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STORY HEADLINE: Vibrant ceremony closes 3rd Winter Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020

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STORY SCRIPT:

The third edition of the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) came to a close in Lausanne, Switzerland on Wednesday evening, after 13 days of sport, 16 disciplines and 81 medal events.

The Medals Plaza at Quartier du Flon provided the setting for the vibrant closing ceremony which celebrated the athletes, volunteers and the young people of Lausanne.

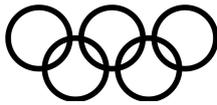
The traditional athlete's parade got the ceremony underway, with 900 athletes and flag-bearers from the 79 National Olympic Committee's (NOCs) given a final chance to celebrate their achievements.

Then a host of young local performers took to the stage, including the choreography of 35 children with disabilities between the ages of 5 and 22. Their inclusion emphasised the Olympic values and social inclusion, a key principle of these Games.

3,800 volunteers helped to make Games possible and were recognised before International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach and Lausanne 2020 President Virginie Faivre gave their respective closing speeches.

With the 3rd Winter YOG declared closed, and the youth of the world called upon to unite once again in the Republic of Korea province of Gangwon in 2024, it was time for the flag to be passed over.

Marie Krista and Valerio Jud of Lausanne, who won two gold medals each, handed the flag over to young representatives Whi Min Seo and Jang Sung-woo of Gangwon.



They both won several medals in short-track speed-skating at Lausanne 2020.

Mascot Yodli, a hugely popular presence throughout the Games, then made a final appearance before a superb slackline artist extinguished the Youth Olympic flame using snowflakes to bring the Games to a symbolic end.

But Lausanne will be left with a legacy.

The Youth Olympic Cauldron which has burned brightly in the area of Flon for the last two weeks will serve as a reminder of January 2020 when the city hosted a memorable fortnight of celebration, youth culture and winter sports.

Lausanne 2020 brought together the world's best young athletes between the ages of 15 and 18. For the first time in Winter Olympic history the Games have had gender equality, with equal numbers of male and female competitors in the 81 medal events.

1,872 athletes from 79 NOCs were in action in Lausanne, 12 of those for the first time at a Youth Olympic Games - Albania, Azerbaijan, Ecuador, Haiti, Hong Kong, Kosovo, Pakistan, Qatar, Singapore, Thailand, Turkmenistan and Trinidad & Tobago.

As well as the brand new sport of ski mountaineering, Lausanne 2020 featured five new events: women's Nordic combined, individual normal hill/4km, women's doubles luge, mixed NOC 3x3 ice hockey, freeski big air, snowboard big air.

The first Winter Youth Olympic Games took place in Innsbruck, Austria, in 2012. The second edition was held in the Norwegian city of Lillehammer in 2016. The fourth edition will be in Gangwon, Republic of Korea, in 2024.

SHOTLIST: Lausanne, Switzerland. 22nd January 2020

00:05 Wide shot from the closing ceremony of Lausanne 2020

00:13 Close up of athletes in the crowd with IOC President Thomas Bach in the middle

00:16 Various shots from the closing ceremony

00:26 The Swiss flag is raised

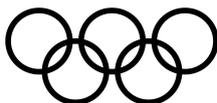
00:32 Various shots from the closing ceremony

00:49 SOUNDBITE: Virginie Faivre, President of Lausanne 2020 (English Language).

"Today we can also say that the Olympic capital is where Olympic dreams are born. Because over the last 2 weeks we've been so lucky to witness the Olympic dream of a new generation of young athletes being realised."

01:07 SOUNDBITE: Virginie Faivre, President of Lausanne 2020 (French Language).

"Dear volunteers, you welcomed the world in Switzerland with your warm spirit. Your smile became the face of the Games, And you turned them into an unforgettable experience for everybody. For all you have done, thank you so much."



01:27 SOUNDBITE: Virginie Faivre, President of Lausanne 2020 (English Language).

"Finally back to you dear athletes I hope you had the best Olympic experience, I wish you all a continued success for the future. Safe travels home and hope to see you all again soon in the Olympic capital."

01:42 President of Lausanne 2020 hands over to IOC President Thomas Bach

01:46 SOUNDBITE: IOC President Thomas Bach (French Language).

"Good evening Lausanne!"

01:50 Wide shot of IOC President Thomas Bach on stage.

01:55 SOUNDBITE: IOC President Thomas Bach (English Language).

"It is a great opportunity to thank our wonderful Swiss hosts, they have been so friendly to all of us. they have been efficient, they have been enthusiastic and at the competitions they have been very loud to support you, the athletes."

02:23 SOUNDBITE: IOC President Thomas Bach (French Language).

"Dear Lausanners please join me in thanking all the athletes of the YOG Lausanne 2020."

02:41 Cut away to the crowd

02:45 SOUNDBITE: IOC President Thomas Bach (French Language).

"The IOC is offering to the inhabitants of Lausanne and of Vaud (the canton) the Olympic trophy. Thank you all!"

03:04 IOC President Thomas Bach gives Olympic Cup on stage to the Mayor of Lausanne and representatives of the local citizens

03:16 Wide shot of the crowd.

03:20 SOUNDBITE: IOC President Thomas Bach (French language).

"I declare Lausanne 2020 closed."

03:31 The Olympic flag lowered

03:48 The Mayor of Lausanne Grégoire Junod, IOC President Thomas Bach and the Vice Governor of Gangwan Sungho Kim ceremonially hand over the Olympic flag on stage.

04:16 The national anthem of the Republic of Korea is played and the flag is raised for the next Winter Youth Olympic Games

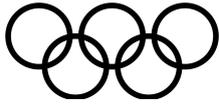
04:30 Shot from the closing ceremony entertainment

04:42 Acrobat on a high wire tossing paper confetti to the crowd and the Youth Olympic cauldron.

05:10 Youth Olympic flame for Lausanne 2020 slowly put out

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