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Story: IOC President Thomas Bach officially invites athletes to compete at the 23rd Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 as the South Korean countdown clock hits one year to go.

Date: 9th February 2017

Location: Gangneung Hockey Centre, Gangwon Province, South Korea & IOC headquarters, Lausanne, Switzerland.

SHOT LOG & transcripts of soundbites:

Gangneung Hockey Centre, Gangwon Province, South Korea.

00:01 - PyeongChang 2018 official countdown clock hits ZERO 365 days. (Exactly one year before start of Olympic Winter Games)

00:20 - Dancers at the one year to go PyeongChang 2018 celebrations.
00:30 - Flags bearers enter the Gangneung Hockey Centre.
00:46 - Wall reading 1 year to go.
00:50 - Close up of the Olympic Flag being lifted.
00:55 - Wide of the Olympic flag and One year to go Ceremony sign.
01:05 - Gunilla Lindberg, IOC Coordination Commission Chair watching from the crowd.
01:09 - Gunilla Lindberg, IOC Coordination Commission Chair walking
onto the stage.

01:15 - **SOUNDBITE**: Gunilla Lindberg, IOC Coordination Commission Chair (English Language)

“World Class venues are being delivered on time, the test events this season are laying the groundwork for a successful Olympic Winter Games next year. The launch of the ticket sales today will build the excitement among the public in Korea and around the world.”

01:43 - IOC President Thomas Bach being introduced.

Location: Lausanne, Switzerland

01:50 IOC President Thomas Bach addressing the Korean audience at the one year to go ceremony in Korea via video message.

**SOUNDBITE**: IOC President Thomas Bach (English Language)

“The Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 will open up new horizons. It will connect the people and the passion of the Republic of Korea with the world. PyeongChang will transform into a hub for Asian winter sports. For the first time, the magic of Olympic sport on snow and
ice will come to Korea."

02:24 - IOC President Thomas Bach walks to desk.
02:39 - IOC President Thomas Bach opens the book and starts to sign the invitation to athletes and National Olympic Committees. “The first one is of course going to our friends from Korea.”

**SOUNDBITE: IOC President Thomas Bach (English Language)**
02:45 - “As an Olympian, I know of the excitement that every athlete feels just before the competition. So I wish the athletes all the very best as they prepare to make their Olympic dreams come true in PyeongChang next year.”

03:05 - Wall reading ‘1 year to go.’
03:15 - South Korean Olympic ice skating Champion Yuna Kim picking up the Olympic Winter Games torch.

03:20 - The Republic of Korea’s Magnus Kim is handed the torch by Yuna Kim. Magnus Kim won two gold medals at the Lillehammer 2016 Youth Winter Olympic Games in both Men’s Cross-Country Skiing Free 10km and Men’s Cross-Country Skiing Cross Free event.
03:34 - UP SOUND - **Former IOC President Jacques Rogge** announces PyeongChang as city for 2018 Olympic Winter Games. (July 2011)

“The International Olympic Committee has the honour of announcing that the 23rd Olympic Winter Games in 2018 are awarded to the city of PyeongChang.”

03:53 - Public applauding
03:57 - Aerial shots of mountains
04:02 - Aerial shots of Alpensia Ski Jumping Centre
04:07 - Aerial shots of Alpensia Biathlon Centre.
04:12 - Aerial shots of PyeongChang Olympic Stadium
04:17 - Aerial shots of Gangneung Ice Arena.
04:21 - Aerial shots of Kwandong Hockey Centre
04:26 - Aerial shots of Gangneung Oval
04:30 - Aerial shots of Kwandong Hockey Centre
04:37 - Aerial shots of Alpensia Sliding Centre.
04:42 - Aerial shots of Yongpyong Alpine Centre
04:47 - IBC Media center
04:52 - Olympic Village
04:56 - Action from the Olympic Games Sochi 2014
05:33 - IOC President Thomas Bach at Sochi 2014 closing ceremony
  passing the Olympic Winter Games flag from Russia to The Republic of Korea.
05:55 - PyeongChang written in the ice at the closing ceremony of Sochi 2014 Games.

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