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The President of the Philippine Olympic Committee, Jose Cojuangco Jr, and the OCA President, HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, are pictured at the Asian Games Centennial Festival in Manila.

THANK YOU PHILIPPINES!



The 32nd OCA General Assembly will be remembered as one of the best in the history of the Olympic sports movement in Asia.

And for this we must say a big “thank you” to the Philippines for making our stay so enjoyable, for creating such a warm and friendly environment and for such excellent preparations and organisation.

Everyone who attended the General Assembly, from all parts of Asia and around the world, were made to feel at home by the traditional Filipino hospitality and thoroughly enjoyed their short stay in the capital.

By showing our support for the Philippines and our solidarity with the people following the devastating Super Typhoon Haiyan on November 8, we hope the Olympic sports movement in Asia and the world made some small contribution to the recovery process.

The Sofitel Hotel proved to be the ideal location for our meetings and for the Asian Games Centennial Festival. The offices and conference rooms were easy to locate and very convenient for the visitors and guests, and the Philippine International Convention Centre – venue for the General Assembly – was a short walk across the road.

In addition to this, the Sofitel was close to the airport and to some local attractions, such as the Mall of Asia, and the hotel’s tropical gardens, swimming pool and magnificent views of Manila Bay enabled the participants to unwind during their down time.

We will never forget our time in Manila, so thank you again for such a memorable occasion.



Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah

President, Olympic Council of Asia

President, Association of National Olympic Committees

Chairman, IOC Olympic Solidarity Commission

OCA PRESIDENT MEETS POPE FRANCIS AT THE VATICAN

During his long and distinguished career in the Olympic sports movement, H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah has met many influential and revered figures.

Another highlight came on the sidelines of the European Olympic Committees’ General Assembly in Rome, where the OCA and ANOC President was among a private audience of sports leaders to be introduced to Pope Francis.

The meeting with Pope Francis took place on Saturday, November 23 from 11.30am in the Sala Clementina (Clementina Hall) of the Vatican and lasted for 30 minutes.

The OCA is grateful for the photographs of Pope Francis and Sheikh Ahmad sent on behalf of CONI President Giovanni Malago by Danilo di Tommaso, Director, Communication and Media Relations.



Pope Francis greets Sheikh Ahmad at the Vatican.

IRAN NOC CELEBRATES 6TH SPORT FOR ALL FESTIVAL



The Sport for All Festival reaches all generations in a mass of colour and celebration.

The NOC of the Islamic Republic of Iran held the 6th Sport for All Festival over two days in Mazandaran province with the aim of promoting peace and solidarity.

The global peace and solidarity torch was carried from Chaloos to Sari - a distance of 200km - by the chairman of the NOC sports tourism commission and his colleagues in cooperation with other sports officials and also mayors, governors, city council members, political and social sports figures, Olympic, Paralympic and World champions and students by two bicycles, horses, protocol cars, motorcycles and skates.

For the first time an olive sapling was planted by eight representatives of the Mazandaran province during the opening and closing ceremonies as a symbol of peace and solidarity, and the IOC and OCA flags were carried by high-school and university students through urban areas to promote the Olympic Movement.

Following the success of this festival, Iran NOC plans to hold a similar event entitled "International Solidarity Project" designed for the 2014 Asian Games and 2016 Olympic Games involving other Asian countries and regions.

WEIGHTLIFTING STEPS UP ANTI-DOPING NETWORK



The first Afro-Asian Anti-Doping Symposium in weightlifting was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on December 4-5, 2013, and covered other subjects such as scientific training and talent identification.

The International Weightlifting Federation's anti-doping expert attended the symposium to make a presentation on doping control and the fight against doping through education.

In addition to this, one of the leading Iranian NADO lecturers as well as talent identification instructors and experts also made presentations.

BHUTAN NOC LOOKS AHEAD



The Bhutan Olympic Committee conducted its 17th Executive Committee meeting on December 10, 2013, at Terma Linca Resort, Thimphu.

The meeting was attended by the Presidents and General Secretaries of 15 National Sports Federations along with the officials from the Bhutan Olympic Committee.

The meeting reviewed the achievements of National Sports Federations and the BOC in the past year. It also considered approaches for improved delivery of sports programmes in the coming year.

CHINA NOC HOSTS YOUTH CAMP

Hosted by the Chinese Olympic Committee, the inaugural COC Youth Camp opened at Beijing Sport University on December 2, 2013.

A total of 32 youth sports workers from eight Chinese cities and 11 National Olympic Committees in Asia, including Korea, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Oman, attended the three-day camp.



In his opening speech, COC Secretary General Song Luzeng said the Youth Camp was the first of its kind to be held in China and was aimed at strengthening ties among the NOCs and providing a platform for the young people to share their views on the Olympic Movement.

Through this camp, Song believed, the participants would get to know more about different cultures and make more friends for future international cooperation and the development of sport in their own countries or regions.

After the opening ceremony, the participants visited the bronze statue of Pierre de Coubertin on the university campus and presented flowers to the founder of the modern Olympic Games.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN JAPAN

The Japanese Olympic Committee reports that about 30 youngsters from various Asian countries joined the eighth Youth Leadership Camp in Tokyo organised by the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace.



The aim of the camp, which concluded on January 30, was to allow the young sports leaders, aged from 18 to 25, to exchange best practices in the area of development and peace through sport.

IOA HOLDS GALA DINNER

The Indonesian Olympians Association (IOA) celebrated its third anniversary with an Awards Dinner at the Atlet Century Hotel Ballroom in Jakarta on December 3, 2013.

The President of the Indonesian Olympic Committee, Mrs Rita Subowo, together with Mrs Linda Gumelar, the Minister for Women's Empowerment and Child Protection, presented the Women in Sport Awards on behalf of the IOA.

Also in attendance was the Speaker of the Indonesian People's Representative Council, Mr Marzuki Alie, the Indonesian Minister for Sport, Mr Roy Suryo, and the President of the Asia-Oceania Olympians Association, Mr Samer Kamal.

Earlier in the day, Mrs Subowo presented a one-hour lecture to the IOA and encouraged members to participate in the IOC Athletes' Commission elections which are held at each Olympic Games.



Mrs Rita Subowo with Mrs Linda Gumelar (centre) and the winners of the Women in Sport Olympian Awards.



RESEARCH AWARD IN BAHRAIN: The winners of the Nasser bin Hamad Scientific Research Award in the field of sports were honoured at a gala ceremony on January 20. Ahmed Mubarak Salem and Dr Mervat Amin Desoqi shared first place and the top award of BD50,000. The closing ceremony was held under the patronage of Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee.

IOC Women and Sport Forum for Africa and Asia



The OCA President welcomes delegates to Kuwait.



OCA Women and Sport Committee Chair Natalya Sipovich.



IOC members Nawal El Moutawakel and Gunilla Lindberg.

AFRO-ASIAN FOR GROUND FOR W

The first IOC Women and Sport Forum for Africa and Asia was held in Kuwait from November 18-20 and provided further impetus for the movement on both continents and throughout the world.

The forum was organised by the IOC, OCA and Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) and attracted over 130 delegates from 98 African and Asian NOCs as well as representatives of United Nations agencies, NGOs and other stakeholders.

Looking back on this ground-breaking initiative, Natalya Sipovich, Chairperson of the OCA Women and Sport Committee, said: "The forum brought together female leaders from the two continents to discuss specific gender-equality barriers they face in their own countries.

"It was also aimed at strengthening women and sport networks in both continents and providing opportunities to participants to share experiences and learn from each other."

FORUM BREAKS NEW WOMEN IN SPORT

Feedback was extremely positive. Samira Asghari, the 19-year-old Finance Director at the Afghanistan NOC and national team basketball player, said: "The forum is really bringing everyone together. I have learned a lot in the last two days. It offers such a great opportunity for us to not only share experiences together but also help and advise each other so that we can improve the situation for women and women's sport in our NOC."

IOC Executive Board member and Chair of the IOC Women and Sport Commission, Anita De Frantz, added: "I have been very impressed with the quality of the speakers, their presentations and the questions and feedback from the participants. I believe the outcomes from this forum will make a big change and have a positive impact on women and sport."

The forum, which will be held every two years, produced the Kuwait Action Plan, an 11-point resolution aimed at increasing the level of female participation in all aspects of sports administration and management.



Delegates attend one of the presentations.



