ASIAN CELEBRATION AT YOG

CHINA, JAPAN, IRAN IN TOP 10

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(Photo: Buenos Aires 2018)
ASIA’S ATHLETES SHOW STRONG COMMITMENT FOR THE FUTURE

I was very happy to attend – and to declare open – our OCA Athletes’ Forum in Tokyo on Saturday, November 24.

The two-day forum proved to be very productive and informative for the delegates and we hope that its purposes will be served in the near future.

This means that the National Olympic Committees that do not have their own Athletes’ Commission will do so soon, and that NOCs already with an Athletes’ Commission will have more tools to work with and more opportunities to expand their activities and their influence.

This is something the Olympic movement as a whole is working towards, and I have every confidence that Asia will be at the forefront of this new-found momentum to make sure that active athletes and retired athletes alike have a larger say in the decision-making process at all levels.

This requires initiative, ambition and a clear set of goals from our athlete pioneers and, at the same time, full cooperation and support from the NOC and from other key stakeholders in the movement.

Our work will not be complete until all 45 NOCs in Asia have their own elected Athletes’ Commission and these commissions have a representative on the NOC Executive Board to make their voices heard.

The OCA recognises and appreciates that our athletes are at the heart of the movement, and everything we do at an administrative level on a daily basis throughout the continent is aimed at providing the best environment and conditions in which our athletes can compete.

My message to the 79 delegates from 44 NOCs at the Athletes’ Forum is to maintain this momentum and build on the foundations that have been laid.

The Olympic Council of Asia, together with our partners in the movement, is ready to support and advise you in your noble mission.

Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah
President, Olympic Council of Asia
INTERPOL and the IOC provided training to enhance Malaysia’s efforts in investigating and sanctioning competition manipulation in sports. The two-day event on October 16-17 brought together more than 130 representatives from Malaysian law enforcement, government, betting entities and sports organisations, as well as representatives from Indonesia, and was held in close cooperation with the Olympic Council of Malaysia and other stakeholders.

(https://www.interpol.int)

BAHRAIN Olympic Committee’s Olympic Academy organised a sports management course in Seef. Sixteen sports officials – representing national sports associations, the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport and the BOC – attended the course. The themes were: human resources, strategic management and sports management, financial affairs management and sports activities management.

(www.boc.bh)

IJF President Marius Vizer paid an official visit from November 1-4 to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, whose judo federation was created in 1976 and has more than 7,000 registered athletes in 12 centres and 28 clubs. The International Judo Federation President was greeted by BG Mr Khalid bin Abdullah Al Oraibi, President of the Saudi Arabia Judo Federation, and other leading officials.

(https://www.ijf.org)
JORDAN Olympic Committee Secretary General Nasser Majali (left) and Muhannad Al Nabulsi, Head of Legal and Compliance with Samsung Electronics Levant, signed a sponsorship agreement at the Olympic Preparations Centre in Amman. Al Nabulsi said Samsung was proud to support such a dynamic sports organisation as the JOC.

PHILIPPINES NOC held a seminar on sports law at the Meralco Mini Theater in Pasig City. Sports officials, coaches and athletes embraced the knowledge imparted by Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) member Enrico Pedro Ingles, his son and fellow lawyer Ignatius Michael “Mickey” Ingles and POC general counsel Alberto Agra. The four-hour discussion focused mostly on the rights and privileges of athletes and the obligations and duties of coaches.

JAPANESE Olympic Committee President Tsunekazu Takeda and Uruguayan Olympic Committee President Julio Cesar Maglione signed a partnership agreement on October 10 at the Embassy of Uruguay in Buenos Aires, Argentina. According to the agreement, both parties will actively support officials, staff and their own athletes and coaches so that they can benefit from exchange programmes and opportunities. The two NOCs will also exchange knowledge and information in medical science and anti-doping as well as sharing Olympic Movement information. The JOC has now signed agreements with 45 NOCs.

SYRIAN swimmer Ayman Klzie, who is based at the Than-yapura sports complex in Phuket, Thailand, has seen his FINA training scholarship extended by six months so he can fine-tune his preparations for the 14th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) in Hangzhou, China from December 11-16. Put forward by his National Federation, Aleppo-born Ayman, 25, is hoping to qualify for Tokyo 2020.

(www.joc.jo)

(www.joc.or.jp)

(https://olympic.ph)

(www.fina.org)

(www.iosc.or.jp)
OCA Vice President Timothy Fok welcomed the Chief Executive of the Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong, China, Mrs Carrie Lam, to a joint celebration of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, of which Mr Fok is President. The event, on September 17, was to laud Hong Kong’s record haul of 46 medals at the 18th Asian Games and to hand over the Bauhinia flag to the Hong Kong delegation heading to the 3rd Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

MONGOLIA NOC co-organised the 60th anniversary of the Mongolian Ski Federation at Olympic House in Ulaanbaatar in the presence of winter Olympians and local and foreign guests. During the ceremony, the first-ever documentary film about Olympic skiing in the country was shown, and a snow gala was held at the Dugana Had training camp near Ulaanbaatar.

KAZAKHSTAN NOC and UNESCO Almaty will strengthen efforts around sport-based initiatives for further development and promotion of four main areas following a joint meeting. The four areas are education, sport for all, gender equality and the fight against doping.

(www.olympic.kz)
CHINESE world champion Xu Jiayu broke the world record in the men's 100m backstroke by clocking a sizzling 48.88 seconds at the FINA Swimming World Cup 2018 short-course (25m) meet in Tokyo on November 11. Xu, who won five gold medals at the 18th Asian Games in Indonesia, said the victory was a confidence-booster ahead of the 14th FINA short-course world championships in Hangzhou, China, from December 11-16.

(www.fina.org)

KYRGYZSTAN NOC’s gift of a yurt to IOC President Thomas Bach has been inaugurated in the Olympic capital of Lausanne during a ceremony attended by Kyrgyzstan NOC President Sharshenbek Abdykerimov and city officials.

