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JAPANESE CAPITAL WINS RACE FOR 2020 OLYMPICS



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IOC President Jacques Rogge sends the Tokyo delegation into raptures by announcing the winning bid for the 2020 Olympic Games on September 7, 2013.

A TIME FOR CELEBRATION



It is time for celebration in the Olympic Movement in Asia! Not just because we are about to hold the Asian Games Centennial Festival on the beautiful island of Boracay in the Philippines, followed by our 32nd OCA General Assembly.

But also because the Olympic Games – the greatest show on earth – will be returning to Asia following Tokyo's impressive victory in the race to stage the Games in 2020.

It was a very proud moment for Tokyo, Japan and for the whole of Asia when President Jacques Rogge announced the winning bid during the 125th IOC Session in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on the historic day of Saturday, September 7, 2013.

This will be Tokyo's second time to host the Summer Olympics after 1964, and the fourth time overall for Asia following Seoul, Korea, in 1988 and Beijing, China, in 2008.

With Nanjing, China, preparing to stage the IOC's 2nd Youth Olympic Games in 2014, and PyeongChang, Korea, gearing up for the Olympic Winter Games in 2018, Tokyo's triumph was further evidence of the dynamism and ambition that exists in the Olympic Movement throughout the continent.

The OCA and our 45 National Olympic Committees will work shoulder to shoulder with our future Olympic Games hosts in order to project the best of Asia to the rest of the world.

These are exciting times to be involved in the Olympic Movement in Asia, and we have much to be proud of and much to look forward to in the next few years.

Once again, the IOC members have given us their trust. Once again, we will not let them down.

A stylized signature in white ink, consisting of a large 'S' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah

President, Olympic Council of Asia

President, Association of National Olympic Committees

Chairman, IOC Olympic Solidarity Commission

MABUHAY! A WARM WELCOME TO THE PHILIPPINES

The Olympic Council of Asia would like to welcome all our friends and colleagues from the Olympic Movement in Asia and beyond to Boracay for the Asian Games Centennial Festival.



Many of you will be reading this new edition of "Sporting Asia" during your time in Boracay, so it is a good opportunity to present the events and activities of the OCA in our quarterly newsletter on this festive occasion.

It is incredible to think that the first international multi-sport games in Asia took place here in the Philippines, in the capital Manila, 100 years ago - in 1913. The Far Eastern Champion-

ship Games laid the foundations for the Asian Games, first held in 1951, and the OCA would like to pay tribute to the vision and determination of those early sporting pioneers.

We would also like to thank them for the legacy they have left, as the Asian Games is now the second biggest international multi-sport event in the world after the Summer Olympic Games.

The OCA has contributed to a special Centennial Festival souvenir brochure compiled by the local organisers here in Boracay, and you will find lots of reports and photos from the event in the next edition of "Sporting Asia" early next year.

Mabuhay!

TOKYO WINS BID TO HOST OLYMPIC GAMES IN 2020



The Tokyo delegation greets the announcement with cheers – and tears of joy.

Tokyo's "safe pair of hands" proved simply irresistible for the International Olympic Committee in deciding the host city of the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games at the 125th IOC Session in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Saturday, September 7, 2013.

After sailing through the first round of voting, during which Madrid was eliminated, Tokyo then beat Istanbul by the handsome margin of 60-36 in the second round to secure a second Summer Olympics for the Japanese capital following the previous hosting in 1964.



The announcement by IOC President Jacques Rogge was greeted by wild celebrations and tears of joy from the Japanese delegation in the auditorium and also back home, where supporters and the mass media had waited until 5.20am Sunday morning local time for the result they craved.

All along Tokyo had promised a "safe pair of hands" and "certainty in uncertain times", with US\$4.5 billion already in the bank and with the unsuccessful bid for the 2016 Olympics fine-tuned and repackaged under the innovative "Discover Tomorrow" slogan.

"Congratulations to the city of Tokyo on its election as host of the 2020 Olympic Games," said President Rogge, whose 12-year term in office would come to an end three days later.

"Tokyo presented a very strong technical bid from the outset – and it needed to in competition with two such high-calibre bids from Istanbul and Madrid.

"All three cities were capable of staging excellent Games in 2020, but in the end it was Tokyo's bid that resonated the most with the IOC membership, inviting us to 'Discover Tomorrow' by delivering a well-organised and safe Games that will reinforce the Olympic values while demonstrating the benefits of sport to a new generation."

VOTING

Round 1

Tokyo: 42
Istanbul: 26
Madrid: 26

Round 1 tie-breaker

Istanbul: 49
Madrid: 45

Round 2

Tokyo: 60
Istanbul: 36

OCA CONGRATULATES TOKYO ON 2020 SUCCESS

The Olympic Council of Asia would like to congratulate Tokyo on winning the bid to host the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2020.

The OCA President, HE Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah, praised Tokyo's bid campaign and the charismatic leadership of his fellow IOC Member Tsunekazu Takeda, President of both the Japanese Olympic Committee and Tokyo 2020 Bid Committee.

"The OCA is very proud that Asia will be hosting the Summer Olympic Games in 2020 in Tokyo, Japan," Sheikh Ahmad said in his message.

"I would like to congratulate Tokyo on their excellent preparations and particularly their final presentation to the 125th IOC Session in Buenos Aires.

"With their modern infrastructure and ability to organise world-class sporting events, we are convinced the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games will be a great success."

JOC President Takeda, who is also a member of the OCA Executive Board, commented: "Tokyo is honoured and humbled by the IOC's decision to award us the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

"The Olympic Family has put its faith in our great city to deliver the memorable Games we have promised, and we will not let them down."



President Takeda – a charismatic leader.

REACTION FROM AROUND THE SPORTS WORLD TO TOKYO'S SUCCESS



The race to host the 2020 Games was closely contested from start to finish with all three cities demonstrating excellence and sophistication when it comes to delivering world-class bids. I wish to congratulate Tokyo on their success and wish them the very best in the seven years ahead. I look forward to a great Games in Tokyo in 2020. – IOC Vice President and OCA EB member **Ng Ser Miang** of Singapore.



I talked about the Olympic Games in 1964. I was only 10 years old at the time but a lot of kids were inspired by them and had dreams and hopes. We wanted to have aspirations of winning a medal but for many it was not possible. When I heard Tokyo announced I was overwhelmed because I was the person that had just won this medal. The joy was greater than when I was first elected prime minister. – **Shinzo Abe**, Prime Minister of Japan.



The members had a choice between a bid addressing tradition and stability and another bid that was addressing new projects. In today's political and economic situation, the clear tendency was toward tradition and stability. – IOC Vice President (now President) **Thomas Bach** of Germany.



It's incredible – and I really appreciate all the people that supported us. We had so much responsibility to make this bid a success and the team did a wonderful job. This is a result of all our efforts. – **Masato Mizuno**, Tokyo 2020 Vice President and CEO.



Tokyo represented a pretty secure option and demonstrates a shift in world activity and economics and sport towards Asia. – **Kevan Gosper**, IOC Member from Australia.

BACH FOR THE FUTURE – IOC HONOUR FOR GERMAN SPORTS LEADER



PROFILE

Name:	Thomas Bach
Country:	Germany
Born:	December 29, 1953
Age:	59
Place of Birth:	Wurzburg
Sports:	Fencing, tennis, football
Career highlight:	Olympic champion, fencing (foil) team, 1976 Montreal Olympics
Others:	Founding President of the German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB)
Entry in the IOC:	1991
IOC EB member:	1996-2000
IOC Vice President:	2000-2004 and 2006-2013
President:	2013-

VOTING RESULTS

Round 1:

Thomas Bach: 43
Sergey Bubka: 8
Richard Carrion: 23
Ng Ser Miang: 6
Denis Oswald: 7
Wu Ching-kuo: 6

Round 1 tie-break:

Ng Ser Miang: 56
Wu Ching-kuo: 36

Round 2:

Thomas Bach: 49
Sergey Bubka: 4
Richard Carrion: 29
Ng Ser Miang: 6
Denis Oswald: 5

**in alphabetical order*

Thomas Bach of Germany was elected as the ninth President of the IOC following two rounds of voting at the 125th IOC Session in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on September 10.

