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STORY HEADLINE: ‘All Change!’ at the Youth Olympic Village as Lausanne 2020 enters its second week

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STORY SCRIPT:

‘All change at the Youth Olympic Village’ - not a train station announcement but a logistics challenge as one set of athletes move out and another set of athletes move in at the halfway stage of the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Lausanne 2020.

By the end of this Winter YOG, more than 1,700 athletes will have been housed in the Youth Olympic Village, a newly built architectural gem, dubbed as the Vortex, on the University of Lausanne campus.

For the first time, athletes are staying in two waves, so only half the usual amount of rooms is needed to add to the economic sustainability of the Games. After the Games the rooms will become student accommodation.

For example alpine skiers with competition ending on Wednesday (January 15) have made way for freestyle skiers and snowboarders, as they prepare to go off to the alpine slopes in search of Olympic glory. Biathlon athletes have made way for cross country skiers.

The first wave of 1,039 athletes and officials left the Youth Olympic Village between 15 and 16 January. During the same period, a second wave of 1,137 athletes and officials arrived.

International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach welcomed the new wave of athletes on Friday (January 17) at the village. “So far these Winter Youth Olympic Games have been a tremendous success and you can get ready for being welcomed here with open arms by our wonderful Swiss hosts. All the people here are embracing these Games, they are happy to see you in the competition, in the city, they are happy to support you. You will have audiences which you would never have expected,” he said.

These athletes will be the fresh focus of attention at Lausanne 2020 - a marvellous festival of sport embraced by the people of Switzerland and neighbouring France.
So far, there have been more than 170,000 spectators at the Lausanne 2020 venues, and more than 100,000 people have taken part in the “Lausanne en Jeux” festival.

SHOTLIST:

00:05 Newly arrived young athletes get out of bus
00:09 Shots of Team USa athletes walk toward Youth Olympic Village
00:20 Newly arrived young athletes enter Youth Olympic Village
00:25 Newly arrived young athletes stand next to their bags at Youth Olympic Village
00:31 Young athletes walk with their bags at Youth Olympic Village
00:41 Team Japan members at balcony next to Japan flag
00:45 Newly arrived young athletes walk toward Youth Olympic Village
00:52 Team Russia members stand next to their bags
00:58 Board reading (English language): ‘New arrival info’
01:02 Winter Youth Olympic Games Mascot Yodli greets young athletes, gives hug to them
01:11 SOUND BITE: Thomas Bach, IOC President (English Language).
“So far these Youth Olympic Games have been a tremendous success and you can get ready for being welcomed here with open arms by our wonderful Swiss hosts. All the people here are embracing these Youth Olympic Games, they are happy to see you in the competition, in the city, they are happy to support you. You will have audiences which you would never have expected, I guess, for junior events. So, you will feel like real Youth Olympic athletes, and this is what you deserve and this is what you should be looking for and most importantly, this is what you should enjoy to the fullest also here, in the Olympic Village, making new friends. And enjoy this great Olympic atmosphere.“

02:16 IOC President Thomas Bach on stage during the welcome ceremony, host Anne-Sophie Thilo, Swiss Olympic sailor, asks the IOC President (English language): “President Bach, you are Olympic champion. If you had one piece of advice to give to all the athletes here, what would it be?”

02:25 SOUND BITE: Thomas Bach, IOC President (English Language).
“Never give up. Live your passion. You know sport is all our passion and if you live your passion and you give your best then you will be greatly rewarded. And then if one day it’s not really working like this, never give up, next time it will work. And I wish you good luck and a great Youth Olympic experience. Enjoy the Games.“

03:03 IOC President Thomas Bach leaving
03:10 Various shots of the entertainment for the athletes on stage

03:27 Virginie Faivre, Lausanne 2020 President is asked by host Anne-Sophie Thilo, Swiss Olympic sailor (English Language):
“As the President of Lausanne 2020, Olympian and Role Model, what is your message to the athletes for getting the most out of this YOG experience on and off the field of play?”

03:42 SOUND BITE: Virginie Faivre, Lausanne 2020 President (English language).
“Firstly I would like to welcome you all to Lausanne, the Olympic capital, you can live a unique experience here. These are your Games, enjoy them, it is your time to shine and be
ready because Switzerland has been waiting for you, so there is going to be lots of spectators cheering for you and I hope you will have the time of your life. So good luck to all of you, all the best and enjoy these Olympic Games.”

04:13 Various shots of the athletes joining in with the entertainment on stage

04:27 SOUNDBITE: German athlete (English Language).
“I am very happy to be here, it’s so nice that I can be part of this big thing and tomorrow I have my first competition and I’m very excited I hope it will be good, but I’m so happy that I can meet so many new people and just live in the moment.”

04:49 Shots of Youth Olympic breaking sensation Bumblebee entertaining the athletes

05:00 Various shots of the athletes at the welcome meeting

05:11 SOUNDBITE: Danish athlete (English Language).
“I am very excited, I am very excited to compete here. I am looking forward to tomorrow. I am going to compete in the cross country ski cross tomorrow so I’m very excited.”

05:23 Wide shot of the athletes at the welcome meeting

05:26 SOUNDBITE: Czech Republic athlete (English Language).
“It’s amazing, I’m really excited to be here and today we had our first training and I must say that the hill is really well prepared, but my jumps were bad unfortunately. But anyway I am still looking forward to jumping tomorrow.”

05:46 Various athletes enjoying the welcome meeting entertainment

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