(www.olympic.org)

MACAU held its ninth annual sports carnival on Sunday, October 21 and the Sports and Olympic Committee of Macau, China, was one of 70 organisations to host a promotional kiosk in the day-long festival. VIP guests included Macau NOC President Charles Lo (pictured with staff) and Macau SAR Government Sports Bureau President Pun Weng Kun.
BHUTAN NOC PRESIDENT PRINCE JIGYEL ELECTED IOC MEMBER

The International Olympic Committee elected nine new members at the 133rd IOC Session in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on October 9.

The nine included the President of the Bhutan Olympic Committee, HRH Prince Jigyel Ugyen Wangchuck, and 24-year-old Samira Asghari from Afghanistan NOC. They were elected following a proposal by the IOC Executive Board in July 2018.

The charismatic young Prince Jigyel has made a big impact in the sports world since becoming Bhutan NOC President in August 2009. The 34-year-old prince is a sports fanatic, practising basketball, football, archery, cycling and shooting, and played for an A-League basketball team in Bhutan.

As a sports leader, HRH initiated and organised the first Tour of the Dragon in 2010, a mountain bike race covering 268km, from central to western Bhutan, and assisted in the development of The King’s Challenge, an epic 14-day journey across the most challenging and less explored terrains of Bhutan, in 2013.

At the continental level, he became a member of the OCA Peace Through Sport Committee in 2012 and was appointed Chairman of the OCA International Relations Committee in 2015 – a position which elevated him to the OCA Executive Board. The OCA family congratulates HRH Prince Jigyel on his election as IOC Member and wishes him all success in his new role as a leader of the global Olympic Movement.

In other news:

The nine new IOC members also included Morinari Watanabe (Japan), President of the International Gymnastics Federation.

Three IOC members were re-elected after serving eight years: HH Amir Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani (QAT), HRH Prince Feisal Al Hussein (JOR) and Mrs Marisol Casado (ESP).

HRH Prince Tunku Imran (MAS), who was elected IOC Member in 2006, will finish his term of office at the end of 2018 because of the age limit. He will become IOC Honorary Member from January 1, 2019.

PYEONGCHANG IN PROFIT

The President of the PyeongChang 2018 Organising Committee, Lee Hee-beom, announced that POCOG achieved a surplus of at least 55 million USD.

“We congratulate the Organising Committee of the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 for the organisation of outstanding Olympic Winter Games, which were extremely successful in all respects,” said IOC President Thomas Bach.

“In recognition of these great achievements, the IOC will contribute its share of the surplus for the benefit of sport in Korea.”

Any surplus from the organisation of the Games is normally divided between the IOC, the Organising Committee and the host NOC for the benefit of sport and the Olympic Movement.

REFUGEE TEAM FOR TOKYO 2020

The IOC will welcome a Refugee Olympic Team to Tokyo 2020 after the success of the first initiative at Rio 2016.

The IOC Session mandated Olympic Solidarity to establish the conditions for participation and define the identification and selection process of the team.

These elements will be carried out in close collaboration with the NOCs, the International Sport Federations, the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee and the UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR.

“We will do our utmost to welcome refugee athletes and give them a home and a flag in the Olympic Village in Tokyo with all the Olympic athletes from 206 National Olympic Committees.” said IOC President Thomas Bach.
TRAIL-BLAZER SAMIRA IS PRIDE OF AFGHANISTAN

At the youthful age of 24, Samira Asghari of Afghanistan has done it all — and yet her journey in the global Olympic movement is just beginning after being elected IOC Member.

“I am very excited,” she said. “Women everywhere, and especially women in those countries who are suffering from war, insecurity, cultural and many other problems, need support and we should join hands with them.

“I am working for the future of all athletes around the world, especially those in need, like in Afghanistan.”

Samira, who excelled at basketball and became captain of the women’s national team, added: “I have the desire to work for the athletes. I’ve been working for the NOC and the sports minister, and I was also a player on the national basketball team.

“It’s very nice that the athletes see that somebody young like them is trying to help them.”

IOC President Thomas Bach could not hide his pride in the rise of this energetic and pioneering young woman.

“She’s a lady who is doing a fantastic job to promote women’s sport in Afghanistan,” he said.

“You know very well that this is not very easy for many reasons in this country.

“But this is a good move, a first move, even if we can bring the spirit of sport this is a great achievement for Afghanistan and the IOC,” he said.
The third OCA Athletes’ Forum took place in Tokyo on November 24-25 and could be regarded as a success even before the opening ceremony. This was due to several reasons.

*The first was that 44 out of 45 National Olympic Committees sent delegates – an encouraging sign of the commitment to the cause of athlete empowerment and recognition by the NOCs.

*The second was that, of the 79 delegates, 40 were female and 39 male – proving that the OCA’s drive for gender equality is well on track.

*Third, the delegates included many active athletes, among them a double Olympic champion from China, a silver medal-winner from the Philippines and a history-making bronze medallist from Iran.

Wu Jingyu, Olympic taekwondo champion in 2008 and 2012, was in Tokyo representing the Chinese Olympic Committee in her role as Vice President of the Chinese Taekwondo Association.

Another well-known face was weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz, who won a silver medal for the Philippines at Rio 2016 and was crowned champion at the 18th Asian Games in Jakarta.

The sport of taekwondo provided another Asian sports hero at the forum in Kimia Alizadeh, who became the first Iranian woman to win an Olympic Games medal with a bronze at Rio 2016.

With other Olympians and Asian Games athletes from a variety of sports such as swimming and archery to be found around the classroom at the National Training Centre, it was clear that the new wave of athletes is ready and prepared to make a difference.

OLYMPIC MEDAL-WINNERS JOIN FO
One of the highlights was the appearance of IOC President Thomas Bach on the second morning of the forum.

After giving a short address, during which he highlighted the “historic achievement” of the adoption of the Athletes’ Declaration regarding rights and responsibilities, the IOC President answered half a dozen questions from the floor.

