



OLYMPIC COUNCIL OF ASIA

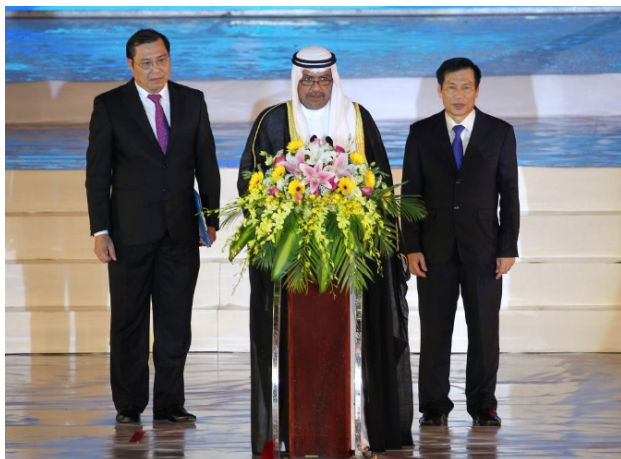
**Report of the Olympic Council of Asia
to the ANOC EB & General Assembly
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It is indeed a great pleasure to be presenting the report of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) for the year 2016.

Apart from the various activities carried out by OCA in 2016, one of the most important one was the Da Nang, Asian Beach Games.

5th Asian Beach Games, Da Nang, Vietnam,

The 5th Asian Beach Games were held from September 24 to October 3 2016 in the coastal city of Da Nang, Vietnam. Over 2,200 athletes from 41 countries of OCA participated in 172 events in 22 disciplines of 14 sports. Over 400 media attended, with Vietnam TV serving as the Host Broadcaster. Vietnam topped the medals tally with 52 Gold, 44 Silver and 43 Bronze, followed on the second sport by Thailand with 36 Gold, 24 Silver and 30 Bronze. The third position was taken by China with 12 Gold, 18 Silver and 19 Bronze.



**OCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETINGS**

The most recent OCA General Assembly, the 35th in history, took place at the Royal Lotus Hotel and Convention Centre in Da Nang, Vietnam, on Sunday, September 25, 2016.

The IOC President, Dr Thomas Bach, provided the keynote speech about the rise of Asia, as the continent will host the next three winter and summer Olympic Games: PyeongChang 2018, Tokyo 2020 and Beijing 2022.



The Vice Presidents for the OCA's five zones presented their activity reports, as did the Chair of the various OCA committees, while the organisers of upcoming OCA games presented progress reports.

The city of Nagoya in Aichi prefecture, Japan, was awarded the OCA's 20th Asian Games in 2026, following Jakarta-Palembang, Indonesia, in 2018 and Hangzhou, China, in 2022. Also the OCA General Assembly decided to open 5 Regional Sub-Offices of OCA in New Delhi- India, Almaty Kazakhstan, Bangkok - Thailand, Nansha-China and Jakarta-Indonesia.

Delegates also heard reports from ANOC, CAS and other stakeholders relevant too Asian NOCs.

The 35th OCA General Assembly was preceded by the 68th Executive Board meeting on 24th September 2016.

OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY/OCA REGIONAL FORUMS

This is one of the highlights of the year for the OCA and its NOCs throughout the five zones, as it brings them into close contact with OS experts and is a wonderful opportunity to not only network but also to discuss in detail the many ways in which OS can help NOCs on a daily, short-term or long-term basis. The OCA attaches great importance to these regional forums, which are held in two host cities every year over the course of one week to best serve the NOCs on a geographical basis.



Themes vary from good governance to scholarship programmes, games preparations and the wide range of activities and funding on offer through OS at either the World or Continental levels.



The OCA will continue to work closely with OS for the benefit of the NOCs and offer guidance and support in their efforts to provide as many activities and initiatives as possible and spread the Olympic movement and values to the grassroots level. The regional forums for 2016 were held in Bangkok, Thailand from May 16-17 and Doha, Qatar May 20-21 and main topic of discussion was the Rio Olympic Games.

CHEF DE MISSION SEMINARS

The Chef de Mission seminar for the 5th Asian Beach Games 2016, Danang, Vietnam was held on June 1, 2016 at the Royal Lotus Hotel.

The Chef de Mission seminar for the 8th Asian Winter Games 2017, Sapporo, Japan, was held on April 25-27, 2016 in Sapporo.

Note: The CDM Seminar for the 5th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games will be held at Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, from March 17-19, 2017.

AIMAG5 will take place from September 17-27, 2017, with 21 sports, 62 National Olympic Committees (OCA 45, Oceania 17) and 5,500 athletes.

8th Asian Winter Games, Sapporo, Japan

The 8th Asian Winter Games will be held in the Winter sports capital of Asia, Sapporo Japan from February 19 to 26 2017. It promises to be the biggest Asian Winter



Games every in OCA history with 1,500 athletes from over 35 NOCs expected to participate – an extraordinary participation level considering the tropical climates or desert landscape of many Asian countries in the South, South-East and West zones.

For the first time in history, following a request from Mr. John Coates, President Australian Olympic Committee, athletes from Oceania NOCs will be competing as guest participants, gaining experience but not eligible to win medals. This further strengthens the ties between OCA and ONOC, who will compete together at the OCA's 5th AIMAG at Ashgabat, Turkmenistan in September 2017 with 62 NOCs in 21 sports.

Asian Youth Development Programme

As per the tradition OCA has taken up the programme of youth development for one sport every year. In 2016 the sport of Rowing was chosen and it was held in Bangkok from 13 – 24 Oct 2016



Conclusion:

In the end, I would like to thank the President OCA, the Members of the OCA EB and all the stake holders of the Olympic Movement, the IOC the Olympic Solidarity, ANOC in providing their support and cooperation to the activities of the OCA.

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