



LETTER FROM LIU QI, MAYOR OF BEIJING

Beijing, China
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Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch
President,
International Olympic Committee

Dear Mr. President,
Dear Members of the IOC,

As Mayor of Beijing, I would like to assure you of the aspiration of the Beijing Municipal Government and the city's 12.5 million people to host the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

As you all know, Beijing, the political, cultural and international activities center of China, is a city of over 3,000 years of history, and of over 800 years as China's capital. At the same time, it is also a booming modern metropolis. With "New Beijing, Great Olympics" as our promise to you and the Olympic Movement, I hereby solemnly pledge that, if Beijing has the honour of being awarded the Host City for the 2008 Olympic Games, we will provide the Olympic Family with world-class transport, high-tech services and a clean and beautiful environment. Beijing will have brand new and exciting venues for a wonderful Olympic celebration. The athletes and people all over the world will be able to see the brilliance of the Chinese civilization and harmonious convergence of the cultures of East and West.

The Beijing Municipal Government, supported by the Chinese Government and all the Chinese people, is confident that Beijing is able to host the 2008 Olympic Games successfully, so as to have the noble ideals of Pierre de Coubertin even more widespread and the Olympic Movement entering a new historical stage, which will contribute to the world peace and human friendship.

Yours sincerely,

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Liu Qi
Mayor of Beijing