Shaikha Hayat of Bahrain addresses the forum.



Photo call for women and sport leaders.

BUBKA, MATTHAUS GUIDE STUDENTS IN KUWAIT

The Olympic Council of Asia hosted the Olympic and Sports Education Seminar for more than 100 students from the American University of Kuwait (AUK) at the new OCA HQ on November 21.

Held in collaboration with the AUK International Relations Club, the seminar's list of speakers included sporting legends Sergey Bubka and Lothar Matthaus and Dr Rania Elwani, a three-time Olympic swimmer from Egypt.

The OCA made three presentations: "Ancient and Modern Olympics and Olympic Values" by OCA Director General and Technical Director Husain Al Musallam, "Anti-Doping Awareness" by Dr Saleh Konbaz and "Court of Arbitration for Sport" by Dr. Al Hayan.

The ANOC and OCA President, HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, also provided the students with an insight into his career in sport, international relations and politics over the past three decades.

Matthaus, West Germany's 1990 World Cup-winning captain and midfield powerhouse, stressed the need for hard work, dedication and discipline in everyday life to reach the top. He also praised the concept of the seminar, introducing students to the Olympic movement as well as anti-doping and arbitration issues.

Bubka, the 1988 Seoul Olympics pole vault champion from the Ukraine and now an IOC Executive Board member, urged women and girls in Asia and Africa to take up sport in order to build a strong character, lead a healthy lifestyle and achieve their goals.



Lothar Matthaus with the OCA President.



Sergey Bubka receives a gift from the OCA President.

CTOC JOINS ADECCO PROGRAMME

The Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee and Adecco Taiwan, a subsidiary of the world's leading human resources organisation, have signed an agreement that will support Olympic and Asian Games athletes as they make the career transition from the sports field to the work place.

The signing ceremony took place in Taipei on November 15 and involved CTOC President Thomas Tsai and Patrick Glennon, Adecco Group Senior Vice President for the IOC and IPC Athlete Career Programme (ACP), along with Cindy Chen, Adecco CEO for North East Asia.

Mr Tsai said: "It's a wonderful opportunity for the CTOC to cooperate with Adecco in promoting the ACP. I believe the future programmes will benefit our athletes a great deal."

The participants then moved to Kaohsiung for a two-day Athlete Career Guidance Seminar on November 16-17 at the National Sports Training Centre with athletes from a variety of sports.

The workshop lecturers included China's Winter Olympic champion short track speed skater Yang Yang, who is now an IOC member.



Former Chinese Taipei taekwondo athlete Ann Chen has developed a flourishing soap business.

HIGH HOPES FOR INCHEON 2014

The Chefs de Mission Seminar for the 17th Asian Games took place on December 1-2, 2013, in Incheon, Korea.

After a venue tour on the first day, the team leaders from Asia's National Olympic Committees were given a detailed briefing by key departments of the Incheon Asian Games Organising Committee (IAGOC) on the second day.

The NOC delegates were also able to hold individual meetings with department staff to clear up any issues before heading for home and starting the administrative countdown to the Asian Games, which will run from September 19 to October 4.



Hosting a welcome lunch at Songdo Convensia, IAGOC President Kim Young Soo thanked the OCA, the Korean government, the Korean Olympic Committee and Incheon Metropolitan City for all their efforts in assisting IAGOC.

"I am asking the Chefs de Mission here to work together for the success of the Asian Games," he said. "Together we can take sport to the next level through the Incheon Asian Games."

Replying on behalf of the OCA, Hon. Life Vice President Wei Jizhong said not only new sports facilities had been developed in Incheon but also a new city.

"The OCA and all the NOCs, together with the organisers, try to use these six or seven years of preparation for the Asian Games

to bring something to the city, bring something to the people and bring something to the country. Now the whole of Asia and of world sport is focusing on the Incheon Asian Games," he said.

The venue tour included the new, US\$465 million Asiad Main Stadium, Athletes' Village, Park Tae Hwan Munhak Aquatics Centre, Incheon 2002 World Cup football stadium, hockey stadium and boxing gymnasium at Seonhak.



A job well done at the CDM Seminar.



Checking out the Asiad Main Stadium.

Asian Games Notice Board: Facts

17th Asian Games Incheon 2014

September 19-October 4
Competition Days: 16
Incheon Metropolitan City



Pre-DRMs

Myanmar and Bahrain
May 2014

Test Events

43rd National Junior Sports Festival
May 31-June 3, 29 sports
International/National events
January-September, 18 sports

New Events

Archery (Compound) - Men's/Women's
Individual, Team
Triathlon - Mixed Relay
Judo - Men's/Women's Team

Torch Relay

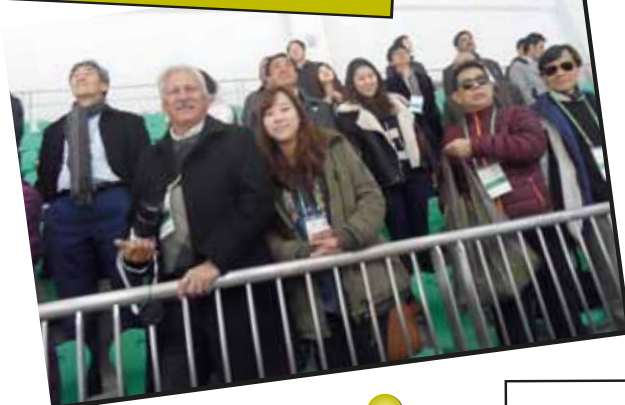
International:
Flame Lighting, New Delhi, August 19
New Delhi-Hanoi, August 19-23
Domestic:
August 24-September 19
17 major cities and provinces

Athlete Sub Village

Rowing, Tangeum Lake, Chungju
Distance from Athletes' Village, 133km
Opens: September 15

Guwol Asiad Athletes' Village

Location: Central Incheon
3 blocks
22 buildings (29 floors)
2,220 units (6,660 rooms)
Room size (3): 74 sq m, 84 sq m, 101 sq m.
40 minutes from airport, HQ hotel, Main Stadium
13,000 Athletes and Officials
Pre-opening: September 5
Official opening: September 12
Closes: October 7



Team Welcome Ceremony

Asian Games Park,
September 13-18

Doping Control

September 12-October 4
Samples: 1,920
Lab testing: Korea Institute of Science
and Technology, Seoul

Sports

Sports: **36**
Disciplines: **48**
Events: **437**

facts and Figures for Incheon 2014

Participants

Athletes/Team Officials: 13,000
Media: 7,000
Total: 20,000 from 45 NOCs
Technical Delegates: 52
Technical Officials: 2,300

Venues

Competition Venues: 49
New: 23
Training Venues: 51
New: 5

Cultural Events

100-day Countdown K-Pop Festival, June 1
Pre event, September 18
Asian Food Festival, Games time
Village Events: September 20-October 4

Sports Entry System

Entry by Sport:
Deadline October 31, 2013.
Athletes: 15,299
NOCs: 44
Entry by Number Deadline: June 20
(Online entry system opens May 26)
Entry by Name Deadline: August 15
(Online entry system opens July 15)

Public Transport

Free in Incheon
September 5-October 7

Media Village

15 apartment buildings
2,900 rooms
20 minutes to Main Media Centre
Opens: September 9
Closes: October 6
Media Hotels: 150

Ceremonies

Opening:
September 19, 7pm-9.40pm (160 minutes)
Closing:
October 4, 7pm-9.10pm (130 minutes)
Incheon Asiad Main Stadium

Accreditation

AGIAC serves as:
Multiple Entry Visa
August 20-October 19, 2014
Online Accreditation
Opened: December 6, 2013
Closes: April 30, 2014
<http://acr.incheon2014ag.org>

Media and Broadcasting

Main Press Centre:
Posco Model House,
September 5-October 6
International Broadcast Centre:
SongdoConvensia
September 5-October 6

Medical Services

Polyclinic, International Zone
September 12-October 7
Medical Stations in non-competition venues:
HQ Hotel: 3
Media Village: 1
Main Press Centre: 1
Hospitals: 28

OCA PRESIDENT VISITS PHILIPPINES PRESIDENT AQUINO

The first official business of the OCA President on arrival in Manila for the 32nd OCA General Assembly was to visit the President of the Philippines, Benigno “Noy” Aquino III, at Malacanang Palace on Thursday, January 16.