Bach was chosen over fellow presidential candidates Sergey Bubka (Ukraine), Richard Carrion (Puerto Rico), Ng Ser Miang (Singapore), Denis Oswald (Switzerland) and Wu Ching-kuo (Chinese Taipei).*

"This is really an overwhelming sign of trust and confidence," President Bach said in his address to the IOC membership.

"I know about the great responsibility of an IOC President. This makes me humble. I want to lead the IOC according to my motto 'Unity in Diversity'.

"I want to be a President for all of you. This means I will do my very best to balance all the different interests of the stakeholders of the Olympic Movement. This is why I want to listen to you and to enter into an on-going dialogue with all of you. You should know that my door, my ears and my heart are always open for you."

The President is elected by the IOC members by secret ballot for a term of eight years, with the possibility to stand for re-election for a second, four-year term.

IOC PRESIDENTS

Jacques Rogge
2001 to 2013

Juan Antonio Samaranch
1980 to 2001

Lord Killanin
1972 to 1980

Avery Brundage
1952 to 1972

J. Sigfrid Edström
1946 to 1952

Count Henri de Baillet-Latour
1925 to 1942

Baron Pierre de Coubertin
1896 to 1925

Demetrius Vikelas
1894 to 1896

WRESTLING FIGHTS FOR ITS FUTURE – AND WINS

The ancient sport of wrestling can breathe easily again after grappling its way back into the modern Olympic Games.

The future had looked bleak for wrestling when the IOC Executive Board, in a shock move in February, recommended it be dropped from the list of 25 core sports beyond Rio 2016.

This meant it had to win over the full IOC membership at the 125th IOC Session to stay in the Olympics, and hold off rival bids from squash and baseball/softball for one additional place in the 2020 and 2024 Games.

On Sunday, September 8, wrestling prevailed – and celebrated a famous reprieve after making frantic behind-the-scenes efforts to rejuvenate the sport and the administration since the February bombshell.

“I would like to offer my congratulations to the International Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles,” said IOC President Jacques Rogge.

“Wrestling has shown great passion and resilience in the last few months. We are pleased with their reaction and happy to have

wrestling on the Olympic programme in 2020 and 2024.”

The steps to modernise and improve the sport have included:

- ☀ the addition of more women and athletes in decision-making positions
- ☀ rule changes to make the sport more exciting and easy to understand
- ☀ an increase in the number of women’s competitions

VOTING

Wrestling: 49
Baseball/Softball: 24
Squash: 22

Addressing the IOC members, FILA President Nenad Lalovic said: “With this vote you have shown that the steps we have taken to improve our sport have made a difference. I assure each of you that our modernisation will not stop now. Wrestling is not a new sport, but the wrestling we are presenting now is new wrestling.”



IOC SESSION APPROVES 25 CORE SPORTS FOR TOKYO 2020

In order to control the size, cost and complexity of the Games, the Olympic Programme was capped in 2002 at 28 sports, approximately 300 events and a target of 10,500 athletes.

It was also decided that a systematic review of the Olympic Programme would be conducted after every edition of the Games to provide regular rejuvenation of the Games while maintaining continuity and consistency.

The concept of a core group of 25 sports with a maximum of three additional sports was adopted in 2007, and two years

later golf and rugby sevens were added to Rio 2016 and to the 2020 Olympic Games.

During its meeting on September 8, the full IOC membership agreed on the 25 sports that will form the core for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

They are: athletics, rowing, badminton, basketball, boxing, canoeing, cycling, equestrian, fencing, football, gymnastics, weightlifting, handball, hockey, judo, aquatics, modern pentathlon, taekwondo, tennis, table tennis, shooting, archery, triathlon, sailing and volleyball.

IOC HONOUR FOR MIKEE AND THE PHILIPPINES

Asia has a new IOC member – Mikee Cojuangco-Jaworski of the Philippines.

An Asian Games gold medal-winning athlete at Busan 2002, the 39-year-old mother-of-three was among nine new members elected on the last day of the 125th IOC Session, September 10.

She became only the third IOC member from the Philippines, and has all the credentials to make a major contribution to the Olympic Movement at local, regional, continental and global levels.

Mikee, daughter of Philippine Olympic Committee President Jose Cojuangco Jr and wife of Robert “Dodot” B. Jaworski Jr, Executive Director of the upcoming Asian Games Centennial Festival in Boracay, won show jumping gold for the Philippines at the Busan Asian Games in 2002.


Such was her achievement that, eight years later and no longer competing, she was selected to carry the flag of the Philippines delegation in the opening ceremony of the Guangzhou Asian Games, continuing to inspire young athletes around the country.



Photo call for the new IOC members.

A movie actress, TV presenter and commercial model, Mikee is a member of the OCA Athletes' Committee under the leadership of Japan's Yuko Arakida.

The nine new IOC members are:



-  Octavian Morariu of Romania, candidature as an individual member
-  Bernard Rajzman of Brazil, candidature as an individual member
-  Mikaela Maria Antonia (Mikee) Cojuangco-Jaworski of the Philippines, candidature as an individual member
-  Alexander Zhukov of Russia, candidature linked to his function within an NOC
-  Paul Kibii Tergat of Kenya, candidature as an individual member
-  Lawrence Probst III of the United States, candidature linked to his function within an NOC
-  Dagmawit Girmay Berhane of Ethiopia, candidature as an individual member
-  Camiel Eurlings of the Netherlands, candidature as an individual member
-  Stefan Holm of Sweden, candidature linked to his function as active athlete

With these new additions, the Session - the supreme decision-making body of the IOC - now comprises 112 members who are individuals, active athletes or representatives of International Federations (IFs) and National Olympic Committees (NOCs).

OMAN'S HABIB MACKI RECEIVES OLYMPIC ORDER FROM IOC

Oman's Habib Macki received the Olympic Order on the last day of the 125th IOC Session, September 10. His term as an IOC member will end on December 31, 2013.

In other news:

-  Outgoing IOC President Jacques Rogge was nominated as IOC Honorary President.
-  The Session filled two vacancies on the 15-member IOC Executive Board: Anita L. DeFrantz will succeed John Coates, who was elected as a new Vice President - a slot left vacant by Singapore's Ng Ser Miang, whose back-to-

back four-year terms ended at the Session.

-  Kevan Gosper and Lamine Diack will become IOC honorary members on January 1, 2014. Gosper also received the Olympic Order. Diack had received the Olympic Order in 1990.



DPRK LEADER ATTENDS WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIP

Athletes, officials and spectators were in for a big surprise at the Asian Cup and Inter-club Junior and Senior Weightlifting Championships in Pyongyang, DPR Korea, on Sunday, September 15.

Kim Jong Un, Supreme Leader of the DPRK, decided to pay a visit to the gymnasium and greet senior officials from the International Weightlifting Federation and Asian Weightlifting Federation, including AWF General Secretary Dr Ali Moradi.

According to the Korean Central News Agency, the visiting officials thanked Kim Jong Un for taking all the necessary steps for the event to be successful, and said that his presence provided great support and encouragement to the AWF.

Kim Jong Un said he was pleased to see athletes from more than 10 countries and regions competing in Pyongyang, and that enthusiasm for sport was sweeping across the DPRK.

Dr Moradi described the September 12-17 event as a "magnificent and excellent competition" during which a new world record was set in the men's 56kg competition by Om Yun Chol of DPR Korea.

The visiting teams included some 50 athletes and officials from South Korea. "In some categories, South Korean lifters won gold medals. The National Anthem was played in the stadium, and their flag hoisted, for the first time in DPR Korea," said Dr Moradi.

The competing countries were: DPRK, China, Republic of Korea, Syria, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Thailand, India, Bangladesh, Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan and Myanmar.



Dr Ali Moradi (right) in Pyongyang.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Modern Pentathlon: Alongside the World Championships held in Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei, the International Modern Pentathlon Union (UIPM) organised a Culture and Education Day to promote their sport and a healthy lifestyle. Info at www.pentathlon.org.

Weightlifting: The Executive Board of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF), meeting in Beijing, China, decided to create an Anti-Doping Commission. It will be chaired by Patrick Schamasch, former IOC Medical Director. Info at www.iwf.net

Rowing: Korea hosted the FISA World Rowing Championships for the first time, at Chungju. Around 1,340 athletes from 74 countries took part. United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon attended the opening ceremony. Info at www.worldrowing.com.

