



HRH Prince Feisal Al Hussein with IOC President Dr Jacques Rogge

## IOC President visits Jordan Olympic Committee

Dr Jacques Rogge, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), has placed Jordan in his 'Top 10 per cent' of National Olympic Committees and praised the work of its President, HRH Prince Feisal Al Hussein.

Speaking during his visit to the Jordan Olympic Committee, Dr Rogge said that the progress that Jordan has made under HRH Prince Feisal's seven-year Presidency has been 'very impressive' and added that the Prince's organisation, Generations For Peace, was a 'great step in promoting peace through sport'.

"I have been very impressed by the work of His Royal Highness and the active role that he continues to play within the Olympic Movement", Dr Rogge said: "Jordan is in the Top 10 per cent of the world's

NOCs according to what it has achieved in such a short space of time, and Prince Feisal's own initiative, Generations For Peace, is a great step forward in promoting peace through sport."

Dr Rogge was hosted in Jordan by HRH Prince Feisal and HRH Princess Sarah Al-Feisal who is the CEO for Generations For Peace. He received two presentations which consisted of the progress and achievements to date and the future targets for sport in Jordan.

HRH Prince Feisal said: "It is a pleasure to welcome the IOC President, Dr Rogge, to see for himself the work that we have done in a very short space of time. He has been very supportive of what we have been trying to achieve and on behalf of the Jordanian sporting fam-

ily I would like to thank him and pledge that we will continue to work closely with the IOC to spread the Spirit of Olympism throughout Jordan and beyond."

Dr Rogge met JOC employees during a tour of the JOC headquarters and continued his visit of the region in neighbouring Palestine the following day.

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# SPORT CAN INFLUENCE GLOBAL POLICY

Jordan Olympic Committee (JOC) President and International Olympic Committee (IOC) Member, HRH Prince Feisal Al Hussein, delivered a rousing keynote speech at the Beyond Sport Summit in Chicago.

HRH Prince Feisal (above), an ambassador for Beyond Sport, gave the keynote address on behalf of the Chairman of Ambassadors, the Rt. Hon. Tony Blair, and told delegates that there had never been a more decisive time for sport to make a difference across the globe.

"I envisage a time soon when international thought leaders in sport for social development and peace – people like you - can really influence global policy," said HRH Prince Feisal. "And the need is great. We are at a time in the world's history where more people live in poverty and conflict than ever before; hardships often compounded by increasing and horrific natural disasters.

"It is our duty; the duty of Beyond Sport ... and many other related organisations to place sport as part of an integrated solution on the worldwide social development agenda." Beyond Sport is a global organisation that promotes, develops and funds the use of sport to create positive social change

across the world. And HRH Prince Feisal shared his experiences and highlighted the successes of his own organisation, Generations For Peace, which has touched the lives of more than 51,000 people across 46 countries and territories since its launch in 2007."

Joining His Royal Highness in Chicago was HRH Princess Sarah Al-Feisal who is the organisation's CEO and also a member of the Beyond Sport Advisory Panel.

"Once elected as President of the JOC in 2003, I immediately set about nurturing the grass roots of sport – particularly in communities where there was greatest need," HRH Prince Feisal continued.

"I was... I am ... determined to ensure that for the 75% of Jordanians under the age of 25, sport is a viable alternative to a sedentary, digital lifestyle.

"Perhaps even more importantly, I want sport to be a viable alternative to the growing menace of radicalism and extremism.

"As President of the JOC, I also became the custodian of the Olympic values in Jordan. Everything we do as an NOC; everything I try to do as a leader of sport ... can be guided by those three core pillars of Friendship... Respect... and Excellence.

"And through the hard work of my dedicated team, Jordan is now firmly on the international sporting map and is held up as a shining example of a peace loving, sporting nation.

"Security and freedom are luxuries shared by all too few; violence and hatred are the daily curse of all too many. We are witnessing the greatest ever escalation of division and extremism.

"Generations For Peace is a global organisation based in Jordan dedicated to using sport as a peace building vehicle for young people in conflict. We do this by training leaders of youth from some of the world's most violent and war-torn regions in how to bring together young people from all sides of the conflict divide through the power of sport.