His clear message was “Raise your voice – speak on your own behalf”, while stressing the importance of Athletes’ Commission elections to gain full recognition, respect and authority as a major decision-maker in the Olympic movement.

The forum comprised a series of presentations and break-out workshops in which each group of athletes would produce a list of findings and recommendations.

From these, the OCA Athletes’ Commission Chairman, Koji Murofushi, compiled the Tokyo 2018 Recommendations aimed at empowering the work of Athletes’ Commissions around Asia working in partnership with the OCA and other key stakeholders.

The forum ended on a high note with a pledge to meet again by the end of 2020, by which time it was hoped that all 45 NOCs in the OCA would have an effective and active Athletes’ Commission.
OCA WOMEN AND SPORT COMMITTEE STEPS UP EFFORTS FOR MORE FEMALE REPRESENTATION

The OCA Women and Sport Committee held an interesting and informative meeting at the Prince Sakura Tower Hotel in Tokyo on Tuesday, November 27.

Under the leadership of Natalya Sipovich of Kazakhstan, members discussed the activities of the women and sport movement in the various zones of the OCA.

They also heard the problems and obstacles facing the progress of the movement in certain regions, and discussed the best ways to tackle these issues.

In a bid to increase the percentage of females in leadership roles in National Olympic Committees and in the composition of the OCA’s standing committees for the next four-year cycle, Mrs Sipovich confirmed the contents of two letters to the OCA President with her committee members.

Thanking Sheikh Ahmad for his “great efforts” in developing the Olympic movement in Asia and for promoting women in sport at all levels through gender equality, Mrs Sipovich says the aim of her committee is to meet the minimum target of 30 percent female representation in governing bodies by 2020, as set out in the IOC’s Olympic Agenda 2020.

“Our committee is confident we will achieve our goal of gender equality in sport in Asia using concrete actions and strong political commitment by all sports leaders,” says Mrs Sipovich.

A special guest at the meeting was the newly elected IOC Member Samira Asghari of Afghanistan, who pledged to assist as much as possible in the causes and concerns of the OCA Women and Sport Committee at the highest level of the Olympic Movement. There are now six female IOC Members from Asia: two from China and one each from India, Thailand, Philippines and Afghanistan.

The OCA Women and Sport Committee enjoy the Japanese surroundings in the gardens of the vast hotel complex following their annual meeting in the Prince Sakura Tower.

INDONESIA

The Secretary General of the Indonesian Olympic Committee, Hellen Sarita de Lima, provided details on the women and sport scene in her home country, from the representation of female athletes at the Asian Games, the number of medals won, the number of volunteers and the composition of the organising committee.

CHINESE TAIPEI

CTOC Secretary General Jackie Shen is organising an international conference on safe sport and invited OCA Women and Sport Committee members to attend. The conference is aimed at drawing attention to the “very delicate issue” of sexual harassment and abuse in sport, particularly between coach and athlete, and to provide education and awareness.

NEPAL

NOC Vice President Jyoti Rota said the NOC’s Women and Sport Committee will visit the far west of the country next spring to offer support and education to a community in which girls and women are forced out of their home during menstruation, leaving them vulnerable to attacks by wild animals and even to rape. Mrs Rana said that mothers had to take their children with them and sleep in huts in the mountains in a remote area, accessible by a 20-hour drive from Kathmandu.
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OCA VP TIMOTHY FOK RECEIVES OLYMPIC ORDER IN SILVER

The Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, held a special celebration for their President, Timothy Fok, at the Artyzen Club in the Shun Tak Centre on Monday, November 19.

The occasion was to mark the award of the Olympic Order in Silver to Mr Fok for his long and distinguished service to the Olympic movement in Hong Kong, China, Asia and the world.

IOC Vice President Yu Zaiqing made the ceremonial presentation of the award to Mr Fok in Hong Kong in the presence of distinguished sports leaders from home and overseas.

Mr Fok, 72, was an IOC Member from 2001 to 2016 and became an Honorary Member in 2017.

He is President of both the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, and of the Hong Kong, China Football Association. He has been Vice President of the OCA representing East Asia since 1999 and is regarded as “the right-hand man” of the OCA President.

During his time with the IOC, Timothy has been a member of the coordination commissions for the Olympic Games in Beijing 2008 and Rio 2016 and is a member of the same commission for the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.

OCA SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA NOC, OS OVER ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The Russian Olympic Committee signed agreements with the Olympic Council of Asia and Olympic Solidarity in Moscow to boost anti-doping efforts.

The agreements will provide educational activities to ensure an anti-doping culture among athletes, coaches and specialists in Russia.

The deal covers all the Commonwealth of Independent States – Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, Moldova, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Russia. Georgia and the Baltic States will also benefit from the joint programmes.

"Today we have agreed on practical steps to implement a zero-tolerance policy for doping, including through educational activities for athletes, coaches and other professionals," said ROC President Stanislav Pozdnyakov.

H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, President of the OCA, was present at a meeting to sign the agreements.

He was joined by OCA Director General Husain Al Musallam and Pere Miro, IOC Deputy Director General and head of NOC relations.

Sheikh Ahmad and ROC President Stanislav Pozdnyakov sign the agreement.
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ASIA’S YOUNG SPORTS LEADERS ATTEND SAKHALIN SUMMIT

The host city of the upcoming 1st Winter Children of Asia International Sports Games organised the 2nd International Summit of Young Professionals in Sport at Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Sakhalin Region, from September 17-21.

The summit was organised by the Children of Asia Games International Committee in cooperation with the Sakhalin Government and under the auspices of the Olympic Council of Asia. The summit HQ was the Mega Palace Hotel.

The main themes were dedicated to winter sports and their development across Asia, as well as the organisation of sports events and their legacy.