Basketball: FIBA has announced that the first FIBA 3x3 All-Stars game will be held in Doha, Qatar, on December 12, 2013. The agreement between FIBA and the Qatar Basketball Federation is valid for three years. Info at www.fiba.com

Judo: Six-time world champion and London 2012 Olympic champion Teddy Riner of France has succeeded Japan's Hirotaka Okada as President of the Athletes' Commission of the International Judo Federation. Info at www.ijf.org



Handball: For the first time in the history of the International Handball Federation's photo of the year competition, a beach handball photo has won first prize. Australian photographer Ben Dawson took the winning shot during the Oman-Croatia match at the 2012 World Championships in Oman. Info at www.ihf.info.

Swimming: The 4th FINA World Junior Championships from August 26-31 in Dubai, UAE, attracted a record number of 900 swimmers aged between 14 and 18 from more than 95 national federations. Info at www.fina.org.

Fencing: The Athletes' Commission of the International Fencing Federation (FIE) has welcomed six new members, including Yuki Ota of Japan. Info at www.fie.org.

OCA CC MEMBERS CHECK INCHEON PREPARATIONS

The OCA Coordination Committee spent a busy three days in Incheon, Korea, from October 29-31 checking on the progress of preparations for the 17th Asian Games in 2014.

Starting with a series of working group meetings on Tuesday, October 29, the visit continued the following day with the first of two tours of new venues for the September 19-October 4 Asiad.

First port of call was the US\$480 million, five-storey Main Stadium, which will host the opening ceremony, the athletics competition and the closing ceremony. Construction work stood at 76 per cent and was expected to reach 90 per cent by the end of the year.

April 30 is the target for the handover from the constructors to the stadium managers, giving IAGOC four months to fine-tune the operations for the 61,074-capacity venue.

The tour then took in the archery range and gymnasium for badminton and karate at Gyeyang, the tennis and squash complex at Yeorumul and finally the gymnastics venue and rugby stadium at Namdong.

The 7th OCA CC meeting was held on the morning of Thursday, October 31, when 20 topics were covered. These included plans for the international torch relay to start in August at New Delhi, host of the first Asiad in 1951, and continue through Hanoi and Guangzhou on the way to Korea for the domestic leg from August 24.

Following the meeting the CC members visited two more sites - the gymnasium for boxing and the hockey stadium at Seonhak and the Munhak Park Tae-hwan aquatics centre.

The latest Prestige Partner, Shinhan Bank, signed up for the Asian Games at a special ceremony before the CC meeting.



The new rugby stadium at Namdong.



The main stadium under construction.



Checking out the new main stadium.



The show court for squash.

OCA PRESIDENT PRAISES ROLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The OCA Advisory Committee met at the Nanjing Wanda Hilton Hotel on Friday, August 16, under the chairmanship of Ng Ser Miang of Singapore.

Mr Ng welcomed the OCA President, HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, to the meeting and thanked him for his support of the Advisory Committee, which is comprised of Asian IOC members.

Sheikh Ahmad said the Advisory Committee had bridged the gap between Asia's NOCs and the IOC and had strengthened the Olympic Movement throughout the continent.

"I want to show my gratitude and thanks to all of you for the role of this commission," Sheikh Ahmad said. "Mr Ng, as Chairman, you have done an excellent job. We must maintain and keep this tradition."

Mr Ng updated members on IOC Executive Board meetings and looked ahead to the 125th IOC Session in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in September. The meeting was attended by two of the six IOC presidential candidates in Mr Ng and CK Wu of Chinese Taipei as well as Tokyo 2020 Bid President Tsunekazu Takeda.



The OCA Advisory Committee meets in Nanjing.

OCA PRESIDENT RECEIVES TOP AWARD IN LEBANON

The OCA President, HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, was awarded Lebanon's top honour, the National Order of the Cedar, by President Michel Suleiman during a ceremony at the presidential Baabda Palace in Beirut.

Sheikh Ahmad said: "This is an honour and urges me to support various Lebanese matters, whether in relation to sports, economics or politics.

"It will give me added responsibility towards this country that I love and feel as a real second country."

The OCA President said Lebanon was among the first countries in the Middle East and the Arab world to play a vital role in the international Olympic movement.

During his two-day visit to Beirut, Sheikh Ahmad met with Lebanon's Prime Minister Najib Mikati and Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri.



Sheikh Ahmad receives his award.

OCA ANNOUNCES FIVE POSITIVE CASES AT 4TH AIMAG

The Chairman of the OCA Medical Committee & Anti-Doping Commission, Dr. M. Jegathesan, reports that five positive cases were detected during the 4th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Incheon, Korea, from June 29 to July 6.

The five athletes were:

1. Seifabadi, Mastaneh (Iran), who participated in the women's 51kg Muay quarterfinals, tested positive for Drostanolone, a banned substance under the class of Anabolic Agents (S1).

2 & 3. The second and third positive cases involved two swim-

mers and roommates from Indonesia who tested positive for Methylhexanamine - a banned substance under the class of 'specified stimulants' (6.b). They were the gold medallist in the men's 50m breaststroke, Gunawan, Indra, and a silver medallist in the men's 4x50 freestyle relay, Pratama, Putera Guntur.

4. Theweni Jarah RR from Kuwait, who participated in kickboxing. He tested positive for the diuretics Amiloride and Hydrochlorothiazide.

5. Kuanysheva, Zhadyra from Kazakhstan, who participated in kickboxing. She tested positive for the diuretic Furosemide.

EB MEMBER RITA SUBOWO ADDRESSES ISC CONFERENCE

OCA Executive Board member Rita Subowo was one of the invited speakers at the International Sport Cooperation Centre Conference (ISC) held in Seoul, Korea, on October 8.

The theme of the conference was “Global Athlete Development” and other IOC members participating included Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr, Barry Maister and Claudia Bokel.

Earlier in the day, Mrs Subowo, who is President of the Indonesian Olympic Committee, presented a one-hour lecture to students at Seoul National University’s Dream Together Masters Programme. The programme provides full scholarships to sports administrators from developing countries.



Rita Subowo in Korea.

OCA-INCHEON CONDUCT VISION 2014 PROJECT AUDIT

A joint working session between the OCA, Incheon Vision 2014 and auditors Deloitte & Touche was held at the OCA HQ on Monday, September 30.

The financial transactions for the year 2012 were reviewed and audited. An audited statement will be put forward for the approval of the OCA Finance Committee at its meeting in Boracay, Philippines, on November 27.

To serve as a legacy of the Vision 2014 project, the OCA has decided to dedicate a classroom at the new academy in the OCA HQ to Incheon 2014. A plaque-fixing ceremony was held to mark the occasion.

The OCA-Vision 2014 project is a US\$20 million, seven-year initiative aimed at offering support to the smaller National Olympic Committees by way of training camps, coaching and equipment in an effort to close the gap on Asia’s leading sports powers in time for the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, Korea, from September 19 to October 4, 2014.



Members of the audit team meet in Kuwait.

MP & SILVA ESTABLISH OCA BROADCASTING SERVICES

The OCA and MP & Silva, a leading international media rights company, will internalise the media production of all Asian Games competitions and all other OCA events, the partners have announced.

A new OCA Broadcasting Services company will be established on the lines of the Olympic Broadcasting Services (OBS) to guarantee the highest standards of production technology for the events.

MP & Silva has been appointed by the OCA to manage OCA Broadcasting Services and will be responsible for supervising and executing all media production of Asia’s multi-sport competitions on behalf of OCA.

By internalising the broadcasting production, the OCA and MP & Silva intend to set a new production standard and give more visibility to other OCA competitions, as well as the Asian Games.

Andrea Radrizzani, Group CEO, MP & Silva, said: “Having the chance to partner the OCA in the establishment of OCA Broadcasting Services is incredibly exciting to us.

“This is an historic moment for the Olympic sports movement in Asia because the top quality of production that we will bring to the final TV product will make the Asian Games and other OCA events much more appealing to different audiences worldwide.”



Crazy for China! Fans enjoy themselves at the women's rugby sevens.

NANJING HOLDS ASIAN YOUTH CELEBRATION

The youth of Asia gathered for the second time in OCA history in the ancient Chinese city of Nanjing to celebrate the 2nd Asian Youth Games from August 16-24, 2013.

