



LETTER FROM YUAN WEIMIN, PRESIDENT OF COC

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

Dear Mr. President,
Dear Members of the IOC,

As President of the Chinese Olympic Committee, I would like to express my earnest hope that the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in 2008 will be held in Beijing. Also, as Minister in charge of the State Sport General Administration, I would like to convey to you the hope of all the athletes and sports personnel in China that you, all the IOC members and the world's finest athletes will come to Beijing in 2008 to share with us the celebration of the Games of XXIX Olympiad.

Hosting the Olympic Games has been the common aspiration of the Chinese Olympic Committee and several generations of sports personnel in China. We will take great pride in hosting the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing. After discussions at its plenary session, the Chinese Olympic Committee decided to recommend Beijing as the candidature and host city for the 2008 Olympic Games. We sincerely believe that both the leaders and the residents of the city cherish noble feelings for the Olympic ideal and have great enthusiasm and a strong sense of duty towards the hosting of the Olympic Games. With the full support of the Chinese Government and all the Chinese people, they will surely be able to create the best environment and conditions for the Games and turn it into a wonder of Olympic history.

Yours sincerely,

Yuan Weimin
President
Chinese Olympic Committee
Minister
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