The summit was attended by over 30 participants, aged 35 and younger, from NOCs and sports ministries of 19 countries representing OCA and EOC members: Afghanistan, Armenia, Bhutan, Cambodia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Russia, Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan and Vietnam.

The format was based on working in groups to elaborate on chosen projects and then making a presentation.

Participants also visited the main venues of the 1st Winter Children of Asia International Sports Games, which will be held in Sakhalin, Russian Federation, from February 8-17, 2019.

The next summit is planned for autumn 2019 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia and will be dedicated to the 7th Children of Asia Games to be held there in August 2020.

For more information:
http://en.cagic.org/games/sakhalin_2019
THANKS A MILLION, BUENOS AIRES!

The IOC’s 3rd Youth Olympic Games took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from October 6-18 and attracted 4,000 athletes from 206 National Olympic Committees. Over 1 million spectators attended the third edition of the summer YOG, including 215,000 who flocked to the first-ever Olympic Opening Ceremony to be held in the streets of a city. Read all about Asia at YOG 2018 in Sporting Asia’s eight-page coverage. (Photo: IOC)
The IOC’s third edition of the summer Youth Olympic Games pointed the way to the future on several fronts.

First, of course, were the athletes. Across 32 sports at eight competition venues, the YOG athletes – aged between 15 and 18 – produced top-class action and entertainment for the 1 million+ spectators.

Regarding stars of tomorrow, look no further than Japan’s Takeru Kitazono, who won no fewer than five gold medals in artistic gymnastics and who seems certain to continue the Japanese gymnastics dynasty at the very highest level of competition.

Buenos Aires 2018 also provided the platform for the IOC to introduce some new, innovative and youth-oriented sports into the programme. In this respect, the sport of breaking – better known as break dancing – was a massive hit and could well be added to the full Olympic Games programme after Tokyo 2020.

Other new sports – new for the Olympics, that is, but already well-established in the OCA programme – included sport climbing, roller sports and karate, while new disciplines and events such as BMX freestyle, kiteboarding, beach handball, futsal and acrobatic gymnastics reflected the passions of the so-called “Game Changers” - a new generation of athletes and fans.

With sport climbing, karate and BMX freestyle preparing to make their full Olympic debut in Tokyo, the YOG showed again that the event is at the forefront of sport innovation, testing new concepts and building a legacy on which to expand.

Mixed gender events have also been included since the inaugural YOG in Singapore and have earned a place in the Tokyo 2020 sports programme through the triathlon relay, mixed team judo, mixed team shooting, mixed team archery and mixed team fencing.

The YOG also set a precedent for gender equality with, for the first time in Olympic history, an equal number of male and female athletes among the 4,000 participants competing in 32 sports in total.

In line with the Olympic Agenda 2020 strategic roadmap of IOC President Thomas Bach, stadiums were compact and located in four parks, enabling easy – and free - access for the spectators. The venues incorporated an urban park cluster, setting the scene for Tokyo 2020, and the opening and closing ceremonies were also innovative and cost-effective.

The opening ceremony was the first in modern Olympic history to be held in the streets of a city, at the iconic Obelisk monument on Avenida 9 de Julio in Buenos Aires, and 215,000 spectators joined in the celebration.

The closing ceremony, on the other hand, took place in the Youth Olympic Village, putting the athletes at the heart of the YOG festivities in an intimate environment.

“We said in Olympic Agenda 2020 that the sport of the future has to go where the people are,” said IOC President Bach, on the eve of the YOG.

“It is a very modern programme which demonstrates that we wanted to take these Youth Olympic Games as a laboratory for testing new sports, new events and to see how they fit into such an event.”

His conclusion? “It was a fantastic Youth Olympic Games,” he said at the closing ceremony.

“I would like to say thank you, dear athletes, for your great performances, for your fair play, for your Olympic spirit. You were really the best.”

### Facts and Figures from YOG Buenos Aires 2018

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| Schoolchildren attending the YOG | 200,000                                         |
| Cultural/Educational activities for fans at venues | 1,200
| Motto                         | Feel The Future                                   |
OLYMPIC FUTURE

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Legend: Gold Medal Silver Medal Bronze Medal
GRIPPING EXPERIENCE: Sport Climbing is not new to OCA events, but its spectacular debut at the YOG whet the appetite for Tokyo 2020 where it joins the full medal programme. Packed crowds, tense and thrilling action...get your tickets for Tokyo 2020 as soon as possible!

THE BMX FACTOR: The spectacular track at Urban Park showcased another new YOG discipline that will join the Tokyo 2020 programme – BMX Freestyle. In another innovation, the schedule kicked off with the mixed team event featuring eight pairs of one woman and one man from the same or different NOCs.

BREAKING NEWS: Le Minh Hieu of Vietnam (nickname B4) in action during the breaking mixed team gold medal match. Break dancing proved to be very popular with athletes and spectators alike.
FAMOUS FIVE: Just like seven-a-side rugby and 3x3 basketball, five-a-side hockey could be next to join the Olympic Games. Although hockey 5s made its debut at the Nanjing YOG 2014, the shorter format was speeded up for Buenos Aires 2018 with matches reduced from three periods of 15 minutes to two of 10. Malaysia won the men’s gold medal and India took home two silver medals.

SILVER KITE: The new YOG sailing event of Kiteboarding brought a silver medal for Christian Tio of the Philippines in the IKA Twin Tip: Racing Class. The 17-year-old Filipino-Norwegian from Boracay spent four weeks training in the Dominican Republic and four weeks in Argentina to prepare for the YOG and his hard work paid off.
TAKERU KITAZONO (JAPAN)

Aged 15 at the time of the YOG – he turned 16 on October 21 – the Japanese gymnast won an incredible five gold medals: men’s all around, floor exercise, rings, parallel bars and horizontal bar. Standing 1.46m and weighing 42kg, Kitazono is regarded as the next Kohei Uchimura in his home country – and now, after his performance in Buenos Aires, around the world of artistic gymnastics.