Accompanied by the OCA’s Director General and Technical Director, Husain Al Musallam, and Philippine Olympic Committee President Jose Cojuangco Jr, HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah had a lengthy discussion with President Aquino covering sport and other topics.

Sheikh Ahmad said the meeting served three main purposes:

- ✱ to express sympathy and unity over the devastation caused by Super Typhoon Haiyan (known locally as Yolanda) on November 8 and to show the solidarity of the international sports movement in helping the country recover from the crisis in terms of sports facilities, athletes and the youth

- ✱ to give a signal to the sports world and tourism industry that the Philippines is secure to host events and welcome visitors



The OCA President with President Aquino.

- ✱ to solidify the relationship between the heads of state of Kuwait and the Philippines

The meeting was held in very cordial circumstances and set the tone for the activities that lay ahead in the next two days.

MANILA HOSTS 64TH OCA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING



The OCA Executive Board gathers in the tropical gardens of the Sofitel Hotel for a photo shoot.

The 64th OCA Executive Board meeting was held at the Sofitel Hotel in Manila on Friday, January 17, setting the scene for the 32nd OCA General Assembly the following day.

The OCA President, HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, congratulated Tokyo on winning the bid to host the Olympic Games in 2020.

“This shows the trust in Asia and the respect of the Olympic sports movement, as the Tokyo Olympics will follow the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China, in August 2014 and the Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, Korea, in 2018,” he said.

“We are really proud and happy that Asia is hosting such major international events.”

The OCA President also looked forward to the 4th Asian Beach Games in Phuket, Thailand, this November and said Asia had set a global trend in this modern and fun presentation of sport; so much so that plans are under way for a World Beach Games under the umbrella of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), of which he is also President.

In other business, Sheikh Ahmad highlighted the increasing influence of Central Asia in the Olympic movement, as Kazakhstan held the 7th Asian Winter Games in 2011 and is bidding for the Winter Olympics in 2022, while Turkmenistan will host the 5th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in the new Ashgabat Olympic Complex in 2017.

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM OCA STANDING COMMITTEES

Four of the OCA's standing committees – Finance, Environment, Rules and Culture – held meetings on the morning of Friday, January 17, at the Sofitel Hotel in Manila. Earlier, the OCA Information and Statistics Committee met at Kish Island, Iran.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE



The Chairman, Yu Kyung-Sun, led the congratulations for Iran NOC on winning the IOC Sport and Environment Award with their Tochal Mountain Park 2006-2013 project, turning scrubland into a hiking trail.

Athletes at this year's Asian Games will be reminded of the "Think-Eat-Save: Reduce Your Foodprint" motto to avoid food wastage in the dining hall.

The committee also heard reports from games organising committees in Myanmar, Incheon, Sapporo and Tokyo about the eco-friendly projects in place to protect the environment.

A survey showed that 16 of the 45 NOCs have a sport and environment commission or are involved in sport and environment activities.

CULTURE COMMITTEE



The OCA Culture Committee has developed its own "DNA" by creating a logo and slogan "Our Tradition, Our Culture".

Under the chairmanship of Mohammed Al-Kamali, the discussions and decisions included the importance of working closely with organising committees of

OCA games to support cultural activities, starting with the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, Korea, and incorporating activities to showcase Asian culture in other OCA events such as the Fun Run and Learn.



Through the 45 NOCs, the Culture Committee will organise an Incheon Asian Games Kids' Art Competition for children aged 11-15 with the theme culture, tradition and sport. The finals will be held during the Asian Games and the winner will receive the top prize at the closing ceremony on October 4.

FINANCE COMMITTEE



Under Chairman Kevin Kuo-I Chen, the Finance Committee unanimously approved the three audited statements of accounts of the OCA, Olympic Solidarity and the OCA-Incheon Vision 2014 fund as at December 31, 2012.

From December 2013, a share of the rent revenue from the new Olympia Complex in Kuwait will be paid to OCA, thus creating a new revenue stream.

RULES COMMITTEE



The Chairman, Sheikh Talal Fahad Al-Sabah, reported that the Rules Committee approved an amendment to the OCA constitution proposed in a letter by the OCA President, and established the OCA Code of Ethics based on the IOC Code of Ethics. It is the first time that a continental association has had a code of ethics.

The Rules Committee also heard updates on administrative matters involving Asian Federations and NOCs and decided to shift the NOC of Afghanistan from the South Asia zone to Central Asia.

INFORMATION AND STATISTICS COMMITTEE



The OCA Information and Statistics Committee met at Kish Sports Centre, Kish Island, on Friday, December 20. It was the second meeting of the current committee, and members reviewed activities since their first meeting held in Dubai on April 7, 2012. The committee is now pursuing

the publication process of statistical books for Wrestling and Football in Asia. Once the books are published they can be used by researchers, media and other interested individuals for statistical resources and references.

The committee is also deeply involved with the publication of a project named "ASIAD", expected to be released by April 2014.

OCA PAYS RESPECTS TO SUPER TYPHOON VICTIMS

The opening ceremony of the 32nd OCA General Assembly was a moving affair for the 450 participants from near and far.

Barely two months after Super Typhoon Haiyan (known locally as Yolanda) had claimed 6,000 lives and swept away homes, villages and towns in the Visayas region of the Philippines on November 8, the OCA General Assembly went ahead in Manila on Saturday, January 18.

Together with the Asian Games Centennial Festival, the OCA's 32nd General Assembly should have taken place on Boracay Island on November 28-29 but had to be postponed due to the damage caused by this unprecedented and frightening force of nature.

Eager to support the Philippines at this time of crisis, the OCA President, HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, asked the Philippine Olympic Committee to move the event to the capital, and – in a characteristic act of generosity - said the OCA would bear all costs.

"It is very difficult to express words how I feel about what has happened in the past few weeks," said an emotional POC President, Jose Cojuangco Jr, during the General Assembly opening ceremony at the Philippine International Convention Centre.

"We were ready in Boracay to give you a good show, but unfortunately it was not supposed to be there. We had to think it over, but we received a lot of encouragement to continue to host this affair – and we did."



Vice President Binay delivers his address.

Mr. Cojuangco thanked all the delegates and guests for attending the event and said the resilience of the Filipino people, together with the support of the Olympic movement, would help the country on the long road to recovery.

The Chief Guest was the Vice President of the Republic, Jejomar Binay, who provided a vivid account of the impact of the Super Typhoon but also gave examples of how sport "can create hope when there was only despair" and invigorate economies.

It was fitting, then, that the OCA President called for a moment of silence in respect of the lives lost during the Super Typhoon, and also in memory of Nelson Mandela.



OCA MERIT AWARD: Guests and dignitaries presented the OCA Merit Award to the following five people for their outstanding service to the sports movement in Asia: General Yuthasak Sasiprapha (President, Thailand NOC), Liu Yi'an (Vice Mayor, Nanjing), Dhruva Bahadur Pradhan (President, Nepal NOC), Syed Shahed Reza (Secretary General, Bangladesh NOC) and Jose Cojuangco Jr (President, Philippines NOC).



IOC member Mikee Cojuangco-Jaworski and her co-presenter, Ogie Alcasid, host the festival.

OCA MOVES EVER ONWARD TO ACHIEVE ITS GOALS

The past, present and future of the Olympic sports movement in Asia were on display at the Asian Games Centennial Festival in the Harbour Tent venue of the Sofitel Hotel on Friday, January 17.

The past was brought to life in vivid images of the 1st Far Eastern Championship Games held in Manila in 1913 - the first chapter in the history of the OCA.

The present involved the festival itself, attended by 450 delegates and guests representing Asia's 45 NOCs and Olympic stakeholders from around the world.

Thanks to this enthusiastic show of unity and support, the future indeed looks bright - personified by Asia's newest IOC member, Mikee Cojuangco - Jaworski.

Having flown home to Manila from IOC business in Lausanne, the movie actress, TV host, commercial model and - let's not forget - Asian Games gold medal-winner took on the role of co-host for the evening.

And what an evening it was! Full of energy, dance, colour and culture, the programme was headed by "Asia's Songbird" Regine Velasquez and showcased the five zones of Asia. It even ended with a karaoke session - like every other party in the Philippines.

The OCA President, HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, paid tribute to the early sporting pioneers. "One hundred years ago there were people who believed in this continent," he said. "One hundred years ago there were people who had a dream and started this movement. We will continue the vision and hard work."

