

1st Joint Meeting OCA-Technical Delegates-BABGOC for Asian Beach Games I-2008

Bali, 2 September 2007 - From September 1st - 3rd 2007, Technical Delegates and the representatives of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Sports Commission will be inspecting the Bali Asian Beach Games Organizing Committee (BABGOC) preparations for the 1st Bali Asian Beach Games 2008. During this time, visits will also be made to the chosen venues for the Games which comprises of Kuta, Sanur, Tanjung Benoa, Serangan, Nusa Dua and Jimbaran.

Chairman of the OCA Sports Commission, Mr. Wei Jizhong leads the inspections to each venue accompanied by BABGOC's Competition Manager as well as the Sports Manager of each sport. The visit marks the first time for BABGOC to have the OCA Sport Commission, Technical Delegate and BABGOC in a Joint Coordination Meeting. BABGOC takes this opportunity to present important matters regarding the Sport Programs, schedules and formats of the tournament, BABGOC Policies and Procedure for the Technical Delegates, the tournament and Venue training programs. The Broadcast, Games Services and Marketing Department also make presentations during the joint meeting.

"BABGOC really appreciates the visit from the Technical Delegates and Mr We Jizhong from the OCA. This inspection will give guidance for BABGOC in the preparation for the Asian Bali Beach Game in 2008 or even in future sporting events to be handled by us." Said Madam Rita Subowo, Director General of BABGOC.

Ibu Rita also took time to visit to the Countdown Clock location in Denpasar and finalize plans for the launch of the clock a year ahead of the Games on October 18th 2007.

Ahmed Solihin, Deputy Director General BABGOC says "This 1st Joint Meeting and Inspection of the OCA and Technical Delegates, gives BABGOC the chance to discuss a lot of concerns in regards to the Bali Asian Beach Games 2008 (ABG). BABGOC as the host of ABG will provide the latest plans on ABG preparation including the technical and non-technical problems that we face. Results of the inspection and the technical meeting will give us an idea on how far along we are in the preparation and what we must do to fulfill the requirements of the OCA."

Inspection have been made to the following venue location: Nusa Dua (Woodball, Triathlon), Kuta (Surfing), Tuban (Body Building), Serangan (Dragon Boat, Beach Handball, Beach Soccer, Sailing/Windsurfing), Sanur (Beach Volley Ball, Beach Sepaktakraw, Marathon Swimming).

Wei Jizhong said "It is certainly a pleasure to be here in Bali for this Joint Meeting and Inspection. We have seen the suggested venues and have made our recommendations to BABGOC and are confident that they will work toward our goals. We are pleased with the progress of BABGOC so far and have been overwhelmed by the warm welcome accorded to us. We certainly look forward to a successful First Asian Beach Games here in Bali October 2008. I am sure it will be a great event and everyone will be impressed with some of the best of sports on the beach!"

The Bali Asian Beach Games 2008 will be held from October 18th - 26th 2008. It will mark the largest multi sport beach event in the world and will be attended by an expected 50.000 people, with 45 Asian countries and regions competing. While BABGOC is the spearhead of preparations and organization, the OCA, Asia most prominent sporting body, will oversee all to ensure a high level of standard is maintained.

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