(Photo: IOC/OIS)

LIN SHAN (CHINA)

The future of diving in China is in safe hands with 17-year-old Lin Shan, who entered three events and came away with three gold medals. After winning the women’s 10m platform and 3m springboard double, Lin joined forces with Colombia’s Daniel Garcia Restrepo to claim victory in the mixed international team event and complete a golden hat trick – not bad for a young woman who admits she is scared of heights!

(Photo: IOC/OIS)
Asia’s Stars of Tomorrow at the YOG

MANU BHAKER (INDIA)

India were the hottest shots of the YOG, earning a podium place in five of the six events – and Manu Bhaker was the only athlete to win two medals in shooting: gold in the women’s 10m air pistol and silver in the 10m air pistol mixed international team event with Bezhon Fayzullaev of Tajikistan. “There is no secret in the success of the India shooting team,” Bhaker, 16, said. “This is only made possible by our hard work.”

(Photo: IOC/OIS)

GOH JIN WEI (MALAYSIA)

The 2017 SEA Games badminton champion Goh Jin Wei hit her target of winning Malaysia’s first-ever official gold medal at the YOG by beating China’s Wang Zhiyi 16-21, 21-13, 21-19 in the women’s final. “I was so looking forward to winning the first YOG gold for my country,” Goh, 18, said. “I hope I can perform well at senior level in the future.” A few weeks later she claimed her second world junior title. (Photo: IOC/OIS)
‘FEELING THE FUTURE’ WITH IRAN’S NEW GENERATION

By Shokoofeh Mousavi
Member, International Sports Press Association (AIPS)

Judging by the results at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, it seems clear that Iran has a bright future in Olympic sports.

Iran went to Argentina with 49 athletes, competing in 17 sports. They were full of hope and motivation and tried their utmost as young athletes representing their country on the global Olympic stage.

Their efforts and their attitude earned an historic result, as Iran finished seventh in the list of 206 National Olympic Committees with seven gold medals, three silver and four bronze medals for 14 total medals. The gold medals came in taekwondo (3), wrestling (2), karate (1) and weightlifting (1).

At the 2014 YOG in Nanjing, Iran finished in 24th place with three gold and three bronze medals, so their performance in Buenos Aires brought an improvement of 17 places in the global medal standings.

The 14 medals were won in taekwondo, wrestling, weightlifting, karate and gymnastics, suggesting a golden future is just around the corner in a wide variety of Olympic sports. Their karate athletes were particularly impressive, winning one gold medal and three bronze medals as the sport prepares for its Olympic Games debut at Tokyo 2020.

But it wasn’t just about the medals. All 49 athletes were part of a new generation. Reza Bohloulzade, 17, was the first man from Iran to win a gymnastics medal in Olympic competition – a bronze in the men’s pommel horse.

His success conveyed the real meaning of “feeling the future” – in line with the YOG motto of “Feel the Future”.

In his team talk to the athletes and coaches on the first day of the YOG, Iran NOC President Salehi Amiri said: “Don’t worry too much about winning medals; just focus on gaining new experience and try to do the best you can. All of you are champions!”

For my part, having lived with Iran’s 49 young athletes during the Youth Olympic Games 2018, I learned so much and have stored many pictures in my mind.

Now, I can say with courage and confidence: Feel the Future with all our young champions!
The President of the Association of National Olympic Committees, HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, told the 23rd ANOC General Assembly in Tokyo on November 28 that he was stepping down “for a while” as President.

His announcement, in front of a full house of 206 NOCs and 1,400 delegates in total, came just before the General Assembly was about to hold an election for President and Senior Vice President for the term 2018-2022.

Despite passionate calls from the floor to re-elect Sheikh Ahmad as President and then allow him to step aside, the delegates eventually agreed to the proposal of the ANOC Electoral Commission to postpone the election until a later date. Sheikh Ahmad was the only candidate.

Sheikh Ahmad repeated his belief that the decision to temporarily step aside was in the best interest of the NOC family and Olympic Movement. He reiterated that he strenuously denied the allegations against him and that he had full trust in the Swiss legal system.

The ANOC General Assembly opened with addresses from Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, IOC President Thomas Bach, Sheikh Ahmad and Japanese Olympic Committee President Tsunekazu Takeda.

The two-day General Assembly included final reports from the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics and updates from future Olympic Games hosts, among them Tokyo 2020 and Beijing 2022.

IOC Vice President Yu Zaiqing of China reported on the activities of the Olympic Council of Asia in 2018, focusing on the successful 18th Asian Games in Indonesia and incorporating a video compilation of the Fun Run series and sports highlights.

The 25th ANOC General Assembly will be held in Seoul in 2020, hopefully with the joint participation of DPRK NOC, following the 24th General Assembly in San Diego, California, next October.

The Japanese Olympic Committee hosted a welcome reception for over 1,000 delegates at the ICC Pamir on Tuesday, November 27, the eve of the 23rd ANOC General Assembly. Check out the Photo Gallery by Kim Minjae, ANOC and OCA photographer.
ANOC World Beach Games

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN’ - EXCITEMENT MOUNTS FOR ANOC WORLD BEACH GAMES

The Chairman of the ANOC Events Working Group, Timothy Fok, believes the inaugural ANOC World Beach Games – San Diego 2019 will be the realisation of a dream.

“This has been our focus for three years,” he told a meeting of the working group in Tokyo on November 26.

“We have enjoyed excellent cooperation with the organising committee and we can feel the excitement building. The ANOC World Beach Games will present new disciplines in sea, sand and action sports and will create new stars for a new generation of sports fans.

“We are very confident we will have a wonderful ANOC World Beach Games – San Diego 2019,” added the Hong Kong, China NOC President, before declaring Hong Kong’s interest in hosting the second ANOC WBG in 2021.

Featuring 17 disciplines in 15 sports, the first ANOC World Beach Games will be held from October 10-14, 2019 at Mission Beach in San Diego, with over 1,300 athletes from some 100 NOCs in about 35 medal events.