Describing the event as a "symbol" to show "sympathy and harmony" with the Philippines following Super Typhoon Haiyan on November 8, Sheikh Ahmad drew loud applause from the floor when saying: "This festival might have been postponed but not cancelled - because there is no word in our dictionary in Asia to say 'give up'."

GOLDEN YEARS

Key moments in the development of the Olympic movement in Asia

- 1913** - 1st Far Eastern Championship Games, Manila, Philippines
- 1934** - 1st West Asian Games, New Delhi, India
- 1949** - Formation of Asian Games Federation
- 1951** - 1st Asian Games, New Delhi, India
- 1982** - Olympic Council of Asia replaces Asian Games Federation
- 1986** - 1st Asian Winter Games, Sapporo, Japan
- 2005** - 1st Asian Indoor Games, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2008** - 1st Asian Beach Games, Bali, Indonesia
- 2009** - 1st Asian Youth Games, Singapore;
1st Asian Martial Arts Games, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2013** - 4th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, Incheon, Korea
(merging the Indoor Games and Martial Arts Games for the first time).

ASIAN GAMES CENTENNIA



POC President Jose Cojuangco Jr addresses the guests.



Tickertape and drums create a party atmosphere.



The Centennial Festival is in full swing for the VIP guests.

L FESTIVAL, MANILA 2014



The tropical gardens of the Sofitel Hotel in Manila Bay.



The Sofitel - HQ hotel for the OCA GA and Centennial Festival.



HRH Prince Tunku Imran leads the karaoke session.



A musical performance captivates the audience.



On the war path...scary stuff!

JAPAN OUTLINES SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The OCA General Assembly was the platform for Japan to introduce a new global sports project to Asia's 45 NOCs and other Olympic stakeholders.

"Sport For Tomorrow" is the Japanese government's commitment to development through sport and plans to impact 10 million people in over 100 countries between 2014 and 2020.

The programme has been launched following Tokyo's successful bid to host the Olympic Games in 2020 and offers three categories of support:

- ☀ Promoting sport and the Olympic movement: This will be achieved by doubling the number of coaches Japan sends abroad each year; providing more sports equipment and improving sports facilities; and by sending teams of experts to support the expansion of sports education and the organisation of international sports events

- ☀ Fostering international sports leaders: The Japanese government will establish a new international sports academy where future leaders of sport from across the world will learn from each other

- ☀ Further supporting international anti-doping efforts: The government will establish a collaborative relationship between the pharmaceutical industry and anti-doping agencies

The presentation was made by Koichi Mizushima, Deputy Press Secretary, Deputy Director General for Press and Public Diplomacy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The OCA President, HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, said he was sure the programme would add value to the Olympic Games in 2020 and benefit athletes and sports leaders around the world in the next few years.

POCARI SWEAT TO REPLENISH ASIAN GAMES ATHLETES IN 2014 AND 2019



The signing ceremony with Otsuka.

Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co Ltd of Japan signed a sponsorship agreement with the OCA during the General Assembly to make Pocari Sweat the official sports drink for athletes and other participants at the next two Asian Games: Incheon 2014 and Hanoi 2019.

"It is our great honour and pleasure to be a part of the Asian Games as an official partner," said Masayuki Umeno, Vice President of Otsuka.

"Through the Asian Games we would like to contribute to the healthy lives of people by promoting the importance of daily hydration to not only top athletes but to all individuals in Asia."

Otsuka also sponsored the Asian Games in 1998, 2002 and 2006.

NOCS SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR POC

The National Olympic Committees of Japan and Korea made separate presentations to the Philippine Olympic Committee during the General Assembly to show their support and solidarity following the Super Typhoon Haiyan that struck the Visayas region of the country on November 8.

JOC President Tsunekazu Takeda and KOC President Kim Jung-Haeng made contributions to the recovery process in the form of donations to the POC President, Jose Cojuangco Jr.

OCA APPOINTS GA HOSTS THROUGH TO 2016

The next three OCA General Assembly meetings will be held in three different zones of Asia, it was announced towards the end of the 32nd OCA GA in Manila.

The 33rd OCA General Assembly, for 2014, will take place at Incheon, Korea, on September 20 – the day after the opening ceremony of the 17th Asian Games.

In 2015, when there are no OCA games, the General Assembly will move to Ashgabat, Turkmenistan – host city for the 5th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in 2017.

The growing influence of Cambodia in South East Asia is reflected in the fact that the NOCC will organise the 35th OCA General Assembly in 2016.

In other news:

ANOC Secretary General Gunilla Lindberg announced that the General Assembly of the Association of National Olympic Committees in 2014 will take place in Bangkok, Thailand, from November 6-8.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport will operate an ad-hoc appeals committee for the first time at an Asian Games, in Incheon, this year. CAS will also conduct a legal seminar for

NOCs in Kuwait this June, said CAS President and IOC Vice President John Coates.

WADA's Director of Education and Programme Development, Rob Koehler, said the new WADA Code would come into effect on January 1, 2015, and thanked the OCA for incorporating an anti-doping element into their Fun Run and Learn programme in 2013.

Sports marketing and hospitality expert George Taylor is organising a sponsorship seminar for Asian NOCs on the sidelines of the Incheon Asian Games on September 21 aimed at boosting sponsorship revenue for NOCs.

The OCA-Incheon Metropolitan City Vision 2014 programme funded 148 projects for 30 NOCs and 642 participants from its inception in 2007 to the end of 2013. The seven-year, US\$20 million project is now in its final year but aims to continue after the 2014 Asian Games.

The virtual torch relay to promote the 2nd Asian Youth Games in Nanjing, China, in August 2013 visited 238 cities and scenic spots in 45 countries and regions and attracted over 38 million participants online, Nanjing organisers announced. OCA presented NAYGOC with a certificate of merit to honour their initiative.



Gunilla Lindberg addresses the GA.



Timothy Fok confides in Wei Jizhong.

OCA RECOGNISES SAMBO WRESTLING

Sambo, a popular style of wrestling in Central Asia with its roots in Russia, gained official recognition by the OCA at the General Assembly.

The Asian Federation is known as the Asian Sambo Union (ASU), and the world governing body is the International Sambo Federation (FIAS).

ASU President Alamjon Mullaev said: "For us this is an historic event. I'm sure that the positive benefits that Sambo devotees in Asia will get from this Olympic recognition – and especially the additional government finance and support – will be a source of inspiration and strength for all Asian Sambo wrestlers.

"The decision by the OCA will be an important milestone in the development of Sambo on our continent."

FIAS President Vasily Shestakov added: "It is especially pleasing that this decision has been taken this year, when the main Sambo events will be taking place in Asia: the World Championships in Japan and the Junior World Championships in South Korea."

MYANMAR HOSTS SEA GAMES IN NEW CAPITAL CITY

Myanmar returned to the SEA Games hosting roster for the first time in 44 years when they staged the 27th edition of the regional sports festival at the new capital, Nay Pyi Taw, and three other major cities in December 2013.

It was the first time Myanmar had hosted the event since 1969, when the country was known as Burma, and the third in all. Approximately 7,000 athletes and team officials from the 11 National Olympic Committees in the South East Asia zone took part.

The opening and closing ceremonies were held at the 30,000

capacity Wunna Theikdi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw. The Vice President of Myanmar and Chairman of the Organising Committee, Nyan Tun, had the honour of declaring the 27th SEA Games open on December 11 and closed on December 22.

The sports programme featured 460 events in 33 sports and Thailand came out on top by winning 107 gold, 94 silver and 81 bronze medals for a total of 282. The host nation finished second on 86-62-85-233, ahead of Vietnam in third place with 73-86-86-245.

Singapore will host the 28th SEA Games from June 5-16, 2015.



The football tournament of the 27th SEA Games attracted large crowds.

FINAL MEDAL TABLE

Rank	NOC				Total
1	Thailand	107	94	81	282
2	Myanmar	86	62	85	233
3	Vietnam	73	86	86	245
4	Indonesia	65	84	111	260
5	Malaysia	43	38	77	158
6	Singapore	34	29	45	108
7	Philippines	29	34	38	101
8	Laos	13	17	49	79
9	Cambodia	8	11	28	47
10	Timor-Leste	2	3	5	10
11	Brunei	1	1	6	8
Total		461	459	611	1531



27th SEA Games at a glance

Opening Ceremony: December 11

Closing Ceremony: December 22

NOCs: 11

Athletes: 4,730

Officials: 2,270

Total: 7,000

Sports: 33

Events: 460

Venues: Nay Pyi Taw

Yangon

Mandalay

Ngew Saung Beach

Motto: Green, Clean and Friendship

REGIONAL ANTI-DOPING ORGANISATIONS MEET IN KUWAIT

The 3rd Regional Anti-Doping Organization (RADO) Conference was held in Kuwait from January 21-24, 2014, and attended by representatives of 123 countries.