Over 2,400 athletes aged between 14 and 17 from all 45 National Olympic Committees took part in 122 events in 16 sports, paving the way for a successful Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing in August 2014.

"We are confident that the second Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing next August will be a big success from what we have seen here in the past few days," said OCA Vice President Timothy Fok at the closing ceremony.

"The preparation, the organisation, the sports competitions, the venues...everything has been first-class. We have also been very impressed with the Culture and Education Programme at the Athletes' Village. The young athletes embraced the concept with open arms and took part in all the activities with a great deal of interest and enthusiasm.

"What they have learned about their fellow athletes from other countries and the friends they have made will be a legacy that lasts a lifetime."



NANJING 2013 2nd Asian Youth Games

Host City:	Nanjing, China
Opening Ceremony:	August 16
Closing Ceremony:	August 24
NOCs:	45
Athletes:	2,413 (1,569 male, 844 female)
Officials:	1,186
Volunteers:	13,582
Media:	921
Total Accreditations:	54,755
Sports:	16
Events:	122
Days of Preparation:	1,006
Opened by:	Liu Yandong, Vice Premier, People's Republic of China
Closed by:	Timothy Fok, Vice President, OCA

OLYMPIC GAMES QUALITY AT NANJING

The growing Youth Movement within the global Olympic Movement has resulted in the rapid rise of the CEP – Culture and Education Programme.

In 2009, Singapore set a remarkably high standard with its CEP at the inaugural Asian Youth Games; four years later, Nanjing built on this success and provided a cultural carnival that captivated athletes and officials alike with its exuberant presentation and atmosphere of fun and friendship.

The main attraction was the tented Asian Cultural Village, which was a hive of activity, music and games as the countries and regions of the 45 NOCs were each given three-day presentations in their own culture kiosks – decorated and staffed by students from a “twin” school in Nanjing.

“I am really enjoying the atmosphere in the Cultural Village,” said Maj. Gen. Charouck Arirachakaran, Vice President and Secretary General, NOC Thailand, and OCA Vice President, during a visit to the Nepal kiosk.

“It’s a wonderful opportunity for the young athletes to learn about the different cultures and countries in Asia in a very

youthful and friendly environment.



“I also like the location of the Cultural Village – on the way from the halls of residence to the restaurant, so everyone must pass through here before and after their meals. This is something that future AYG organisers can learn from, because it is bringing everyone together throughout the day.”

The sports venues, too, earned high praise, with their fresh “Look of the Games” and meticulous presentation.

“It looks like Nanjing is ready to host the Olympic Games, not the Youth Olympic Games,” said OCA Executive Board member Natalya Sipovich, before presenting the medals at the judo venue.

“The competitions are well organised, there are a lot of spectators, especially young people and children, and there is a very nice atmosphere.

“Another important factor is that the view for the spectators is excellent. All in all I would say the venues are very beautiful,



Gen. Charouck visits the Nepal cultural kiosk.



Chinese athletes give the thumbs-up to the WADA campaign.

2013

very comfortable and very modern, with bright lighting and big competition halls."

* China showed that their sporting future is in safe hands by winning 46 of the 122 gold medals on offer, 21 clear of second-placed Korea with 25. Japan was third with seven gold medals, followed by Thailand and Chinese Taipei with six apiece.


A total of 19 NOCs joined the "Gold" column in the final medals table, and 29 NOCs won at least one medal.

* For the second successive Games, the OCA invited winners of its popular Fun Run + Learn Youth Reporter Project to attend the AYG in Nanjing. Six students - from Mongolia, Oman, Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Bhutan - were twinned with six local students on daily assignments and activities. Read their work on Pages 18-20.



OCA Women and Sport Committee Chair Natalya Sipovich observes the national anthem before presenting the medals at the judo hall.

FINAL MEDAL TABLE

Rank	NOC				Total	Rank by Total
1	China	46	23	24	93	1
2	Korea	25	13	14	52	2
3	Japn	7	5	6	18	7
4	Thailand	6	15	16	37	3
5	Chinese Taipei	6	11	13	30	4
6	Singapore	5	12	6	23	5
7	Vietnam	5	4	2	11	11
8	Malaysia	4	6	7	17	8
9	DPR Korea	4	2	5	11	11
10	IOA*	3	4	7	14	9
11	Hong Kong, China	2	5	13	20	6
12	Philippines	2	3	0	5	16
13	Kazakhstan	1	4	8	13	10
14	Uzbekistan	1	2	5	8	13
15	Indonesia	1	2	2	5	16
16	Qatar	1	2	0	3	18
17	Saudi Arabia	1	0	0	1	23
17	Syria	1	0	0	1	23
17	Kuwait	1	0	0	1	23
20	Iran	0	6	2	8	13
21	Sri Lanka	0	1	5	6	15
22	Iraq	0	1	1	2	21
22	Tajikistan	0	1	1	2	21
24	Jordan	0	0	3	3	18
24	Mongolia	0	0	3	3	18
26	Yemen	0	0	1	1	23
26	Kyrgyzstan	0	0	1	1	23
26	Macau	0	0	1	1	23
26	Bahrain	0	0	1	1	23
Total		122	122	147	391	

*Independent Olympic Athletes

CELEBRATING THE 2ND AYG



A Nanjing tour guide gets a guided tour of the OCA through Sporting Asia.



Doves - a symbol of peace in Nanjing.



AYG mascot Yuan Yuan welcomes delegates to Nanjing 2013.



Indonesian team members check in at the Athletes' Village.



Photo call for Iran after the Team Welcome Ceremony.



Colour and creativity at the Opening Ceremony.

- SNAPSHOTS FROM NANJING



Time for the Victory Ceremony.



OCA Hon. Life Vice President Wei Jizhong is questioned by the media.



A visitor to the Korea culture kiosk.



The flag is passed to 2017 AYG host Hambantota.



The Green Games - golf at Nanjing 2013.

FOLLOWING THE OCA PRESIDENT ON HIS ATHLETES' VILLAGE TOUR

By Sashin Karunaratne
OCA Young Reporter, Sri Lanka

His Excellency Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah, the OCA President, was received by a swarm of cameramen as he embarked on his visit to the Athletes' Village on Saturday, August 17 – the first full day of the 2nd AYG.

The OCA President looked almost too excited to be paying a visit to the village, and his face was always decorated with a cheerful smile as he faced the flashing cameras.

His Excellency seemed to be enjoying the view around him as he made his way to the athletes' cafeteria, riding on a golf cart. Never did he forget to flash a smile and wave a good-bye to anyone passing by, which reveals what a humble gentleman he really is.

As expected, the OCA President was welcomed by the deafening cheers of the gob-smacked athletes at the cafeteria. He was never too busy to interact with the athletes as he took photos and talked to nearly every single person surrounding him. His friendliness was unreal, talking to everybody as if they had been his friends for his whole life.

Anyone could easily witness His Excellency's genuine concern over the young athletes' wellbeing, by which he set an outstanding example to every leader around the world – to not forget what's really important. Thereafter, he had his lunch right there with the fortunate young athletes, before visiting the Asian Cultural Village.

I have no doubt that his presence not only stimulated the interest in the minds of the budding athletes, but also inspired them to execute their game plans exceedingly well and passionately.



The OCA President is surrounded by well-wishers.

PRIDE AND EXCITEMENT AT THE ASIAN CULTURAL VILLAGE

By Lilly Yangchen
OCA Young Reporter, Bhutan

My first reporting job for the OCA at the 2nd AYG was to look at my homeland through the eyes of the Chinese at the Asian Cultural Village.

With a notebook, pen, camera and my name cards in my bag, I straightaway rushed to the kiosk written "Bhutan". Excitement filled in all my nerves!

Eighteen-year-old Deng Xuan from Nanjing Tianyin High School greeted the visitors at the Bhutanese Kiosk as a CEP representative. She gave me a wonderful smile when I said I was from Bhutan. Her look somehow added to the pride I was already having for being a Bhutanese.

As I looked around and gazed at the displayed pictures of my homeland; pictures of the Bhutanese people and all the traditional architectures and festivals and cultures, I felt transported back home. I could actually picture myself surrounded by the mountains again. What made this feeling stronger were the local Bhutanese songs being played in the background. I couldn't help but go dancing to its every beat.