Combining a dynamic sports presentation with music and fun under the California sun, this new addition to the Olympic sports calendar is sure to prove popular for athletes, officials and spectators alike.

Olympic Games broadcaster NBC has committed to 48 hours of coverage in the US market, and two hours of live coverage every day.

Dates for your diary in 2019: Chefs de Mission Seminar – April 7-10; ANOC commissions and working groups – October 6-8; ANOC General Assembly and Awards – October 9-10; ANOC World Beach Games – October 10-14.

ELEVEN ASIAN NOCS QUALIFY FOR ANOC WORLD BEACH GAMES

A total of 44 National Olympic Committees from all five Olympic continents have so far qualified for the ANOC World Beach Games San Diego 2019, the Association of National Olympic Committees announced on November 9. The 11 Asian NOCs that have qualified so far are:

People’s Republic of China: Basketball 3X3 Female and Male Teams
Hong Kong, China: Individual Kata - Female - Grace Lau Mo-sheng/Male – Chris Cheng Tsz-man
Indonesia: Individual Kata - Female - Nawar Kautsar Matsura; Basketball 3X3 Female Team; Shortboard Surfing 1 Male Athlete
Iran: Basketball 3X3 Female Team
Japan: Individual Kata - Female - Kiyou Shimizu/Male – Ryo Kiyuna; Shortboard Surfing 2 Female and 2 Male Athletes
Jordan: Basketball 3X3 Male Team
Kuwait: Individual Kata - Male - Sayed Salman Al Mosawi
Malaysia: Individual Kata - Female - Celine Lee Xin Yi
Mongolia: Basketball 3X3 Female and Male Teams

Qatar: Basketball 3X3 Male Team

Malaysia’s Celine Lee Xin Yi has qualified for the ANOC World Beach Games (Photo: Sports247.my)
‘QUEEN YUNA’ WINS ANOC’S OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARD

One of Asia’s most celebrated winter sports stars, Korean figure skater Kim Yuna, received the “Outstanding Performance” trophy at the ANOC Awards 2018 in Tokyo on November 28.

The 28-year-old national treasure, known affectionately as “Queen Yuna” in her home country, dazzled the world in winning gold at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics and followed up with a silver at Sochi 2014 before retiring from competition.

Kim then played a leading role as Ambassador for the Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, Korea, last February and had the honour of lighting the cauldron at the opening ceremony.

Her appearance at the ANOC Awards drew gasps and cheers from the audience in the Hiten Hall of the Grand Prince Hotel New Takanawa as they acknowledged one of Asia’s most successful and popular sports personalities in Olympic history.

Kim said: “It is a privilege to receive this award from ANOC and I want to share this moment with all the figure skaters in the world.

“2018 has been a truly memorable year for me. To witness the Olympic Winter Games in my country was incredibly special on its own, but to be given the honour of lighting the cauldron at the PyeongChang 2018 opening ceremony is something I will cherish forever.”

The unified women’s ice hockey team from Korea and DPR Korea at PyeongChang 2018 won the ANOC award for

Inspiring Hope through Sport. Park Jong-ah (Korea) and Kim Un Hyang (DPRK) accepted the award on behalf of their teammates.

Park said: “The unification at PyeongChang was a historic moment for North and South Korea. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the Olympic Movement for its role in bringing us closer together. I truly hope that our two countries can build on this momentum and work together in many other areas in the future.”

Kim added: “To be part of the unified Korean ice hockey team in PyeongChang and to walk together under a unified flag at the opening ceremony makes me incredibly proud. The collaboration in PyeongChang was an extraordinary sign of peace and a historic moment both inside and outside of sport.”

Singapore and Malaysia were among six NOCs around the world to receive the ANOC Diploma for making their Winter Olympics debut in PyeongChang.
ANOC General Assembly
ANOC Awards 2018

ANOC Awards 2018

Female Team: Sweden Curling
Male Team: USA Curling
Most Successful NOC: Norway
Inspiring Hope through Sport: Unified Korean Women’s Ice Hockey Team
Female Athlete: Arianna Fontana (Italy, short track)
Male Athlete: Shaun White (USA, snowboard)
Outstanding Performance: Kim Yuna (Korea, figure skating)
Outstanding Athlete: Bjørn Dæhlie (Norway, cross-country skiing)
Contribution to the Olympic Movement: Mario Pescante
The third and final day of the ANOC General Assembly was a breath of fresh air – quite literally, on the venue tour for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

On a glorious autumnal morning in the Japanese capital, with bright sunshine in a clear blue sky, the delegates were given a four-hour tour that included two stops and plenty of sports venues and city sights along the way.

The first port of call was Odaiba Marine Park, which will host the marathon swimming and triathlon. The visitors could stretch their legs amidst the natural greenery and stroll along the sand, while taking in breathtaking views of the sparkling blue Pacific Ocean and Tokyo’s futuristic cityscape, including Rainbow Bridge.

A temporary competition venue will be set up for the Tokyo Olympics, enabling the area to return to its natural beauty immediately after the Games.

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Women and Sport

JORDAN’S SAMAR NASSAR WINS IOC TROPHY FOR ASIA

Two-time Olympian Samar Nassar of Jordan has won the 2018 IOC Women and Sport Trophy for Asia.

Samar was one of five continental recipients in the annual award, which the IOC launched in 2000 to acknowledge the work of women and sport pioneers around the world.

The presentation ceremony was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on the sidelines of the IOC Olympism in Action Forum on October 5.

Nassar, who represented Jordan in swimming at the Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004 Olympics, decided to remain involved in sport after retiring from her competitive career.

As a board member of the Jordan Olympic Committee for four years, she has since been pioneering various socially positive initiatives, including establishing football programmes for Syrian refugee girls at the Zaatari camp in Jordan.