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) event, which was supported by the OCA, involved the discussion of important areas regarding the future direction of the RADO programme, including the need for greater collaboration and information-sharing.



The new President of WADA, Sir Craig Reedie, and the OCA President, HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, were joined by representatives from all 15 RADOs and Continental NOC Associations for the four-day summit.

Participants agreed on a number of outcomes:

- WADA should continue to support and assist with the development of the RADOs
- WADA and RADOs will establish partnerships with key stakeholders, including Continental NOC Associations and International Federations
- RADO support from Governments and NOCs must be strengthened
- Activities to ensure all RADO member countries are in compliance with the 2015 World Anti-Doping Code should be prioritised

Mahmoud Award

The 3rd RADO Conference saw the Mahmoud Ali Khalifah Award presented for the first time.



The two recipients of the inaugural award were Ms Nadiyah Al Shamali, Director General of the Gulf States and Yemen RADO and Manager of the OCA Anti-Doping Department, and Mrs Natanya Potoi-Ulia, Executive Officer of the Oceania RADO.

Mahmoud Ali Khalifah, a former Director of the OCA Anti-Doping Department, was instrumental in the fight against doping in sport in Asia, especially in the establishment and development of the five Asian RADOs.

Following his passing in 2011, the award was set up to recognise those that have contributed significantly to the RADO programme.

RADO capacity and expertise must be built up through continued training and sharing of knowledge

Work towards establishing each RADO as a legal entity will begin

RADOs will collectively work together to strengthen their global anti-doping impact

Ensure effective anti-doping education programmes are being implemented, with a particular focus on values-based education for youth

A need to seek additional funding from partners to enhance the RADO programme



Leading anti-doping officials gather in Kuwait.



WADA OFFICE IN KUWAIT: The World Anti-Doping Agency opened a sub-regional office for Asia in the new OCA HQ in Kuwait on January 21. WADA President Sir Craig Reedie and OCA President HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah officiated at the opening ceremony of the new office, which will support the WADA Asia Regional Office in Tokyo.

INCHEON HOSTS ASIAN GAMES BROADCASTERS

When the new year dawned on January 1, the Olympic sports movement in Asia woke up to another Asian Games year: 2014.

The 17th Asian Games will be taking place at Incheon, Korea, from September 19 to October 4, and organising committee IAGOC has stepped up its working relationship with the media and broadcasters since the turn of the year.

One landmark event was the World Broadcasters Meeting for rights-holding broadcasters, which opened on January 15 at the Sheraton Incheon Hotel in Songdo.



The meeting brought together 180 participants from the Incheon Host Broadcasting Management, the 17 rights-holding broadcasters, official telecommunications sponsor SK Telecom and from Hanjin, the official logistics supplier.

Among the international rights-holding broadcasters are NHK and TBS from Japan, CCTV from China, TPT from Thailand, I-Cable from Hong Kong, and the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union.

Media Luncheon

The 2014 Incheon Asian Games Organising Committee (IAGOC) held a Media Luncheon with some of the most important and influential members of the Korean and international media in Seoul on January 20.

Held at the Korea Press Center, the function was attended by IAGOC President Kim Young-soo, IAGOC Secretary General Kwon Kyung-sang, Opening and Closing Ceremony Director Im Kwon-taek and Producer Jang Jin.

The media in attendance included KBS, MBC, SBS, ChosunIlbo, JoongAngIlbo, Donga Ilbo, AFP, Tokyo Shimbun, TV Asahi, EPA, Sipa Press, Chinese Economic Daily and Dalian Radio & TV.

The Luncheon included a brief presentation on the current state of preparations and a question-and-answer session.

President Kim remarked that the remaining eight months of preparations would focus on attracting spectators to the Games.



All eyes will be on the Asiad Main Stadium at the Incheon Asian Games.



Swiss watchmaker Tissot, the official timekeeper of the 2014 Asian Games, and the 2014 Incheon Asian Games Organizing Committee held a launching ceremony for the company's 2014 Asian Games Special Collection at the Park Hyatt Seoul on February 10. The collection comprises of eight watches, and sales will begin in March.

IAGOC JOINS KOREA TOURISM WEEK IN JAKARTA

The 2014 Incheon Asian Games Organising Committee joined the Korea Tourism Week 2013 in Jakarta, Indonesia, from December 13-15 to attract Indonesian tourists to Korea during the 17th Asian Games.

Local media and the tourism industry in Indonesia were invited to attend a press conference and various presentations on the Asian Games ticketing process and tourist packages. Some 2,000 people gathered at the event.

A Korean Tourism Night and Korean Wave Festival were also held to attract the locals. The Korean Wave Festival, held at a

large shopping mall, proved particularly popular as thousands of people visited the promotion booths and watched Asian Games promotional videos and the JYJ music video for the Incheon Asiad Song, "Only One".



The event was organised by the Korea Tourism Organisation to promote the Asian Games in Southeast Asia. IAGOC will continue with similar events throughout Asia in 2014 in order to promote and attract tourists to the Asian Games from September 19 to October 4.

ALL SET FOR PHUKET BEACH PARTY

With 23 sports on the programme, organisers of the 4th Asian Beach Games in Phuket, Thailand, in November are ready to host the biggest beach and sea sports gala in OCA history.

OCA Vice President Kanokphand Chulakasem, Secretary General of organising committee PABGOC from the Sports Authority of Thailand, set the scene for the Phuket party with his progress report at the OCA General Assembly in Manila.

"The Asian Beach Games have proven to be one of the most fun and exciting events of the OCA," he said. "It will be a gathering and celebration of sport and camaraderie among nations in a dynamic beach setting."

The 4th ABG will run from November 14-23, 2014, and feature 23 sports at six venues around the island paradise, including Karon Beach and Patong Beach.

In addition, host broadcaster T Sports, which is owned by the Sports Authority of Thailand and is a free-to-air, 24-hour channel, is planning to broadcast six hours of live action per day, 30 minutes of highlights and a review programme.



The Phuket Programme

1: Air Sports: Paragliding Power Paragliding	13: Beach Sepaktakraw
	14: Foot Volley
2: Aquatics: Beach Water Polo Marathon Swimming	15: Jet Ski
	16: Beach Modern Pentathlon
3: Beach Handball	17: Triathlon: Triathlon Duathlon
4: Beach Volleyball	
5: Woodball	18: Beach Athletics
6: Beach Basketball	19: Water Ski: Wakeboard & Water Ski Cable Wakeboard
7: Body Building	
8: Sailing: Sailing Windsurfing	20: Beach Flag Football
9: Beach Kabaddi	21: Beach Soccer
10: Wrestling: Beach Wrestling Beach Kurash	22: Extreme Sports: BMX Inline Skate Skateboarding
11: Muaythai	
12: Beach Petanque	23: Sport Climbing

Key dates: **February 14**, online accreditation system opens; **April 28**, 200-day countdown celebration; **June 25**, Chefs de Mission Seminar; **June 30**, Entry by Number deadline; **August 6**, 100-day countdown celebration; **August 31**, Entry by Name deadline; **September 8**, 2nd OCA-Technical Delegates meeting and draw for team sports.

NHA TRANG PREPARES FOR 2016

Vietnam will warm up for the 18th Asian Games in Hanoi in 2019 by hosting the 5th Asian Beach Games in June 2016 at Nha Trang, Da Nang and Binh Thuan.

The proposal is for Nha Trang, a coastal resort city in Khanh Hoa province, to host 11 of the 18 sports, with three at Mui Ne in Binh Thuan and four at Da Nang city.

The sports programme is not finalised but the 18 on the provisional list are: beach sepaktakraw, beach volleyball, beach soccer, beach woodball, jetski, beach wrestling, marathon swimming (5-10km), 3x3 basketball, beach kabaddi, beach pencak-silat, beach handball, windsurfing, sailing, beach shuttlecock, beach vovinam, dragon boat, water polo and body building.