Xuan expressed her admiration for my country. "Our group got Bhutan for the kiosk in a lucky draw and we indeed feel fortunate," she said. With all the information downloaded from the internet and through books, she added that they were able to learn a lot about Bhutan.

As for me, I was pleased to see my country's image being presented in such a nice way. When she told me about how much they appreciated and adored our customs, tradition and culture so much, I could do nothing but feel even more patriotic and be proud.



Lilly visits the Bhutan kiosk.

GOLFING GOLD FOR CHINESE TAIPEI AND THE PHILIPPINES

By Sherzod Qodirjonov
OCA Young Reporter, Uzbekistan

In the tranquil and tropical surroundings of Zhongshan International Golf Club, Chinese Taipei and the Philippines won the gold medals in the men's and women's individual stroke play competitions, respectively, on Tuesday, August 20.

Yu Chun-An won the men's event with a 54-hole total of 203, 13 under par, two shots clear of Manu Gandas (Independent Olympic Athletes). Thailand's Danthai Boonma took the bronze, a further two strokes back on 207.

In the women's event, the Philippines recorded a 1-2 finish through Clare "Mia" Legaspi and Princess Mary Superal.

Legaspi shot rounds of 66-66-69 for a 15-under 201, just one shot ahead of her teammate Superal (69-67-66), as neither of the Philippines players scored 70 or above. China's Shi Yuting took the bronze, four shots off the blistering pace set by Legaspi.

At the age of 14, Legaspi's gold medal-winning achievement must rank as one of the best individual performances of the 2nd AYG, in any sport.

The course and the competition was a credit to the organisers. The course was beautiful and the golfers clearly enjoyed the occasion, ending their rounds with smiling faces even if they could not end it with a medal.



Sherzod makes notes at the golf tournament.

AN OMANI ATHLETE'S VIEW OF THE ASIAN YOUTH GAMES

By Hassan Al Balushi
OCA Young Reporter, Oman

One of our assignments was to interview an athlete from our own country about his or her experiences in Nanjing. It was a good test because we just had to turn up at the Athletes' Village, locate an athlete and approach them for an interview.

It sounded fantastic and I was all for it, so I headed for the dining hall and quickly spotted a group of Omani athletes wearing the distinctive red. I asked one of them for an interview and he was happy to participate.

His name is Ayman Ghanim Al-Amri. He's a sprinter and ran in the 100m and 200m. I began by asking him about his general impressions of the AYG and he said it had been a great experience and that the competition had been fierce. He was happy with his overall performance but sadly could not win any medals.

"My best memory of being here has to be when I broke my previous records," said Ayman, who wants to return to Nanjing next year for the YOG.

I then asked him about life in the village. He likes it there. The

place is great, the food is tasty and the people are friendly. The scenery is beautiful. In his spare time he trains a lot. "Four hours daily," he added. I congratulated him for that.

He said the CEP kiosks were interesting and reminded him of Oman's Muscat Festival. They were similar indeed. He made friends with people from other countries such as Bahrain and UAE.



Hassan, left, with Ayman.

2nd Asian Youth Games, Nanjing 2013

CITY TOUR WAS JUST PART OF THE FUN FOR OCA YOUNG REPORTERS

By Erdene Baigal
OCA Young Reporter, Mongolia

The six OCA young reporters and the six reporters from Nanjing spent the day getting to know each other better while on a tour of the magnificent city of Nanjing on Wednesday, August 21.

At the Ming tomb we had to hike a long way but this allowed us all to talk and laugh with each other and also gave us a lot of opportunities to take group photos. As we sweated away in the heat, we could not help but feel grateful for the dozens of drink stands with seats in the shade.

After that we went to a park at the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen mausoleum which was filled with beautiful doves. We actually managed to catch a white dove, but released it soon after taking pictures with it.

In the evening we went to a lovely restaurant by the riverside next to the Confucius Temple where we tasted local Nanjing cuisine and chatted away for hours.

Following that, the youth reporters exchanged souvenirs on a boat ride where we heard traditional Chinese music while dancing.

ers performed on the riverbanks under neon lights.

Our bags filled with souvenirs, cameras filled with pictures and our stomachs filled with all the yummy food, it was finally time to say goodbye. Although the week we spent together seemed to fly by so fast, I couldn't help but feel that I knew my new friends for years.



The six OCA young reporters and their Chinese colleagues on the city tour.

MEMORIES - AND FRIENDS - TO LAST A LIFETIME FROM NANJING AYG

By Mohamed Dhaniyal Ageel
OCA Young Reporter, Maldives

To begin my concluding article, I would like to thank the OCA for giving me this once in a lifetime opportunity. My stay here has been luxurious and memorable.

Meeting countless people from all walks of life was something I will surely remember. Over the short course of a week, people who were once strangers to me have become ever closer. Athletes from all across Asia received chances to perform at the Games, and being able to hear from them about their training and play showed me how different we all are.

Team officials, parents and high-ranking members of various National Olympic Committees were also people I faced. Speaking to them about the Games was a most fulfilling experience. The friendliest of volunteers, ranging from university students on summer holiday to the elderly, were also people I've met during my time here.

In short, I've been able to break down barriers, and I'm sure that it will leave a lasting impression on my life.

Another thing I won't forget easily is the hospitality given to me

by the Chinese. They were some of the friendliest, outgoing and respectful people I've met.

I would also like to speak of the time I spent with my fellow Youth Reporters. It's funny how distant we were a week ago, but now I daresay that we've become some of the closest of friends. It was truly wonderful meeting you guys and getting to know you all. The enjoyable chats on the field and while travelling definitely made time fly, and the way we helped each other in writing our articles has proven that ethnicity and race don't matter. In the end, we're all still human.



Mohamed Dhaniyal Ageel, left, makes new friends in Nanjing.

EAST ASIAN GAMES TO BECOME YOUTH FESTIVAL

The 6th East Asian Games took place in Tianjin, China, from October 6-15 and was the last in the current format before it switches to a youth games in 2019 for athletes aged from 14-18. The host of the inaugural East Asian Youth Games has yet to be decided.

The 10-day multi-sports meet attracted 2,422 athletes from nine countries and regions to compete in 24 sports and 254 events.



China, who fielded 516 athletes and competed in all 24 sports, collected a total of 134 gold, 79 silver and 51 bronze medals to defend its top position in the medals tally.

China has enjoyed an overwhelming dominance in each edition of the quadrennial sports event, taking almost half of the gold medals on offer at the previous five editions.

"This change, to the East Asian Youth Games, will lead to further development of all the young athletes in east Asia, giving them a platform to compete and communicate with each other and also getting better prepared for the YOG and Asian Youth Games," said Timothy Fok, OCA Vice President for East Asia.

The East Asian Games was first held in Shanghai, China, in

FINAL MEDAL TABLE

Rank	NOC				Total
1	China	134	79	51	264
2	Japan	47	57	75	179
3	Korea	36	51	74	161
4	Chinese Taipei	17	28	46	91
5	Hong Kong, China	10	16	30	56
6	DPR Korea	8	12	22	42
7	Macau, China	3	5	19	27
8	Mongolia	0	4	18	22
9	Guam	0	1	0	1
Total		255	253	335	843

1993. Busan, Korea, hosted the second edition in 1997, followed by Osaka, Japan in 2001, Macau, China in 2005 and Hong Kong, China in 2009. (www.olympic.cn)



Actresses perform during the opening ceremony of the 6th East Asian Games.



INDONESIA HOSTS 3RD ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY GAMES

The President of Indonesia, H.E. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, opened the 3rd Islamic Solidarity Games, which ran from September 22 to October 1 at Palembang, capital of South Sumatra. The Games motto was "Harmony in Unity".

It was the second major multi-sport event Palembang had

hosted in recent years at the Jakabaring Sport City, following the SEA Games in 2011.

The host nation finished on top of the medal standings with 36 gold, 34 silver and 34 bronze medals for a 104 total.

Iran (30 gold) was second, ahead of Egypt and Malaysia, as 29 NOCs joined the medals table.