The other winners were: World Trophy, Eczacıbaşı Sports Club, Turkey; Africa, Rachel Muthoga (Kenya); Americas, Chandra Crawford (Canada); Europe, Daina Gudzineviciute (Lithuania); Oceania, Lauren Jackson (Australia).

JAPAN’S ‘AI-ON’ LADY

The International Triathlon Union’s newly elected Athletes’ Committee includes Japan’s “Iron Lady” Ai Ueda as one of five female members in the 10-strong group. The elected members will serve two-year terms and will work as the link between athletes, ITU staff and the Executive Board. Ai, 35, is placed 26th in the ITU world rankings. (Photo: ITU)

ZHANG’S NEW ROLE

China’s speed skating superstar Zhang Hong, 30, has been appointed to the IOC Evaluation Commission that will assess the candidate cities for the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games 2026. Zhang, Olympic 1,000m champion at Sochi 2014, is the IOC Athletes’ Commission representative on the Evaluation Commission, which is led by Romania’s IOC Member Octavian Morariu. Zhang, from Harbin, is an Executive Board member of the Chinese Olympic Committee. (Photo: USATSI)
FEMALE FENCERS PROMOTE THEIR SPORT IN AFGHANISTAN

The Afghanistan National Fencing Federation celebrated World Fencing Day in Kabul to promote the sport throughout the country.

Two groups of fencers, male and female, from the national fencing team reached out to people to demonstrate and introduce fencing to the community.

The female fencers visited one of the most famous girls’ schools in Kabul, explaining fencing to secondary and high school students, giving out t-shirts and other branded fencing keepsakes and giving demonstrations of fencing bouts.

Kite-flying has a deep history and tradition in Afghanistan, and a highlight of the country’s recognition of World Fencing Day was distributing kites branded with the World Fencing Day logo. Children were flying the kites high above the city for all to see - a fun attraction for the entire community.

SHOWING WOMEN’S SPIRIT IN SOUTH EAST ASIA

The Indonesian Olympic Committee organised the South East Asia Women and Sport Gathering 2018 at Indonesia House in Jakarta on the sidelines of the 18th Asian Games on August 21.

The theme of the seminar was “Together with women’s spirit we promote sport in Asia” and it attracted members of the OCA Women and Sport Committee, delegates from the SEA region and the Indonesian youth and sports ministry, among others.

The special guest was Mr Erick Thohir, President of Indonesia NOC and of the 18th Asian Games organising committee INASGOC.

The two speakers were leading figures in driving the women’s sport movement in Asia: Dr. Supitr Samahito, Thailand NOC Vice President, OCA Women and Sport Committee and ASEAN Women and Sport Commission, and Mrs Natalya Sipovich of Kazakhstan, Chair of the OCA Women and Sport Committee.

AIBA HONOUR FOR SHELLY

The President of the Asian Boxing Confederation and AIBA Vice President, Anas Alotaiba, congratulates Indonesian boxing official Shelly Selowati Hadi Soejono on being elected Executive Committee member of the International Boxing Association at the AIBA Congress in Moscow. (http://www.asbcnews.org)
**TOKYO 2020 OPENS THIRD MERCHANDISE STORE**

Tokyo 2020 opened its third official merchandise shop at Ikebukuro East in the main Ikebukuro store of major consumer electronics retailer Bic Camera on September 28.

With less than two years to go until the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, the Ikebukuro East shop became the third branch to open and retail official licensed merchandise aimed at further raising excitement and momentum for the Games.

Special guests at the opening event were Yoshihiko Kiyru, silver medallist in the 4x100m relay at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, and Para athlete Hitomi Onishi.

Both were wearing T-shirts featured in the line-up of new products on sale from the Character Design Series. They both wished the shop much success during their address.

In addition to the newly-opened Ikebukuro East shop, the Tokyo 2020 Official Shop also has branches in Tokyo’s Akasaka-Mitsuke and Shinjuku West districts, together offering close to 1,000 Tokyo 2020 official licensed goods.

**BEIJING 2022 ESTABLISHES LEGACY COMMITTEE**

The organising committee of the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games has formed a Legacy Coordination Committee and held an inauguration ceremony at the Beijing 2022 HQ in the Shougang Industrial Park on November 1.

The committee was established to define who is responsible for delivering each legacy project before, during and after the Games, enabling Beijing 2022 to produce a legacy plan in line with the IOC’s Strategic Legacy Approach.

Beijing 2022 will aim at creating abundant new legacies from the 2022 Games while enhancing the legacies from the Beijing 2008 Summer Games. The initiatives will relate to sport and the economy and promote social, cultural, environmental, urban and regional development in China.

Several key stakeholders will be represented on the committee, including the General Administration of Sport of China, China Disabled People’s Federation, Beijing Olympic City Development Association and government departments of Beijing Municipality, Hebei Province and Zhangjiakou City.

At the inauguration ceremony, Mr Zhang Jiandong, Vice Mayor of Beijing, Executive Vice President of Beijing 2022 and Chairman of the Legacy Coordination Commission, emphasised that President Xi Jinping had given important instructions on the legacy efforts, and that the IOC and IPC also specifically required that the Games leave positive legacies to China.

These young winter sports fans will benefit from the legacy programme.
**STOP PRESS … STOP PRESS … STOP PRESS … STOP PRESS …**

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**NOTICE BOARD**

**Triathlon test event in Tokyo**

The International Triathlon Union and Japanese Triathlon Union will hold the official test event for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games from August 15-18, 2019. It will incorporate Elite male and female races, Mixed Relay and Para-triathlon races and will take place in the Tokyo 2020 triathlon venue of Odaiba Marine Park in Tokyo Bay.

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**Surfing celebrates Outreach success**

The International Surfing Association and Japan Anti-Doping Agency conducted an Anti-Doping Education Outreach and Athlete Engagement Programme for athletes from 42 nations at the 2018 Urban Research ISA World Surfing Games in Tahara City, Japan, from September 13-14.

