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Mr. Mario Vázquez Raña, President ANOC  
My colleagues in the ANOC Executive Board

It is indeed a pleasure for me to present my report on the activities of the OCA in the Asian Continent for the first half of 2009.

**Inauguration of OCA HQ**

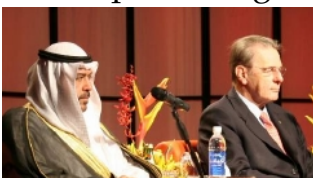


This year been a historical year for the OCA as on March 11 2009 the OCA formally inaugurated its new state of the art headquarters in Kuwait. Located adjacent to Arabian Gulf Street, the OCA HQ complex encompasses an Olympic Museum, Asian Olympic Academy, a Hotel, Shopping mall and office complex.

The headquarters was inaugurated by HRH Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Crown Prince of Kuwait in presence of H.E. Dr. Jacques Rogge, President IOC and various other dignitaries and sports leaders from all around the world. The Opening Ceremony contained cultural shows from all around Asia and also various martial art forms of Asia.



**OCA Sport Congress**



The OCA also held its first Sport Congress in Kuwait from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2009. The Congress was inaugurated by H.E. Dr. Jacques Rogge, President IOC. Various IOC Members, President and Secretary Generals

of NOCs of OCA and sports leaders from around the world attended the Congress. More than 120 papers and lectures were presented during the 3 days of congress. The recommendations of the congress will be presented to the IOC Congress in Copenhagen.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Martial Arts Games Bangkok 2009



Immediately afterwards the OCA was geared up for the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Martial Arts Games to be held in Bangkok from 25<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2009. However due to certain unforeseen circumstances and political unrest in Thailand the games had to be postponed, upon the recommendation of the Thailand Sports Ministry. The Games are now scheduled to be held in Bangkok from 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2009.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Youth Games Singapore 2009



The OCA in collaboration with Singapore Asian Youth Games Organizing Committee (SAYGOC) is also preparing to host the 1<sup>st</sup> ever Asian Youth Games in Singapore from 29<sup>th</sup> June to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2009. The age limit of the competitors of the Asian Youth Games is from 14 to 17 years only. It is expected that a total of 1400 youth from the 45 member NOCs of Asia will be participating in these 9 days event.

### 28<sup>th</sup> OCA General Assembly

Along side the Asian Youth Games the OCA will also be holding its 28<sup>th</sup> OCA General Assembly on 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2009 in Singapore. The General Assembly will be preceded by the Standing Committee meetings on 29<sup>th</sup> of June and the 54<sup>th</sup> OCA Executive Board on 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2009. The meetings will be held at the Raffles City Convention Center of the Swissotel Hotel.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian Indoor Games Vietnam 2009



Preparations for hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian Indoor Games in Vietnam in October 2009 are also under full swing. The OCA in coordination with Vietnam Asian Indoor Games Organizing Committee (VAIGOC) will be holding the Chef-de-Mission meeting in August / September 2009. The Games will be held in the two cities of Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh.

### 16<sup>th</sup> Asian Games Guangzhou 2010



Preparations for the 16<sup>th</sup> Asian Games in Guangzhou are ahead of schedule. Construction on the Asian Games town is expected to be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2010. It will be for the first time in the Asian Games history or any international multi-sports event that the Athletes, Media Personnel and the Official will be accommodated in the Asian Games town in walking distance from each other.

Guangzhou Asian Games organizing committee in order to propagate the philosophy of the Asian Games and promote the Guangzhou Asian Games has conducted various Asian Games Fun Runs and Press Conferences in major cities of the Asia, which has created huge interest and awareness.



For the first time OCA in coordination with GAGOC has initiated the Asian Games Road Project, whereby two groups one by road and one by sea will be travelling to different parts of Asia to promote the Games. The Road Show was flagged off in Kuwait on March 11, 2009 jointly President IOC and my self. A crew of 10 sailors on board the boat named "COACHIN" will be revisiting the silk route and travelling to different port cities of Asia and holding cultural shows and press conference in order to promote the Guangzhou Asian Games.



### Olympasia projects



Olympasia projects in Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Yemen, Sri Lanka and Bhutan were completed by now whereas the projects in Bangladesh and Pakistan are under progress and expected to be completed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2009. OCA has received documents from NOCs of Cambodia and Laos for the Olympasia Projects in 2009.

### Conclusion:

I would like to thank HE Dr. Jacques Rogge, President IOC and his team at the IOC headquarters in Lausanne and Mr. Mario Vázquez Raña, President ANOC and Mrs. Gunilla Lindberg Secretary General for their guidance and advice. I also take this opportunity to thank my colleagues in the OCA Executive Board and the Member NOCs of OCA for their unqualified support in the promotional and development activities of the OCA and not but not the least the OCA headquarter personnel for their cooperation towards the successful discharge of my duties.

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