TAJIKISTAN

Date: October 10-11, 2013

Venue: Tajik Physical Culture Institute, Dushanbe

Fun Run entries: 100 students in four categories, including Special Olympics

YRP students: 33

YRP Winner: Miss Yosimin Avazbekova, 16, School No. 15

Fun Learn students: 40

Fun Learn Winner: Mr Ahmad Yorov, 16, School No. 21

Special guest: Mavzuna Chorieva, Olympic Games bronze medallist, women's boxing lightweight (60kg) category, London 2012.

CHORIEVA PROVES A BIG HIT

Tajikistan NOC, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and the Tajik Physical Culture Institute, hosted two days of Fun Run + Learn activities which showcased the local culture, food and hospitality.

The special guest at the grand opening ceremony, Youth Reporter Project press conference exercise and festive closing ceremony was Mavzuna Chorieva, Olympic Games bronze medal-winning boxer at London 2012. She took two days out of her busy training schedule to support the Olympic Movement in her home country, where she is now a national hero.

The Sports Minister and NOC Vice President, Maliksho Nematov, attended the prize presentation in glorious autumnal sunshine at the OCA Olympasia Project-funded futsal stadium.



Mavzuna Chorieva at the prize presentation.



Prize presentation photo call.



The medals are presented.



YRP winner Yosimin Avazbekova and her proud mother.



CAMBODIA

Date:	October 20-21, 2013
Venue:	Koh Pich (Diamond Island) for Fun Run and NOCC HQ, Phnom Penh
Fun Run entries:	1,500 in four categories, 3km and 5km, men and women
YRP students:	37
YRP Winner:	Tieng Kimleng, 15, Cambodia International Academy First International School
Fun Learn students:	40
Fun Learn Winner:	Chun To, 25, national wrestling team

OLYMPIC SWIMMER DELIGHTS YRP STUDENTS

The two-day programme began early on Sunday morning with the Fun Run at Koh Pich (Diamond Island), where HE Dr Thong Khon, NOCC President and Minister of Tourism, fired the starting pistol.

The Fun Learn Asian Games quiz on Sunday afternoon included an anti-doping seminar for athletes presented by Gobinathan Nair, Director-General of the South East Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organisation, assisted by Tony Cunningham, Manager of Education and Programme Development from WADA HQ.

The special guest at the Youth Reporter Project on Monday morning was 20-year-old Olympic swimmer Hem Thon Vitiny. The students asked her questions in the press conference exercise and used the information to write an article. Tieng Kimleng, 15, won a trip to the 17th Asian Games.



HE Dr Thong Khon starts the Fun Run.



YRP winner Tieng Kimleng with his father, Tieng Kung.



Olympic swimmer Hem Thon Vitiny with a member of the NOCC staff.



Athletes take the "Play True" pledge during the Fun Learn activities.

‘ONLY ONE’ SONG FOR INCHEON ASIAN GAMES

The 2014 Incheon Asian Games Organising Committee unveiled the song and video for the 17th Asian Games on its YouTube channel (<http://www.youtube.com/Incheon2014>) and various music download sites on Monday, September 16.

Called “Only One”, the song is performed by the K-Pop boy band and Asian Games Goodwill Ambassadors JYJ.

The lyrics refer to overcoming challenges and difficulties and looking forward to a bright future as nations and races unite as one.

The music video of “Only One” introduces the host city of Incheon and takes the three members of JYJ to major landmarks, from Incheon International Airport to Munhak Stadium and Incheon Bridge.

Mr Kwon Kyung-sang, Secretary General of IAGOC, said: “We hope that all the visitors and participants at the 2014 Incheon Asian Games will unite as one - as the song says - and enjoy the Games together as one.”

Representatives of JYJ added: “We hope that our song ‘Only One’ will attract the interest of many people to the Incheon Asian Games and that people will enjoy this song.”



K-Pop heart-throbs JYJ.

ASIAN GAMES MEDAL DESIGN REVEALED

The Incheon Asian Games Organising Committee has revealed the design of the medals to be awarded at the 17th Asian Games, which run from September 19 to October 4, 2014.

The designs are the result of an eight-month collaboration between IAGOC and a design consortium in Incheon. They received the final approval of the OCA on August 19.



The medal’s motif is a pentagon-shaped symbol representing the five ports of Incheon – Airport, Seaport, Teleport, Leisureport and Businessport – and holds the emblem of the Incheon Asian Games inside. It symbolises Incheon as the hub of Northeast Asia.

The back of the medal contains the Games’ slogan in Hangul, the Korean alphabet, which was a suggestion by Mr Song Young-gil, Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City.



IAGOC President Kim Young Soo, left, and Lee Charm, CEO of Korea Tourism Organisation, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on September 25 to jointly focus on attracting visitors to Korea and to the 17th Asian Games in 2014.

JYJ THRILL CAPACITY CROWD AT HANOI ROADSHOW

K-Pop superstars JYJ were the highlight of the fourth overseas PR roadshow for the 2014 Incheon Asian Games as they thrilled a full house of 3,500 screaming fans at the National Convention Centre in Hanoi, Vietnam, on October 24, 2013.

Hanoi was selected as the first appearance for JYJ because of its distinction as the host city of the next Asian Games, in 2019. Vietnam is also a country where K-Pop is very popular.

The Goodwill Ambassadors of the 2014 Incheon Asian Games, JYJ held a press conference and a showcase to promote the Games and their Incheon Asiad song "Only One", which was released in September.

The press conference was held at the JW Marriott Hotel Hanoi, with attendance by over 80 media companies from Vietnam and Korea, diplomatic representatives and sports officials from the two countries.

Kim Young-soo, President of IAGOC, and Prof. Hoang Vinh

Giang, Vice President of the Vietnamese National Olympic Committee, represented the organisers of the event.

The 2014 Asian Games Overseas PR Roadshow will continue on to its last stop, in Guangzhou, China, on November 21, where JYJ will hold another showcase for the promotion of the Games and the song "Only One".



JYJ in Hanoi.

PR ROADSHOW IN SINGAPORE

Singapore played host to the 2014 Incheon Asian Games roadshow on September 26 in a ceremony graced by Mr Tan Chuan Jin, Acting Minister for Manpower and Executive Committee member of the Singapore National Olympic Council.

Team Singapore bowler Ms Jazreel Tan Shi Hua was named the Singapore Goodwill Ambassador for the 2014 Incheon Asian Games.

The roadshow celebrated the shared love of sport and Korean pop music in Asia with a special performance by SKarf, a five-member Korean-Singapore girl group, and a video message by JYJ.



Jazreel Tan Shi Hua is appointed Goodwill Ambassador.

BEACH FLAG FOOTBALL TO JOIN PHUKET ABG

A beach version of American Football will be held at the 4th Asian Beach Games in Phuket, Thailand, from November 14-23, 2014.

Known as Beach Flag Football, this five-a-side, non-contact sport is played on a beach soccer-sized pitch. Each game lasts 20 minutes, with two halves of 10 minutes. Players play barefoot, and no headwear is allowed.

Beach Flag Football was one of five sports to join or rejoin the ABG sports programme following meetings between the OCA,



International and Asian Sports Federations and local organisers in Phuket on Monday, September 23.

The others are Modern Pentathlon, involving running and swimming as one event, plus laser shooting, in a three-day competition; Beach Track and Field, with disciplines still to be decided; Foot Volley, and the return of Bodybuilding, albeit with strict anti-doping procedures in place. The ABG will feature 23 sports over 10 days.

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Afghanistan

NOC President Mohammad Zahir Aghbar spoke of the need for the local chamber of commerce and industry to support football in Afghanistan during a football federation ceremony to launch a special fund for the development of the game in the country, reports Bakhtar News.



Bahrain



The Bahrain Olympic Committee's Anti-Doping Section organised its own promo corner during a Charity Walk at Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Park in Al Hidd to mark the first anniversary of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Section head Dr Hussain Al Haddad said the campaign was part of a plan to increase awareness of the efforts being made to combat doping.



Bangladesh

Bangladeshi golfer Afram Mahmud earned a ticket to the Faldo Series Asia Final at Mission Hills, China, next March by winning the boys' under-16 category of the second Faldo Series Nepal Championship at the Gokarna Golf Club in Kathmandu on October 23, reports the Himalayan Times.