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**Sakai City to host WBSC Congress**

The World Baseball Softball Confederation Congress 2019 will be hosted by Sakai City in Osaka Prefecture, Japan, in collaboration with the Baseball Federation of Japan and the Japan Softball Association, from November 20-21. Delegates from over 135 countries and territories will attend.

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**Korea to field unified team in men’s handball**

The Republic of Korea and Democratic People’s Republic of Korea will field a unified team in the International Handball Federation’s 26th IHF Men’s World Championship next January in Germany and Denmark. The unified team of Korea will play the opening match against Germany on January 10, 2019 in Berlin.

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**Swimming marathon to start in Doha**

FINA has announced the 2019 calendar for the FINA/Hosa Marathon Swim World Series: Doha, February 15; Victoria, Seychelles, May 12; Setubal, Portugal, June 8; Balatonfured, Hungary, June 15; Lac St Jean, Canada, July 25; Lac Magentic, Canada, August 3; ChunAn, China, September 29. An additional two hosts may join the seven-leg circuit.

(www.fina.org)

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**Seoul date for modern pentathlon**

The World Pentathlon (UIPM) Executive Board has confirmed that the 2020 Pentathlon World Cup Final will be held in Seoul in May 2020. This completes a set of key events taking place in Asia that year, with the Olympic Games in Tokyo, UIPM Pentathlon World Championships in Xiamen and UIPM Congress also in China.

(www. https://www UIPMworld.org)

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**Four Asian cities on 2019 FINA World Cup circuit**

FINA has announced the dates and hosts of the 31st FINA Swimming World Cup 2019, an annual competition launched in 1979 which gathers the world’s swimming elite in a circuit crossing Asia and Europe. There will be prize money of over USD 2.5 million awarded equally between the genders. The circuit is: Tokyo, August 2-4; Beijing, August 8-10; Singapore, August 15-17; Eindhoven, September 27-29; Budapest, October 3-5; Kazan, November 1-3; Doha, November 7-9.

More info at www.fina.org
AFC MOURNS FOOTBALL ‘ARCHITECT’ PETER VELAPPAN

Asian Football Confederation President Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa hailed former AFC General Secretary Peter Velappan as “one of the most important architects” of the game in the region after the Malaysian passed away on Saturday, October 20.

Velappan was the longest-serving general secretary in the AFC’s 64-year history, heading up the administrative arm from 1978 until his retirement in 2007. He was 83.

“On behalf of the entire Asian football family I send my condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family of one of the most important architects of growing the game in Asia,” said Sheikh Salman.

“Peter served Asian football with passion and professionalism and the news of his passing will shock and sadden all those who are involved in our great game on this continent.” (Article: Michael Church, Reuters)

The Asian Boxing Confederation announced the tragic death in a road accident of Mongolian boxer Enkhzorig Zorigtbaatar. He was 31.

Zorigtbaatar won a silver medal at featherweight (-57kg) at the Doha Asian Games in 2006 aged 19 and the following year was crowned Asian champion at the same weight.

He later qualified for the 2008 Beijing Olympics, where he won his opening bout 10-1 against Morocco’s Mehdi Ouatine but lost to Cuba’s Idel Torriente 10-9 in the next round.

He took part in his last international competition in 2015 and finished his career at the 2016 Mongolian National Boxing Championships. (Asian Boxing Confederation)

Nepal Olympic Committee held a condolence ceremony in the memory of the late Mr Sita Ram Maskey (January 21, 1948–October 27, 2018) in the Olympic Building in Sattalbato.

Mr Maskey was Vice President of Nepal NOC from 2007 to 2015 and was actively involved in different sports, notably weightlifting and sepaktakraw.

NOC President and Member of Parliament the Honorable Jeevan Ram Shrestha talked about how influential Mr Maskey was in the development of sport and related the experiences they had shared.

(www.nocnepal.org)
The President of the OCA, HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, paid an emotional tribute to Swiss IOC Member Patrick Baumann, whose death at the age of 51 stunned the sports world.

Mr Baumann, who was Secretary General of basketball’s world governing body FIBA and an IOC Member since 2007, died of a heart attack while on duty at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on October 14.

“Patrick was one of the hardest-working and most forward-thinking members of the global sports community,” said Sheikh Ahmad.

“It is very difficult for us to accept that Patrick has passed away at such a young age. He was a dynamic and pioneering sports leader, not only in basketball but in all aspects of the Olympic movement.

“Thanks to the support of Patrick and FIBA, the OCA has embraced 3x3 basketball and regards it as one of the most popular and fastest-growing sports throughout the continent.

“As President of the OCA I would like to express the sincere condolences of the sports community throughout Asia to the family and friends of Patrick Baumann. His energy and devotion to the Olympic movement will be sadly missed.”

Thomas Bach, IOC President: This is a great shock which has hit us all very hard. We can hardly believe this terrible news. Particularly since, even today, we have seen him working hard, as we always knew him, for the sport he loved.

Erick Thohir, Indonesia NOC President and FIBA Central Board Member: Today, the world of international sport has lost a charismatic and visionary leader and a passionate and kind human being. Thank you for your contribution to the basketball community. Thank you for being a good friend. It was an honour to have known such a great person.

Samira Asghari, new IOC Member from Afghanistan: Feeling heartbroken. He was a central figure of the Olympic movement and a very kind, nice man. I still don’t believe it. He was congratulating me every time he saw me around saying welcome to the committee. Very sad, I don’t believe it.

Ng Ser Miang, IOC Member from Singapore: Farewell dear friend and colleague. May you rest in peace. Your passing brings great sorrow. It is a huge loss to the Olympic Movement. For us you will always be remembered for the 3 on 3 basketball first introduced at the Singapore YOG 2010.

Sir Craig Reedie, WADA President: We are deeply saddened by the passing of our Executive Committee and Foundation Board Member. Patrick was a long-time colleague and friend with whom I had the honour of serving on a number of IOC Commissions. He was a man of great integrity and an outstanding young sports administrator with a bright future.
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