoing power struggle with the Pakistan Sports Board and a so-called interim committee. "The POA is grateful to the IOC, OCA and the International Federations for their resolute backing, and also to an overwhelming majority of the National Federations for their stout resistance to the illegal takeover of the National Olympic Committee," said the POA President, Gen. Arif Hasan. ([www.nocpakistan.org](http://www.nocpakistan.org))



Palestine

The NOC Electoral General Assembly was held on Friday, July 5, at Jawwal headquarters with a video conference link between Ramallah and Gaza. The new Executive Office for 2013-2016 is: Northern Governorates: President, General Jibril Rajoub; Members, Mr Muhammad Ishtaiha, Mr Ammar Al-Iker, Mr George Ghattass and Mrs 'Ula 'Awwad. Jerusalem: Mr Rene Zambeel. Southern Governorates: Vice President, Mr As'ad Majdalawi; Members, Mr 'Issam Qishta, Mr 'Azzam Ashawwa, Mr Abdelsalam Haniah and Mrs Samia El-Wazer. Diaspora: Mr Abu Ahmad Zeidan from Lebanon, Mr Hasan Sha'th from UAE plus two more members to be selected after further consultation. Mr Ahmad Alqudwa was appointed Honorary President of the POC.



Philippines

OCA Athletes' Committee member and 2002 Asian Games equestrian gold medal-winner Mikee Cojuangco-Jaworski is among nine proposed new candidates for IOC membership to be submitted to the 125th IOC Session in Buenos Aires in September. ([www.olympic.ph](http://www.olympic.ph))



Qatar

Maersk Oil Qatar will be the exclusive sponsor of Qatar's Schools Olympic Programme for a three-year period, starting from the seventh edition for the upcoming school year 2013-14. The announcement was made at a joint press conference at the Qatar Olympic Committee tower on July 25. ([www.olympic.qa](http://www.olympic.qa))

# News and Sport from 45 NOCs



Saudi Arabia

Prince Nawaf bin Faisal bin Fahd bin Abdulaziz, General President of Youth Welfare and President of the Federation of Arab National Olympic Committees, chaired a meeting of the Federation's General Assembly at Jeddah on July 21. Prince Nawaf conveyed the greetings of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince, and the Second Deputy Premier, in welcoming the guests to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, reports the Saudi Press Agency.

([www.saudiolympic.org.sa](http://www.saudiolympic.org.sa)).



Singapore

More than 40 local athletes attended the Athletes' Career Programme organised by the Singapore NOC and Singapore NOC Athletes' Commission with the support of the Singapore Sports Institute and Adecco at the Marina Bay Sands on June 26. The event was graced by IOC presidential candidate Ng Ser Miang. The panellists included Olympians Barbara Kendall of New Zealand and Claudia Bokel of Germany.

([www.snoc.org.sg](http://www.snoc.org.sg))



Sri Lanka

The fifth and final session of the 3rd Advanced Sport Management Course took place from May 17-18 at the MAS Fabric Park in Thulhiriya. The participants worked hard for one year to complete the course, and - six case studies and seven presentations later - it ended on a high note thanks to the Programme Director, Mr B L H Perera, and all facilitators and other resource personnel.

([www.srilankaolympic.org](http://www.srilankaolympic.org)).



Syria

The Syrian Arab News Agency reports: Harvesting three bronze medals in the 4th Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games 2013, Syria gained 25th position of the 44 competing countries and regions. Omar al-Qoja and Karam Fatima were crowned with two bronze medals in snooker, in addition to Nouredin Hamada, who won a bronze in the under-66 kg event in Kurash.



Chinese Taipei



The Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee staged a flag presentation ceremony on July 22 for the delegation heading to the 9th World Games in Cali, Colombia. Ma Yin-Jiou, President of Taiwan, presented the Chinese Taipei NOC flag to Thomas Tsai Cheng-Wei, President of the CTOC and head of the delegation. Chinese Taipei NOC sent 59 athletes to participate in 12 official sports and two invitational sports. ([www.tpenoc.net](http://www.tpenoc.net))



Tajikistan

Asian Games 2006 hammer throw champion Dilshod Nazarov won a silver medal for Tajikistan at the Seiko Golden Grand Prix at Todoroki Stadium, Kawasaki - the Japanese leg of IAAF World Challenge - with a throw of 77.61 metres. Nazarov finished behind Czech Lukas Melich 79.0, reports Asia-Plus.



Thailand

Thai sailor Patinyakorn Buranrom has written a new chapter in the kingdom's sporting history when he skippered Sansiri to finish third in a division at the Transpac 4,100km ocean race in the US, reports the Bangkok Post. "I am proud to be the first Thai to have competed in this race. A third place among some of the best sailors in the world is something Thailand can be proud of," Patinyakorn said.



