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GATHERING WITH CHINESE DELEGATE AND BABGOC 2008

Bali, 12 May 2007 - Indonesia will make history from the 18th - 26th of October 2008 when it plays host to the first Asian Beach Games in the world. Bali will become the venue of this international event which will see 45 countries participating with over 10,000 athletes, officials, media and volunteers all flocking to the Island of the Gods for this world class event. As the first host, the readiness and successful outcome of ABG in Bali will become the barometer for subsequent event. One of the countries that will play host to the next ABG is China in the year 2012.

The Mayor of Haiyang City, Zou Changqing, and the assembly will visit Bali specifically to observe the preparation for ABG. One of the agenda of the Chinese Delegate is to visit the venues -including the ones located on the beach with special attention to the differences of beaches in Bali and China- meeting and coordinating with local KONI officials and BABGOC (Bali Asian Beach Games Organizing Committee) Executive Director, Indra Kartasasmita.

Indra Kartasasmita also welcomes the Chinese Delegates, "This is an invaluable opportunity for Indonesia and Chinese to become partners in learning, sharing information and experience for a successful Asian Beach Games."

The Asian Beach Games is a multi-sport event held every two years among athletes representing countries from Asia. The games celebrate cooperation and unity despite differences where athletes from a wide variety of nations are able to travel, meet new people, and bring back memories about the rest of the world to their home nations. It is hope that the collaboration between Indonesia and China, as one of the developed countries in Asia, will create a mutually beneficial relationship not only in sports, but also in other aspects.