Bhutan

To commemorate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Kobe Seishin Rotary Club of R.I. 2680, and funds raised by Akashi South Rotary Club and Akashi West Rotary Club, the Bhutan Olympic Committee received a donation of US\$3,000 for the further growth and development of judo in Bhutan. The fund will be used for supporting the Pelkhil Judo Club, Thimphu, in purchasing tatami mats for youth judo. (www.bhutanolympiccommittee.org)



Brunei

The national petanque team stepped up preparations for the 27th SEA Games in Myanmar from December 11-22 by heading for Chiang Mai, Thailand, for a 37-day training camp. Three players - Zunaidi Ali, Hj Hamidon Hj Hamid and Hj Yussof Hj Mohammad - were accompanied by national coach Somsak Juychunprasert.

(www.bruneiolympic.org)



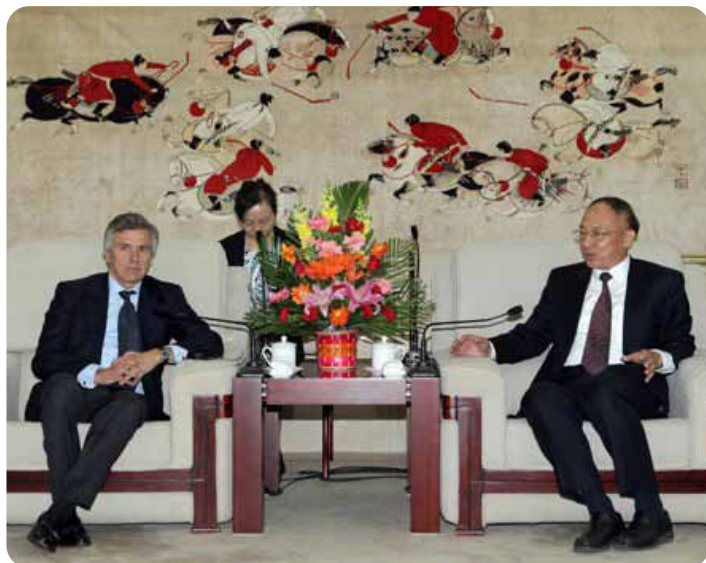
Cambodia



The NOCC inaugurated the OCA Olympasia Project-funded Sports Science and Medicine Centre at the new NOCC HQ in Phnom Penh on October 20. Dr Sam Sophean, NOCC Executive Member in charge of the Medical Commission, and Vahid Kardany from OCA unveiled the commemorative plaque.



China



Chinese Olympic Committee President and Sports Minister Liu Peng welcomed IOC Executive Board member Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr. to Beijing on October 14. Liu Peng praised Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr. for establishing the Samaranch Foundation in China. The foundation aims to spread the Olympic ideals and promote sports and cultural exchanges among China, Spain and the whole world.

(www.olympic.cn)



DPR Korea

Pyongyang Indoor Stadium marked its 40th anniversary on Friday, October 18, reports the Korean Central News Agency. DPRK Founding President Kim Il Sung opened the stadium on April 3, 1973 as a sports and cultural base for the people.



Hong Kong, China



The Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China held a prize presentation on September 27 for the Sport for All photo

contest held during the Bank of China (Hong Kong) 56th Festival of Sport. The federation received 355 entries in two categories, and nine awards were made.

(www.hkolympic.org)



India

Five-time world boxing champion and London Olympic Games bronze medallist M C Mary Kom has joined the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) in promoting its humane-education programme, Compassionate Citizen. "One of the best ways to knock out cruelty to animals is to teach compassion to young people," said Mary Kom in The Times of India.



Indonesia

The Indonesian Olympic Committee, in partnership with the Australian Strength and Conditioning Association, has commenced an E-Learning coach development programme which allows 20 Indonesian coaches to complete five E-Learning modules. The project has been funded by a US\$11,500 grant from Olympic Solidarity under the Development of National Sporting Structures programme.

(www.olympic.or.id)



Iran

Hundreds of people took part in the NOC's Olympic Day Run held in collaboration with the Sport For All Federation in 25 provinces. The week-long festivities featured Olympics and kids, Olympics and art, Olympics and family, Olympics and the disabled and Olympics and the environment in different fields such as walking, running, horse riding, camel riding, mountain climbing and painting. The NOC's experts held several meetings to describe the history of Olympics to their audience.

(www.olympic.ir)



Iraq

The International Weightlifting Federation elected the Deputy Chairman of the Iraqi Central Association of Weightlifting, Mustafa Salih, as a member of the Supreme Committee of the IWF during a meeting in Warsaw, Poland, reports Iraqi News.



Japan

After winning her 11th consecutive 55-kg title at the world wrestling championships in Budapest, Olympic champion Saori Yoshida, 29, reiterated her determination to keep on competing until the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Yoshida, who has now won a combined total of 14 Olympic and world titles, earned the People's Honour Award last year, reports Kyodo News.

(www.joc.or.jp)

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Jordan

The JOC General Assembly elected HRH Prince Feisal Al Hussein as its President for a third term through to the 2016 Olympic Games following an election held at Al Hussein Sport City. HRH has been JOC President since 2003.



"I am looking forward to serving the Jordan sporting family again over the coming three years and continuing the excellent progress that has been made," said HRH Prince Feisal, an IOC member and OCA Executive Board member. "I urge all of our sporting federations to work hard to enable sport to play a key role in the lives of all Jordanians." (www.joc.jo)



Kazakhstan

The International Boxing Association (AIBA) reports that the Olympic champion (60kg) at the London Games, Kazakhstan's Serik Sapiyev, has been named a Goodwill Ambassador for Sport by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) for 2013-15.



Korea

The 94th annual National Sports Festival kicked off on Friday, October 18 in Incheon with thousands of athletes, including Olympic medalists, set to compete in 46 sports, reports Yonhap News Agency. According to the organisers, 22,000 athletes and 8,000 officials have gathered in the third-most populated city in the nation.



Kuwait

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah addressed a cable to the President of the Association of National Olympic Committees, Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, congratulating him on being awarded the National Order of the Cedar by Lebanese President Michel Suleiman for his support of Lebanese sport, reports Kuwait News Agency. His Highness wished Sheikh Ahmad lasting success to lift aloft the name of the dear homeland, Kuwait, at regional and international sports events.



Kyrgyzstan

The 13th International Issyk-Kul Sports Games opened on September 5 in Issyk-Kul, the press secretary of the State Agency of Physical Culture and Sport, Nurdin Sultambaev, told Kabar National News Agency in Bishkek. More than 2,000 athletes from regions of Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Russia took part in the sports competitions.



Laos

Laos will compete in the 27th SEA Games in Myanmar in December with 234 athletes and 59 team officials in an official delegation of 293, according to the Entry by Name data released by the organising committee.



Lebanon



During his visit to Lebanon in October, the OCA President, HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, spoke highly of the bilateral sporting relations between Lebanon and Kuwait and praised the role of Sports Minister Faisal Karami in upholding Lebanon's place in the international sports movement.



Macau, China



The Chief Executive, Dr Fernando Chui Sai On, hosted an official government send-off and flag handover ceremony for the 210 athletes and officials heading for the 6th East Asian Games in Tianjin, China on September 23. Macau NOC President and OCA Executive Board member Charles Lo was among the dignitaries in attendance.



Malaysia

The Olympic Council of Malaysia's 2013 Olympic Day Fun Run, which was due to be held on June 23 but had to be postponed because of haze from the forest fires in Indonesia, finally took place on Sunday, September 15, in the capital Kuala Lumpur. The run was held at Dataran Merdeka from 7.30 am and attracted over 10,000 runners in 13 categories.

(www.olympic.org.my)



Maldives

The NOC sent 14 athletes in five sports to compete in the OCA's 2nd Asian Youth Games in Nanjing, China, from August 16-24. The sports were athletics, swimming, badminton, 3x3 basketball and table tennis. The Chef De Mission was the Secretary General of the Athletics Association of Maldives, Ahmed Munthaqim.

(www.nocmaldives.org)



Mongolia

Mongolia NOC, in cooperation with the Embassy of the Russian Federation, organised a ceremony for the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games involving middle schools from Ulaanbaatar city.



Mr Jugder Otgonsagaan, NOC Secretary-General, and Mrs O. Rakshaeva, Third Secretary of the Russian Embassy, presented Olympic prizes to the winning teams of seven sports competitions and two art contests held since the one-year-countdown last year. A movie about the Winter Olympics was shown and a sports-themed concert was performed.

