**STORY HEADLINE:** IOC President Thomas Bach visits Olympic Village at Tokyo 2020 and invites athletes to sign Olympic Truce Mural to promote peace across the globe

**LOCATION:** Tokyo, Japan
**DATE:** 19 July 2021
**LANGUAGE:** English

**STORY SCRIPT:** Athletes and officials participating in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 will be encouraged to support the Olympic Truce by signing a special mural in the Olympic Village, showing commitment to building a peaceful world through sport.

The Olympic Truce Mural was inaugurated at the Olympic Village Plaza by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Tokyo 2020, in the presence of IOC President Thomas Bach, Tokyo 2020 President HASHIMOTO Seiko, Tokyo 2020 Village Mayor KAWABUCHI Saburo, Governor of Tokyo KOIKE Yuriko and IOC Athletes’ Commission members.

In his speech President Bach said: “Today we are inaugurating the Olympic Truce Mural here at the beating heart of the Olympic Games, the Olympic Village. It is here, where the Olympic spirit comes to life.”

Bach has been spending time meeting athletes in the Olympic Village and invited athletes to sign the Olympic Truce Mural.

“The athletes show us that, despite all our differences, it is possible for humankind to live together in peace,” said Bach. “This is our Olympic message; it is possible to compete with each other, even for the highest prize, but at the same time to live together peacefully under one roof in the Olympic Village.”

The inauguration took place three days after the Olympic Truce for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 came into effect. The tradition of the Olympic Truce, or “Ekecheiria”, dates back to the 9th century BC in Ancient Greece as a period during which war and conflict were ceased to allow for safe travel to and from the ancient Olympic Games.

The resolution calls for the Olympic Truce to be respected from 16 July 2021 to 12 September 2021 - seven days before the start of the Olympic Games until seven days after the Paralympic Games.

*The Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 will take place from July 23 to August 8 2021 and the Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 from August 24 to September 5 2021*
SHOTLIST:
00:02 Wide tracking shot IOC President Thomas Bach walks towards Olympic Truce Mural in mask and collects pen to sign his name
00:07 Close behind President Bach signing
00:10 Wide President Bach signs Olympic Truce Mural
00:14 Midshot President Bach leaves shot showing his signature
00:20 Tracking midshot Tokyo 2020 President HASHIMOTO Seiko taking a pen to sign the Olympic Truce Mural watched by President Bach.
00:29 Midshot behind Tokyo 2020 President HASHIMOTO Seiko signing mural
00:32 Tracking midshot of Governor of Tokyo KOIKE Yuriko taking pen and ready to sign mural, watched by President Bach
00:39 Midshot behind Governor of Tokyo KOIKE Yuriko signing the mural
00:43 Tracking Midshot behind Tokyo 2020 Village Mayor KAWABUCHI Saburo taking pen and ready to sign mural.
00:47 Midshot behind Tokyo 2020 Village Mayor KAWABUCHI Saburo signing the mural
00:52 Wide front President Bach, Governor of Tokyo, KOIKE Yuriko, Tokyo 2020 President HASHIMOTO Seiko, Tokyo 2020 Village Mayor, KAWABUCHI Saburo in front of Olympic Truce Mural
00:58 Close of signatures on Olympic Truce Mural
01:01 Wide President Bach leaves Mural waving to Olympic staff
01:05 Wide tracking shot President Bach walking through Olympic Village
01:13 Midshot behind President Bach stopping to speak to Olympic staff
01:18 Wide President Bach enters reception area - rubs sanitiser into hands, meets athletes
01:22 Mid shot front of President Bach in mask in conversation
01:25 Wide shot as President Bach with athlete for photos
01:30 Close of President Bach preparing for more photos
01:33 Wide shot of President Bach with athlete for photos, phone camera in front of shot
01:38 Wide shot pan of President Bach taking photo with group of athletes and coaches
01:41 Mid shot of President Bach walking past camera towards Dining Room serving area
01:46 Wide shot behind President Bach walks towards Dining Room serving area
01:52 Midshot President Bach at Dining Room serving area in mask holding food tray and conversing with Dining Room workers
01:56 Midshot of President Bach serving himself some food
02:02 Midshot of President Bach talking to athletes at dining table with Covid-19 screens
02:06 Wide shot front of President Bach talking to athlete at dining table
02:10 Wide shot pan of President Bach waving to athletes as he leaves Dining Room
02:16 Midshot of President Bach using hand sanitiser at the doors of the Dining Room
02:21 Wide shot of President Bach walking across zebra crossing in Olympic Village
02:27 Wide shot tracking President Bach walking past flags in the Olympic Village
02:33 Midshot tracking front President Bach walking past the flags in the Olympic Village
02:40 Wide tracking shot behind President Bach as he walks towards ‘Tree of Messages’
02:46 Midshot President Bach walks closer to the messages on the tree
02:53 Midshot of President Bach writing his message on strip of paper
02:58 Wide Shot President Bach uses hand sanitiser and prepares to attach to message tree
03:03 Mid shot side-on President Bach attaches message to tree
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03:08 Wide pan of Media Conference room as Olympic Anthem plays
03:18 Wide shot low of President Bach walking on to stage to lectern

03:25 SOUNDbite: Thomas Bach, IOC President (English Language)
“This call for an Olympic Truce is in fact a 3,000 year-old tradition, already put in place for the Ancient Olympic Games, thereby highlighting their contribution to peace.”

03:43 Low wide front shot of IOC President Bach at lectern

03:48 SOUNDbite: Thomas Bach, IOC President (English Language)
“Peace was also central to the thinking of the founder of the International Olympic Committee Pierre de Coubertin when he revived the Olympic Games 127 years ago. He saw them as a way to promote peace among nations and people. This 'peace mission' continues to be at the heart of the Olympic Games.”

04:16 Low wide front shot of IOC President Bach at lectern

04:21 SOUNDbite: Thomas Bach, IOC President (English Language)
“Today, we are inaugurating the Olympic Truce Mural here in the beating heart of the Olympic Games - the Olympic Village. It is here where the Olympic spirit comes to life. The athletes show us that despite all our differences it is possible for humankind to live together in peace. This is our Olympic message. Yes, it is possible to compete with each other, even for the highest prize, but at the same time to live peacefully together under one roof in an Olympic Village.”

05:14 Low wide front shot of IOC President Bach at lectern

05:20 SOUNDbite: Thomas Bach, IOC President (English Language)
“The Olympic Truce Mural is where all of us can show our support for the Olympic Truce, and the principles it represents. Our messages will express our Olympic values of solidarity and peace, because without solidarity there is no peace. It is in this Olympic spirit that I invite you to leave your signature on the Olympic Truce Mural to show your very personal commitment to make a better and more peaceful world through sport.”

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