Vietnam's glorious beaches await the OCA.

TURKMENISTAN PREPARATIONS IMPRESS OCA PRESIDENT

The President of Turkmenistan, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, received the President of the OCA, HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, in another milestone moment on the road to the 5th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in 2017.



Sheikh Ahmad, who stopped off in Ashgabat on his way from Kuwait to Manila expressed his gratitude for the opportunity of a personal meeting and stressed the keen interest of the OCA in building up effective cooperation with Turkmenistan.

President Berdimuhamedov reaffirmed Turkmenistan's commitment to the Olympic values and ideals and expressed his belief that the partnership with the OCA would continue to develop for the good of local, regional and international sport.

The 5th AIMAG, which will be held in September/October 2017,

will be staged in the new Ashgabat Olympic Sports Complex, which is being built in three phases and involves over 30 items of sports infrastructure.

Sheikh Ahmad said the facilities were being built in full compliance with IOC regulations and would be up to Olympic Games standards in size and quality.

"They will make Asia proud," he said. "His Excellency the President of Turkmenistan is taking a great personal interest in the preparations and for this we are very grateful and very confident that the new Ashgabat Olympic Sports Complex and the 5th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in 2017 will be a big success.

"The developments in Turkmenistan will add value to the country, the region and to the Olympic movement in Asia and the world."



The International Sports Media Forum in Ashgabat.



Turkmenistan NOC General Secretary Azat Muradov.

TURKMENISTAN BUILDS UP INTERNATIONAL MEDIA PROFILE

The development of sport in Turkmenistan took a significant step forward with the hosting of the inaugural Turkmenistan International Sports Media Forum 2013 in Ashgabat on November 28-29.

Forty members of the sports media from 23 countries were joined by 80 foreign correspondents and local media for the two-day forum, which involved presentations, panel discussions and a tour of the Ashgabat Olympic Sports Complex.

The Chairman of the State Committee of Turkmenistan for Sport, Batyr Orazov, welcomed the participants to Ashgabat.

"It is a great honour for Turkmenistan to be hosting so many media from the sports world," he said.

"We look forward to sharing the best media practices with them and to receiving the benefit of their experience ahead of hosting our first major international sports event, the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, in 2017."

Turkmenistan NOC General Secretary Azat Muradov informed the media that the 5th AIMAG was just the start of their ambitions, and that hosting the Asian Games was the next target.

"We will use this opportunity to learn and to start building a great sports nation," he said.

SAPPORO LAUNCHES WINTER GAMES LOGO



One of the first steps for an organising committee is to design and launch an eye-catching and symbolic logo to promote the games and the brand.

So welcome to the logo for the 8th Asian Winter Games, to be held in Sapporo and Obihiro, Japan, in February 2017.

The overall form of the logo represents Hokkaido - the northernmost of Japan's four main islands - as a whole. It also has design elements echoing the North Star shining in the night sky, a snow crystal and the winter breeze.

The blue of the outer arcs symbolizes the chill of winter, while the bright sun (the symbol of the OCA) represents the fiery passion with which the Games will be contested regardless of the bracing winter conditions.

The five blue arcs represent the five sports of the Games (skiing, skating, ice hockey, curling and biathlon), and are inspired by the speed and energy with which the athletes will compete. The arcs hold extra significance as they represent the five zones of Asia: West, Central, South, South East and East.

The 8th Sapporo Asian Winter Games Organising Committee (SAWGOC) called for logo design submissions from the general public and received 173 contributions from across Japan. As a result of fair and impartial judgment by the SAWGOC Selection Committee, a design by Suda Seihan Co. Ltd. designer Koji Hosokawa was chosen.

The 8th Asian Winter Games - the third to be held in Sapporo and fourth in Japan - are expected to attract 1,200 athletes from 30 of the OCA's 45 National Olympic Committees.

Sports/Disciplines for 8th AWG

1: Skiing: Ski Jumping Cross Country Skiing Alpine Skiing Freestyle Skiing Snowboard	Short Track Speed Skating
	3: Ice Hockey
	4: Curling
2: Skating: Speed Skating* Figure Skating	5: Biathlon
	* At Obihiro

NANJING AYG ORGANISERS ADVISE HAMBANTOTA FOR 2017

An eight-strong delegation from the Organising Committee of the 2nd Asian Youth Games in Nanjing, China, in August 2013 made a courtesy visit to Sri Lanka from January 21-24 to advise on preparations for the 3rd AYG to be held in Hambantota in August 2017.



The delegation was led by Mr Liu Yi'an, Executive Deputy Mayor of Nanjing and Vice President and Secretary General of NAYGOC.

The first port of call was a meeting with the Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgama, Minister of Sports, and Hambantota

2017 AYG delegates at the Minister's Office.

After that the delegation visited Olympic House and met Mr. Hemasiri Fernando, Sri Lanka NOC President, and members of the Executive Committee.

Although the sports programme has not been decided, Hambantota officials are keen to cater to popular local demand by including rugby sevens and 20-20 cricket.



Culture and colour in Hambantota.

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Afghanistan



At the suggestion of the OCA President, the President of Afghanistan NOC, Ltg Mohammad Zahir Aghbar, will receive the OCA Merit Award at the next OCA General Assembly in Incheon, Korea, for his efforts in developing Afghan sport in recent years.

the national team and 3x3 team for men at the indoor basketball gymnasium hall at Thimphu swimming centre.

(www.bhutanolympiccommittee.org)



Brunei

National coach Joseph Kameni of Cameroon is setting his sights on developing a strong foundation for jumping events in athletics to peak during the 2019 SEA Games that Brunei will be hosting. Interim targets for athletes in the high jump, long jump, triple jump and pole vault include the 17th Asian Games at Incheon, Korea, from September 19 to October 4, 2014.

(www.bruneiolympic.org)



Bahrain

Bahrain Olympic Committee's Sports Training and Development Section held a series of courses for Physical Education teachers in cooperation with the Ministry of Education.

The programme, which was held over five days and sponsored by McDonald's, included a physical fitness course, field tests for teachers



from Al Ta'awon Secondary Body School and Al Khansa Primary Girls' School, a football course for Um Kulthoom Girls' School teachers and an athletics course for a group of coaches at Khalifa Sports City Stadium.



Cambodia

The NOC called a meeting on January 24 of the 15 national federations that will take part in the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China, in August and the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, Korea, in September-October to assess preparations, training and technical issues. The meeting was conducted by Vath Chamroeun, Under Secretary of State of the Ministry of Tourism and NOC Secretary General.

(www.noccambodia.org)



China

China's Sports Minister and COC President Liu Peng met in Beijing with IOC President Thomas Bach on the evening of November 18, 2013. The new IOC President from Germany was visiting China for three days at the invitation of the Chinese Olympic Committee and called at the 2014 YOG host city of Nanjing.

Present at the meeting were Yang Shu'an, China's Vice Sports Minister and COC Vice President, Yu Zaiqing, IOC Member in China and COC Vice President, and Song Luzeng, COC Secretary-General.

(www.olympic.cn)



Bangladesh

Bangladesh Olympic Association reports that volleyball coach Md. Emdadul Haq joined the International Coaching Course under the Olympic Solidarity Coaches' Scholarship Programme at Semmelweis University in Budapest, Hungary, from September 16 to December 6, 2013.



Bhutan

The Bhutan Basketball Federation, in collaboration with the Bhutan Olympic Committee, organised a two-hour open selection trial for





DPR Korea

The Vice Minister in charge of the General Administration of Sport in China, Yang Shu'an, met in Beijing with a visiting delegation from DPR Korea's Ministry of Physical Culture and Sport on November 26, 2013. The two sides signed the China-DPR Korea Protocol on Sports Exchanges 2014.

(www.olympic.cn)



Hong Kong, China

The Flag Presentation Ceremony for the Hong Kong, China delegation to the Sochi Olympic Winter Games was held at the President's Office of Olympic House on January 28. Hong Kong sent a seven-strong delegation to Sochi for the February 7-23 Winter Olympics, with the lone athlete being men's 1500m short track speed skater Barton Lui Pan To.

(www.hkolympic.org)



India

India's top competitor at the Winter Olympics in Sochi says not being able to compete under the national flag because of a political dispute involving the Indian Olympic Association will not harm his performance, according to The Times of India.

