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Story Headline: IOC President Thomas Bach arrives in Lillehammer, Norway for the Winter Youth Olympic Games
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Event: Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games
Date: 12 February
Place: Lillehammer, Norway

STORY SCRIPT
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President Bach spent his first day connecting with young athletes at the Learn and Share facilities where the YOG participants undertake workshops on career development, injury prevention, sports nutrition but also learn about the risks and dangers of doping and illegal betting. The Learn & Share programme allows athletes to enrich their YOG experience beyond the field of play and connect with the Olympic Values of excellence, friendship, respect and fair-play – values that will serve them well both in their sports and in their future careers.

The start of the Winter Youth Olympic Games on 12 February marks exactly 22 years since the Olympic flame was last lit above the city of Lillehammer for the 1994 Winter Olympic Games in the famous Lysgårdsbakkene Ski Jumping Arena.

In total, 1100 athletes from 71 nations are competing at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) for a total of 70 Gold medals.
It is the second edition of the Winter Youth Olympic Games, following on from Innsbruck in 2012. The first summer edition took place in Singapore in 2010, followed by Nanjing in 2014.

The 2nd Winter YOG will take place between Friday 12 & Sunday 21 February 2016.

What are the YOG?
The Youth Olympic Games are essentially about competing, learning and sharing. They are a celebration of sport, youth diversity and the Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect. They also exemplify the Fundamental Principles of Olympism, blending sport with culture and education. The vision of the Youth Olympic Games is to inspire young people around the world to participate in sport and live by the Olympic values.

YOG Key Facts
- Hosted from 12 to 21 February 2016 in Lillehammer, Hamar, Gjøvik, Øyer and Oslo — demonstrating the use of a fantastic legacy of Olympic venues and the flexibility of the YOG.
- 71 NOCs and 1,100 athletes aged 15 to 18 will compete in 70 medal events at Lillehammer 2016.
- The YOG have been used an incubator for innovation in sport and education. Lillehammer 2016 will feature Olympic debuts for a number of disciplines, including cross-country cross, snowboard cross, ski slopestyle, biathlon super sprint and monobob.
- With regard to education, the Coaches’ Corner will be a pioneering YOG first in Lillehammer, featuring dedicated workshops and talks by experts and Virtual Reality (VR) technology to explore and explain how new advances in technology can be applied to the science of coaching.
- The YOG have acted as a springboard to further Olympic glory for many alumni. Some 64 YOG athletes from Innsbruck 2012, for example, went on to compete at the Olympic Winter Games Sochi 2014, winning 6 medals in total. In addition, 200 YOG alumni from Singapore 2010 competed at London 2012, of whom 25 medalled.

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