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Story Headline: IOC PRESIDENT THOMAS BACH GIVES A MID YEAR OVERVIEW ON WHAT THE IOC HAS ACHIEVED AND OUTLINES PLANS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF OLYMPIC PROGRAMME

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PyeongChang 2018

Q. What were some of the big successes of the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018?

00:05 SOUNDBITE: Thomas Bach, IOC President (English Language)

"The Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 really opened new horizons in many respects with regard to embracing digital technology, with regard to embracing new sports, younger sports and of course the initiative to have the two Koreas, North and South Korea marching together and opening a door to a peace process on the Korean peninsula and beyond."

00:38 - North and South Korean Olympic Teams enter stadium under united Korean flag at opening ceremony of PyeongChang 2018
00:46 - The 'Building Bridges' sculpture unveiled during Olympic Winter Games Pyeongchang 2018.
00:49 - IOC President Thomas Bach signing the ‘Building Bridges’ sculpture.
00:53 - Wide shot of the 'Building Bridges' sculpture.
00:57 - United North and South Korean ladies Ice Hockey team take to the ice ahead of their first game of the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018.
01:03 - High tech screen with event information Inside the Local Organising Committee offices at Pyeongchang 2018.
01:06 - Inside the Local Organising Committee offices at PyeongChang 2018.
01:10 - Official timekeepers in his office at PyeongChang 2018.
01:13 - Freestyle skiing from PyeongChang 2018.
01:19 - Gangneung Ice Arena
01:22 - Kwandong Hockey centre.

Q. What will be the legacy of the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018?

01:29 SOUNDBITE: Thomas Bach, IOC President (English Language)

"I met the Governor and some Majors recently and they said that the people are missing you and they are missing the guests and the visitors from all over the world so there you see already a great soft legacy of these games. And now the plans are in progress to ensure the use of the different Olympic facilities and one of the projects is that Pyeongchang would be the host of the next Asian Winter games.

Tokyo 2020

02:18 - Former IOC President Jacques Rogge announces Tokyo as the winning host city of the Olympic Games 2020.
02:23 - Tokyo 2020 delegation celebrate winning the Games.

Q. What innovations can we expect to see in the Tokyo 2020 programme?

02:26 SOUNDBITE: Thomas Bach, IOC President (English Language)

"The Olympic program and Tokyo promises to be more urban, more female and much younger than the programs before. This is indeed great progress by having an urban centre, sport goes where the people are we do not any longer retreat to a stadium and then wait for people to come, we go into the centres of the city we go where people would usually move around and there making sport and the Olympic competition a part of their daily experience and getting closer to the people with these young sports getting also closer to the younger generations."

03:23 - Tokyo 2020 promotional video with graphics and audio sound track. RIGHTS FREE CONTENT cleared for news media usage.

Q. In Japan there is obviously still a real focus on Fukushima after the 2011 earthquake and the resulting Tsunami. Will Tokyo 2020 leave a positive legacy in Fukushima?

03:44 SOUNDBITE: Thomas Bach, IOC President (English Language)

"We have from the very beginning in the planning tried to include the most devastated regions and in particular Fukushima in the plan for the Olympic Games and we are happy that there we will have some baseball and softball matches in Fukushima and in this way showing solidarity with the people in these region."

04:17 - Tokyo 2020 Mascots MIRAITOWA and SOMEITY
04:21 - Traditional Japanese music and dancing at the TWO year to go celebrations of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES 2022 IN AFRICA

Q. Why have you chosen Africa as the location of the Youth Olympic Games 2022?

04:29 SOUNDbite: Thomas Bach, IOC President (English Language)

"Youth Olympic Games are the greatest gift we can make to Africa because it reflects Africa almost perfectly. Africa is a continent of young people, therefore, youth Olympic games are very appropriate and Africa is a continent that has presented to the world many outstanding athletes so it is time we give these young athletes, these young Olympic hopefuls also the opportunity to compete at home, to compete on their continent and in this way showing to the world and demonstrating that it is time for Africa in sport but not only in Sport."

05:30 - Back of a YOG DNA T-shirt.
05:34 - The start of a 100m sprint on an African athletics track.
05:38 - Local people watching the athletics.
05:41 - Teenage African girls playing basketball.
05:46 - African boys playing football.
05:51 - African local long Jump competition.

2026 CANDIDATURE PROCESS

06:02 SOUNDbite: Thomas Bach, IOC President (English Language)

Q. Regarding the 2026 candidature process, are you disappointed with two cities having withdrawn from the dialogue phase?

"No we are not disappointed there because it’s part of the process. We are not in the candidature procedure yet we are in a procedure of dialogue with different interested cities and there at the beginning seven cities have entered into this dialogue and then two of them have decided for different reasons not to continue this dialogue, so we are continuing now with the five very interested cities. Also this number will be reduced because our new procedure is not about having the biggest quantity but to produce the best possible host for the best athletes of the world. So therefore at the end we do not want to produce losers in this competition around hosting the Games but we want to create winners on all sides, this is why the number will be reduced before it then comes to the real candidature phase and before it comes then to the final decision of the IOC session next year. If i compare this with a number of candidates for other big events also big sporting events, I think with this number of five we can be really satisfied."

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