"In my heart and mind I'm competing for India," luge competitor Shiva Keshavan said. "Every day I'm flooded with messages from Indians all over the world telling me they are supporting me. This is enough to push me forward."



Indonesia

OCA Executive Board member and IOC member Rita Subowo led a high-powered delegation from Surabaya, Indonesia's second largest city, to present plans for the 4th Asian Youth Games in 2021 at the OCA General Assembly in Manila.



Iran

Five Iranian skiers were due to participate in the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, reports Mehr News Agency in Tehran. Mohammad Kiadarbandsari, Hossein Saveh Shemshaki and Forough Abbasi entered alpine skiing and Sattar Seid and Farzaneh Rezasoltani took part in cross country skiing.



Iraq

The Minister of Youth and Sports said the Iraqi Prime Minister, Nouri al-Maliki, planned to meet the Iraqi football team after their victory in the Asian Under-22 Championship in Oman, reports Iraqi News. In a statement reported by the Iraqiya Satellite Channel, Minister Jaafar said: "The delegation will receive a reward from the Prime Minister that includes pieces of land, IQD 10 million for each person as well as a monthly salary for 10 years."



Japan

The Japanese Olympic Committee delegation for the Sochi Winter Olympics took part in a ceremony in the presence of Prince Akishino and the President of the Japanese NOC, IOC member Tsunekazu Takeda. The delegation will be led by ski jumper Noriaki Kasai. Seiko Hashimoto, bronze medallist at the 1992 Albertville Games, has been appointed Chef de Mission. Japanese NOC leaders are pictured outside the curling venue in Sochi Olympic Park.

(www.joc.or.jp)



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Jordan

More than 50,000 sports fans cast their vote in the first 24 hours of voting for the Black Iris Sports Awards 2013, organised by the Jordan Olympic Committee to recognise sporting excellence. The public voted in five categories through the JOC Facebook page or official website, www.joc.jo. The five categories are: Best Sportsman, Best Sports-woman, Best Young Achiever (male), Best Young Achiever (female) and Best Paralympic Athlete of 2013.

(www.joc.jo)



Kazakhstan

OCA Executive Board member Natalya Sipovich of Kazakhstan, Chairperson of the OCA Women and Sport Committee, urges all NOCs in Asia to establish a Women and Sport Committee in order to promote and increase the participation of women in sport at all levels and to strengthen the network within the women and sport movement.



Korea

The Korean Olympic Committee selected veteran speed skater Lee Kyou-hyuk, 35, to carry the national flag in the opening ceremony of the Sochi Winter Olympics on February 7, reports Yonhap News.



Kuwait

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sponsored and attended the final of His Highness the Crown Prince Cup football match between Al-Qadisia and Al-Arabi at the Kuwait Sporting Club on January 28, reports the Kuwait News Agency. He was welcomed by the Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs, Sheikh Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, and Kuwait Football Association Chairman Sheikh Dr. Talal Fahad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Qatari Football Federation Chairman Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani and the chairman of the Al-Qadisia and Al-Arabi clubs.



Kyrgyzstan

One skier, Dmitry Trelevsky, was selected to represent Kyrgyzstan at the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi from February 7-23, reports the press service of the State Agency of Physical Culture and Sports. Source: Kabar National news Agency.



Laos

Laos finished eighth of 11 teams at the 27th SEA Games in Myanmar in December by winning 13 gold, 17 silver and 49 bronze medals for a total of 79.



Lebanon

The Sports and Youth Ministry sponsored the launch of the Ice on Beirut project, organised by Eventures Company, in Beirut City Mall on Friday, January 17. The representative of the caretaker Sports and Youth Minister, Joseph Saadallah, said that such a project would hopefully unite the youth of Lebanon and boost national solidarity, reports the National News Agency.



Macau, China

The Macau government rewarded successful athletes and coaches from 2013 with prize money of over 9.5 million MOP (1.2 million USD) at a celebratory banquet at the Fisherman's Wharf on January 8.



Among the prize winners was Macau's only medallist at the 2nd Asian Youth Games in Nanjing, China, last August – Chao Man Hou, who won swimming bronze in the men's 50m breaststroke. He collected 40,000 MOP (or USD 5,130), while his coach, Ying Jingli, received half that amount.

The VIP guests included Macau NOC President Charles Lo, Chairman of the OCA Media Committee and a member of the OCA Executive Board.



Malaysia

The President of the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee, Sam Gideon, and his 1st Vice President, Hajera Kajee, visited the Olympic Council of Malaysia on January 23 to discuss sports development in Malaysia and South Africa. They were in Kuala Lumpur for the Commonwealth Games Federation Extraordinary General Assembly.

Representatives of the Botswana and Rwanda NOCs visited the OCM the following day to see the OCM Museum and Hall of Fame, the Tan Sri Hamzah Arena and the Olympic Sports Hotel. Botswana NOC has plans to build an office/hotel in Gaborone and wished to study Wisma OCM as a successful model to emulate.

(www.olympic.org.my)



Maldives

The International Coaching Course of Olympic Solidarity is scheduled to be held in Hungary from March 17 to June 6, 2014 and Maldives NOC invited five National Sports Associations to nominate a candidate for consideration. The candidate from the Volleyball Association of Maldives, Ahmed Adheel, was selected to participate in the ICC Hungary Course 2014 session.

(www.nocmaldives.org)



Mongolia

Mongolia NOC organised a "BurteChono" annual Olympic Gala for honouring the top athletes and sports leaders. M Urantsetseg, Mongolia's first-ever female judo world champion, at 48 kg, was awarded the main trophy of "BurteChono" - an ancient mythical symbol of nomadic Mongolians.

The best in coaching was MrsSh.Tsevelmaa (Judo). The women's 3x3 basketball team, runner up at the Asian Championships, was named best tea.



Myanmar

Myanmar NOC received special words of praise from the OCA President during the 32nd OCA General Assembly in Manila for their success in staging the 27th SEA Games in Nay Pyi Taw and three other major cities from December 11-22, 2013 - 44 years after hosting their last international multi-sport games. Some 7,000 athletes and team officials from 11 NOCs took part in 33 sports and 460 events.



Nepal

Nepal Olympic Committee reports that Mrs. Jyoti Rana, a member of the OCA Women and Sport Committee and NOC member, attended the first IOC Women and Sport Forum for Africa and Asia in Kuwait from November 18-20



Oman

The Ministry of Sports Affairs honoured the Sultanate's individual athletes and national teams who excelled in their respective disciplines, winning laurels for the country, during 2013, reports the Times of Oman.

The annual Sports Awards Gala took place on January 28 at the Grand Hyatt in Muscat. The Minister of Sports Affairs, Sheikh Saadbin Mohammed Al Mardhouf Al Saadi, presided over the impressive ceremony, which was attended by top sports officials and other dignitaries.



Pakistan

The Pakistan Olympic Association conducted the Queen's Baton Relay programme of the XX Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, this summer at Lahore on October 16-17. The relay called at Minar-e-Pakistan, Badshahi Masjid and Lahore Fort followed by a city tour.



Palestine

Palestine took another leap towards grassroots development by organising a Mini Volleyball Festival in Ramallah supervised by coach Rani Asfour, who received support from the Universal Technical School in Ramallah.

The event took place at the Palestine Technical College for Girls, where a total of 150 children and 45 student coaches participated, including families and clubs who served as the audience during the activity.

(www.fivb.org)



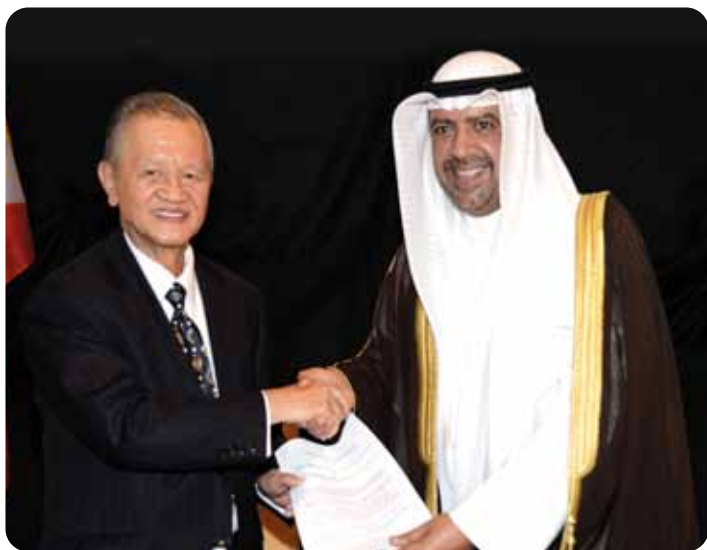
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Philippines

Under the national flags of the Philippines and Kuwait, Philippine Olympic Committee President Jose Cojuangco Jr and OCA President HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah signed a Memorandum of Agreement to establish a foundation to assist farmers and the agriculture industry in recovering from Super Typhoon Haiyan that struck the Visayas region of the Philippines on November 8. The agreement was signed on the sidelines of the OCA General Assembly meetings at the Sofitel Hotel in Manila

(www.olympic.ph).