Timor-Leste



The 3rd General Assembly of the Timor-Leste NOC was held on June 23 in Dili. The following were elected for the term 2013-2017: President, Francisco Kalbuadi; First Vice President, Mateus da Cruz (Athletics); Second Vice President, Raul Falur R. Laek (Shooting); Third Vice President, Lourenço Oliveira (Canoe); Secretary General, Fernando A. da Costa (Volleyball); Vice Secretary General, Laurentino Guterres; Executive Committee members, Juliao S. Silva, Vicente da Silva, Guillermo da Cruz, Cristovao Pereira, Mariana Dias Ximenes; Treasurer, Sergio Espirito Santo; Office Manager, Angelo Hendriques; Assistant, Jorge Amaral. The General Assembly appointed former NOC President Dr Jose Luis Guterres as Honorary President.



Turkmenistan

The President of Turkmenistan, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, congratulated Turkmen sports officials, athletes and the people of Turkmenistan on bringing the flag of the Olympic Council of Asia back to Ashgabat from the 4th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Incheon, Korea. Ashgabat will host the 5th AIMAG in 2017.



United Arab Emirates

Procter & Gamble is to extend its partnership with the UAE National Olympic Committee for the second year of the UAE Schools Olympic Programme. The partnership, which was formed last year and promoted by P&G's "Thank You, Mom" campaign, will further increase the reach of sports programmes in UAE schools and help to unearth stars of the future. ([www.uaenoc.ae](http://www.uaenoc.ae))



Uzbekistan

The Secretary General of the Uzbekistan Olympic Committee, Oybek Kasimov, gave the official address at the opening ceremony of the annual activities of the Regional Anti-Doping Organization Central Asia (RADOCA) that took place in the Grand Mir Hotel from May 29-31. The event included the RADO Board meeting and Doping Control Officers Workshop.



Vietnam

NOC Vice President Prof. Hoang Vinh Giang has set a top-10 finish as the target for Vietnam in the 18th Asian Games that Hanoi will host in 2019, but feels the home team could challenge for fourth place along with Iran, Kazakhstan and Thailand behind Asia's big three of China, Korea and Japan. ([www.voc.org.vn](http://www.voc.org.vn))














Yemen

Yemen NOC sent eight athletes, all male, to compete in the 4th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Incheon, Korea, in chess, kickboxing, kurash and short course swimming. ([www.nocyemen.org](http://www.nocyemen.org))

# Olympic Sports Diary

## 2013



-  Nanjing, China: August 16  
**OCA Advisory Committee Meeting**
-  Nanjing, China: August 16 – 24  
**2nd Asian Youth Games**
-  Buenos Aires, Argentina: September 7 – 10  
**125th IOC Session**
-  Buenos Aires, Argentina: September 9  
**59th ANOC Executive Council Meeting**
-  Jakarta, Indonesia: September 22 – October 1  
**3rd Islamic Solidarity Games**
-  Tianjin, China: October 6 – 15  
**6th East Asian Games**
-  Dushanbe, Tajikistan: October 10 – 11  
**Asian Games Fun Run + Learn & Youth Reporter**
-  Phnom Penh, Cambodia: October 21 – 22  
**Asian Games Fun Run + Learn & Youth Reporter**
-  Boracay, Philippines: November 27  
**OCA Standing Committees**
-  Boracay, Philippines: November 28  
**64th OCA Executive Board meeting**
-  Boracay, Philippines: November 28  
**Asian Games Centennial Festival**
-  Boracay, Philippines: November 29  
**32nd OCA General Assembly**
-  Lausanne, Switzerland: December 9  
**60th ANOC Executive Council Meeting**
-  Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar: December 11 – 22  
**27th South East Asian Games**

## 2014

-  Sochi, Russian Federation: February 7 – 23  
**XXII Olympic Winter Games**
-  Kuwait: March 31  
**61st ANOC Executive Council Meeting**
-  Glasgow, Scotland: July 23 - August 3  
**XX Commonwealth Games**
-  Nanjing, China: August 16 – 28  
**II Youth Olympic Games**

-  Nanjing, China: August 18  
**62nd ANOC Executive Council Meeting**
-  Incheon, Korea: September 19 – October 4  
**17th Asian Games**
-  Chiang Mai, Thailand: November 5  
**63rd ANOC Executive Council Meeting**
-  Chiang Mai, Thailand: November 6  
**20th ANOC General Assembly**
-  Phuket, Thailand: November 14 – 21  
**4th Asian Beach Games**

## 2015

-  Singapore: June 5 – 16  
**28th South East Asian Games**
-  Samoa: September 5 – 12  
**5th Commonwealth Youth Games**

## 2016

-  Lillehammer, Norway: February 26 – March 6  
**II Winter Youth Olympic Games**
-  Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: August 5 – 21  
**XXXI Olympic Summer Games**
-  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**

## 2018

-  PyeongChang, Korea: February 9 – 25  
**XXIII Olympic Winter Games**

## 2019

-  Vietnam (dates to be confirmed)  
**18th Asian Games**