(www.olympic.mn)



Myanmar

President U Thein Sein inspected preparations for the 27th SEA Games at Wunna Theikdi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw on October 20 and predicted a bright future for the young athletes as the country prepared to host the event for the first time in 44 years. A total of 33 sports will be held in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and Patheingyi (Ngazun) from December 11-22.

(www.27seagames2013.com)



Nepal

A total of 120 players from five development regions took part in the first national kick boxing competition organised by the Kick Boxing Association of Nepal, reports The Himalayan Times. They competed in three categories - light contact, semi contact and full contact.



Oman

The NOC honoured Oman's winner of the OCA Youth Reporter Project, Hassan Al Balushi, by asking him to carry the flag of the delegation at the opening ceremony of the 2nd Asian Youth Games in Nanjing, China, in August. Hassan was one of six OCA young reporters attending the AYG.



Pakistan

Pakistani squash legend Jahangir Khan has vowed to keep fighting for a place for his sport in the Olympic Games despite the failed bid to join the 2020 Tokyo Games. Khan, who set a record of 10 British Open titles in 1991, said: "I have been very passionate about squash's inclusion in the Olympics, so the decision is not only surprising but also shocking. But we will not lose hope and will continue the fight." (www.nocpakistan.org)



Palestine

Palestine won one silver medal at the 3rd Islamic Solidarity Games in Palembang, Indonesia to rank 23rd in the final medals classification published by organising committee INAISGOC.



Philippines

The Philippine Olympic Committee is celebrating the success of a young Filipino figure skater, Michael Martinez, in qualifying for the Winter Olympics in Sochi next February. Martinez earned his spot at the Winter Games at the Nebelhorn Trophy 2013, a designated senior international figure skating qualifying competition held from September 25-28 in Oberstdorf, Germany. (www.olympic.ph)





Qatar

The Qatar Olympic Committee held a reception for staff on the occasion of Eid Al-Adha Al Mubarak. Heads of departments, sections and units along with QOC staff attended the ceremony and exchanged greetings and good wishes.

The QOC is always keen to stage this annual reception in order to strengthen the brotherhood and social relations between its staff.

(www.olympic.qa)



Saudi Arabia

Prince Nawaf bin Faisal bin Fahd bin Abdulaziz, President General of Youth Welfare, inaugurated the Exhibition of Saudi Arabia, the First Athlete, at Jeddah. Prince Nawaf toured the exhibition in which a number of clubs and universities are participating and which reflects the development of sport in the Kingdom. Prince Nawaf stressed the Presidency's support for all youth in the sports field, reports the Saudi Press Agency.



Singapore

On the occasion of the Incheon Asian Games Roadshow visiting Singapore, Chris Chan, Secretary General of the Singapore National Olympic Council, said the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, Korea, from September 19-October 4, 2014, would be an important milestone for Team Singapore athletes.

"It gives them the opportunity to pit their skills against the best sporting talents in the region and to celebrate the values that unite the Asian sporting community," he said.

"We will continue to provide our support to the 17th Asian Games in Incheon next year to make this a successful and colourful event that reflects the diversity and culture of Asia."

(www.snoc.org.sg)



Sri Lanka

The Medical Committee of NOC Sri Lanka is organising its fourth Sports Medicine Congress in collaboration with the IOC and the Sri Lanka Sports Medicine Association for the benefit of the local and foreign doctors in the sports field.

The congress comprises four courses that will be conducted by reputed foreign and local lecturers from December 6-8, 2013.

(www.srilankaolympic.org)



Syria

Athlete Aya Abbas won Syria's first gold medal in the second West Asian Junior Athletics Championships in Amman, Jordan, in the 5,000m race walk, reports the Syrian Arab News Agency from Damascus.



Chinese Taipei



The Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee held a flag presentation ceremony for the delegation to the 6th East Asian Games on October 2 at the National Sports Training Center in Kaohsiung. Vice President Wu Den-Yih presented the Chinese Taipei NOC flag to NOC President and delegation leader Thomas Tsai Cheng-Wei. For this historical final EAG in Tianjin, China, the Chinese Taipei NOC sent its largest ever EAG delegation with a total of 350 athletes in 24 sports.



Tajikistan



The NOC of the Republic of Tajikistan hosted the OCA Fun Run + Learn activities on October 10-11 and made full use of the OCA Olympiasia Project-funded sports facilities at the Tajik Physical Culture Institute in Dushanbe. The two sports venues, including the futsal stadium used for the closing ceremony and prize presentation, were Olympiasia Projects in 2008 and 2012 in cooperation with Daimler.



Thailand



Former Asian Volleyball Confederation Vice President Kraisorn Chansiri, 78, received an award on the sidelines of the 17th Asian Senior Women's Volleyball Championship at Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand. The award, for distinguished service to volleyball and sport, was presented by Mr Wei Jizhong, FIVB and AVC Honorary Life President, at the Sima Thani Hotel. (www.fivb.org)



Timor Leste

Timor Leste plans to send a 68-strong delegation to the 27th SEA Games in Myanmar from December 11-22, including 53 athletes, according to data released by the organising committee.



Turkmenistan



A nine-member delegation from Turkmenistan, led by NOC Secretary General Azat Muradov, visited the 2014 Incheon Asian Games Organising Committee from September 11-16 to observe the management of an international sports event. Ashgabat will host the 5th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in 2017.



United Arab Emirates



The Board of Directors of the NOC unanimously adopted a proposal by His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, President of the NOC, to appoint His Excellency Abdul Rahman Al Owais, Minister of Health, as First Deputy President of the NOC; Mohammed Hilal Al Kaabi as Second Deputy President; Adviser Mohammad Al Kamali as Secretary General, and Obaid Salem Al Shamsi as Finance Director for the new Olympic quadrennial 2013-2016.

(www.uaenoc.net)



Uzbekistan

At the Judo Grand Prix Tashkent 2013, Uzbekistan secured first place in the team standings by winning five gold, three silver and five bronze medals. The meet was organised by the Ministry of Culture and Sport, Uzbekistan NOC and the Judo Federation of Uzbekistan under the auspices of the International Judo Federation.

More than 150 athletes from 21 countries competed for prizes and ranking points on the road to the 2016 Olympic Games, reports Uzbekistan National News Agency.



Vietnam

Gymnast Nguyen Ha Thanh took the gold medal in the men's vault at the Grand Prix Osijek Zito Challenge Cup 2013 in Croatia. Thanh's teammate, Hoang Cuong, won the bronze medal. Phan Thi Ha Thanh took the bronze medal in the women's vault, reports Thanh Nien News.



Yemen

Boxers from Greece, Luxembourg, Albania, the Netherlands, Tunisia, Italy, France, Germany, Iraq, Spain, Belgium and host country Yemen competed in the 2013 Arab Boxing Championships in Sana'a in September.

The International Arab Boxing Federation provided Yemen with the boxing ring and medical necessities required to run the championship, reports the National Yemen.

2013

 Kuwait: November 18 – 20
IOC Women and Sport Forum for Africa and Asia

 Kuwait: November 18
OCA International Relations Committee

 Guangzhou, China: November 21
Incheon Asian Games PR Roadshow


 Dubai, United Arab Emirates: November 23
OCA Culture Committee

 Boracay, Philippines: November 27
OCA Media Committee

 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

 Incheon, Korea: December 1 – 2
Chef de Mission Seminar for the 17th AG


 Lausanne, Switzerland: December 9
62nd ANOC Executive Council Meeting

 Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar: December 11 – 22
27th South East Asian Games


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

 Chiang Mai, Thailand: November 5
64th ANOC Executive Council Meeting

 Chiang Mai, Thailand: November 6
20th ANOC General Assembly

 Phuket, Thailand: November 14 – 23
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

2014

 Kuwait, January 21 – 24
RADO Conference

 Sochi, Russian Federation: February 2 – 3
IOC Executive Board Meeting

 Sochi, Russian Federation: February 5 – 7
126th IOC Session

 Sochi, Russian Federation: February 7 – 23
XXII Olympic Winter Games

 Kuwait: March 31
63rd ANOC Executive Council Meeting

 Glasgow, Scotland: July 23 - August 3
XX Commonwealth Games

 Nanjing, China: August 16 – 28
II Youth Olympic Games