Qatar

A Sports Law symposium was organised by the Qatar Olympic Academy at the Qatar Olympic Committee Headquarters on January 28 and attended by 47 participants. Mohammed Yousef Al Mane, President of Qatar Weightlifting Federation, distributed the appreciation certificates to the trainees and thanked HE Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, QOC Secretary General, and the Academy officials for their efforts in developing and promoting the sports movement in Qatar.

(www.olympic.qa)



Saudi Arabia

Prince Nawaf bin Faisal bin Abdulaziz, General President of Youth Welfare, announced the establishment of the Department for Social Responsibility of the General Presidency of Youth Welfare.

The announcement came during his patronisation of the closing ceremony of a forum organised by the General Presidency for Youth Welfare and Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee in collaboration with the Saudi Law Centre for Training in Riyadh in December, reports the Saudi Press Agency.

(www.saudiolympic.org.sa)



Singapore

The Singapore National Olympic Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Jessie Phua as the Chef de Mission of the Singapore contingent to the 17th Asian Games Incheon 2014.

Jessie has been an Executive Committee member of the SNOC since 2004 and served on the National Olympic Committee (NOC) Services Advisory Committee and Sports Advisory Committee of the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee.

Adding to her accolades, in 2010 she was awarded the IOC Women and Sport Achievement Diploma, recognising her efforts and contribution to empower and strengthen the participation of women and girls in sport.

(www.snoc.org.sg)



Sri Lanka

The 3rd Lusofonia Games for Portuguese-speaking NOCs and regions were held in Goa, India, from January 18-29. Sri Lanka NOC sent a team of 90 athletes and officials led by Chef de Mission Chandana Perera and team captain Rohan Sirisena, a table tennis player.

Sri Lanka won seven gold medals at the 3rd Lusofonia Games, with four in athletics and three in wushu, as well as 11 silver medals and 13 bronze for a total medal haul of 31.

(www.srilankaolympic.org)



Syria

OCA Sport For All Committee Chairman Genl. Mouwaffak Jouma received special words of praise from the OCA President during the 32nd OCA General Assembly in Manila for his efforts in maintaining the participation of Syrian athletes in sports competitions despite the violent civil unrest in the country.



Chinese Taipei

The Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee held an election on December 28, 2013, and Hong-Dow Lin, Vice President of the Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee and President of Chinese Taipei Sailing Association, was elected the 11th President of the Chinese Taipei NOC.

The new President replaces Thomas Cheng-Wei Tsai, whose eight-year tenure officially ended at the close of the year. President Tsai had served two terms.

The election was held in two phases. The first phase elected 19 Executive Board members from among 63 NOC committee members by secret ballot. In the second phase, one president and six vice presidents from among the newly-elected EB members were chosen by vote.

On January 28, the Director General of Sports Administration at the Ministry of Physical Education, Mr Jow-Fei Ho, presented the Chinese Taipei NOC flag to Mr Hong-Dow Lin ahead of the Sochi Winter Olympics. (www.tpenoc.net)



Tajikistan

Asia-Plus reports from Dushanbe that Tajik athletes won two gold and two silver medals at the IX World Kurash Senior Championships in Istanbul, Turkey, in December. Wrestlers from 50 countries took part.

Komronsho Ustopiriyon won the -90 kg category, defeating Iran's Ali Mohammadniya in the final, and Saidjalol Saidov took gold in the -81kg category, beating Uzbekistan's Bektosh Safarov in the final. Ismoil Boymurodov (-66kg) and Muhammadmurod Abdurahmonov (over 100 kg) won silver medals for Tajikistan.



Thailand

Thailand NOC sent 726 athletes and 300 team officials to the 27th SEA Games in Myanmar in December and finished on top of the medal standings with 107 gold, 94 silver and 81 medals for a total of 282. (www.fivb.org)



Timor Leste

Timor Leste finished 10th of 11 teams in the 27th SEA Games in Myanmar in December by winning two gold, three silver and five bronze medals for a total of 10, ahead of Brunei (1-1-6-8) in the final rankings.



Turkmenistan

The National Taekwondo Championships took place in the Turkmen capital in January and over 120 athletes from Ashgabat and other regions took part. It was organised by the State Committee for Sport, the National Taekwondo Federation and the Central Council of Magtymguly Youth Organisation.



United Arab Emirates

The UAE NOC is backing a project by Repton School Dubai to raise diabetes awareness and promote physical activity. "We want to be more involved in such initiatives that will help our younger generation grow up with the right principles for healthy living," said Mohammad Al Kamali, general secretary, UAE NOC.



"We have several other initiatives that help inculcate healthy living, but this project at Repton School needs to be lauded as it seeks to address a crucial section of society." (www.uaenoc.net)



Uzbekistan

Uzbek wrestler Elmurad Toshmurodov won a bronze medal in the under 59kg category of the Greco-Roman Grand Prix series in Tyumen, Russia. Around 200 athletes from 10 countries took part, reports the Uzbekistan National News Agency.



Vietnam

Vietnam finished third of 11 teams in the final medal rankings at the 27th SEA Games in Myanmar by winning 73 gold, 86 silver and 86 bronze for a total of 245, behind table-topping Thailand and second-placed Myanmar on gold medals but ahead of Indonesia in fourth and Malaysia in fifth place. (www.voc.org.vn)



Yemen

Yemen Ladies Club represented the country in the 2nd Arab Women's Sports Tournament in Sharjah, UAE, in February. A total of 14 nations took part in the event, which was organised to promote women's sport in the Arab world. Seven sports were contested.

2014



Sochi, Russian Federation: March 07 - 16
XI Paralympic Winter Games



Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: March 17 - 19
IOC Coordination Commission



Lausanne, Switzerland: March 24 - 26
Symposium for Anti-Doping Organizations



Nanjing, China: March 26 - 28
CDM Seminar for 2nd Youth Olympic Games



Kuwait : March 31
63rd ANOC Executive Council Meeting



Kuwait: March 31
Olympic Solidarity Commission Meeting



Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan: April 4
Incheon 2014 - Asian Games Fun Run



Antalya, Belek, Turkey: April 06 - 11
12th SportAccord International Convention



Antalya, Belek, Turkey: April 09
Joint Meeting IOC - ASOIF - AIOWF



Incheon, Korea: April 09
OCA Media Committee



Antalya, Belek, Turkey: April 09 - 11
IOC Executive Board Meeting



Monaco: April 09 - 12
IOC World Conference on Prevention of Injury and Illness in Sport



Incheon, Korea: April 10
World Press Briefing for 17th Asian Games 2014



Bahrain: May 7 - 8
OS/OCA Forum for West, South and Central Asian NOCs



Myanmar: May 11 - 12
OS/OCA Forum for East and South East Asian NOCs



Helsinki, Finland: June 12 - 15
6th World Conference on Women and Sport



PyeongChang, Korea: June 29 - July 02
Debriefing of Sochi Olympic Games



Lausanne, Switzerland: July 08 - 09
IOC Executive Board Meeting



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



Nanjing, China: August 18
64th ANOC Executive Council Meeting



PyeongChang, Korea: September 16 - 18
IOC Coordination Commission



Incheon, Korea: September 19 - October 04
17th Asian Games, Incheon 2014



Bangkok, Thailand: November 05
65th ANOC Executive Council Meeting



Bangkok, Thailand: November 06
20th ANOC General Assembly



Phuket, Thailand: November 14 - 23
4th Asian Beach Games, Phuket 2014

2015



Singapore: June 05 - 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 09 - 25
XXIII Olympic Winter Games

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Vietnam (Dates to be confirmed)
18th Asian Games