"We are meticulous in our selection of these leaders of youth from conflict zones. We work with local National Olympic Committees, the UN and its agencies on the ground; We work closely with respected international and local NGOs.

"We can see our progress by searching the eyes of the young people; Remember these are often children meeting and playing with their so called "enemies" for the first time... all through the power of sport."

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## JORDAN MEDALS AT YOUTH OLYMPICS

Jordan returned from the first-ever Youth Olympics with two taekwondo medals.

Yazan Al-Sadeq won bronze late in the Games, held in Singapore to add to an earlier silver medal won by taekwondo team mate Dana Haidar.

HRH Prince Faisal Al-Husseini, President of Jordanian Olympic Committee, was on hand to support Al-Sadeq and was the first to comfort him after he lost his semi-final match against Chinese star Chang-Leo.

While the Jordan delegation represented the country well, only in the swimming, where Omar Ulian made it as far as the semi finals in the 50m butterfly, did they come close to more glory.

## JOC WELCOMES PARALYMPIC HEROES

The Jordan Olympic Committee has praised the Paralympic delegation which returned from the World Weightlifting Championship for Paralympic athletes in Malaysia with three medals.

Officials met the delegation on their return to Queen Alia International Airport, while the Secretary General Lana Al Jaghbeer said: "These athletes deserve praise for representing Jordan in the way they did and returning home with medals once again from a major championship."

## SECRETARY GENERAL ATTENDS REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Lana Al-Jaghbeer, Jordan Olympic Committee (JOC) Secretary General, attended the Olympic Council of Asia Conference and Olympics Solidarity held in Oman, Muscat.

Forty-five national Olympic Committees attended workshops and presentations for the preparations of the 2nd Asian Beach Games to be held in Muscat from December 8, and the Asian Games held in Guangzhou, China from November 12.

AL-Jaghbeer was accompanied by Eman Izz El-Dien from the JOC International Relations department.



## JORDAN SECURES FIVE OLYMPIC GRANTS

Jordan has secured five Olympic Games grants from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for the first time, allowing five of its top stars to better prepare for London 2012.

Taekwondo's Dana Haidar and Yazan Al-Sadeq, swimmers Miriam Hatamleh and Kareem Anab and wrestler Yahya Abu-Tabeeh (middle) will all receive financial assistance to support them right up to the next Olympics.

Haidar and Al-Sadeq were the first to sign up for the Olympic

grant in the offices of the Jordan Olympic Committee under the supervision of Secretary General Mrs. Lana Al-Gaghbeer (right), Hazem Al-Nui'mat vice president of Taekwondo Federation (left) and Chen Hua Chua the federation's Technical Advisor.

"These grants come through the hard work of our players and also through the work that our President, HRH Prince Feisal Al Hussein, has done in raising the levels of sport in the Kingdom," said Al-Jaghbeer.

## OLYMPICS DISCUSSED WITH LONDON 2012

The 2012 Olympic Games to be held in London was high on the agenda when the Jordan Olympic Committee (JOC) welcomed guests from the British Embassy.

Lana Al Jaghbeer, JOC Secretary General, welcomed Chris Rambling, The British Diplomatic Delegate vice president in

Jordan, Mo'ath Abu Dalou from the Political and Economical Department and Tamara Al Khas from the British Council in Amman.

They discussed preparations for the London Olympics and areas of co-operation between the JOC and British sports organisations. Mrs. Al Jaghbeer gave an update on Jordan's preparations and delivered a brief about the work of the JOC and the vision of President, HRH Prince Feisal Al Hussein, for developing Sport in Jordan.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND RAMADAN IFTAR

The Jordan Olympic Committee (JOC) held its General Assembly meeting under the presidency of HRH Prince Feisal Al Hussein.

The Administrational and Financial reports were high on the agenda, in addition to a report on Generations for Peace and a round-up of the achievements by the Jordanian participations in the Olympic and Asian games. It was confirmed that the Kingdom had received five Olympic grants to compete at London 2012.

It was also reported that the National Programme for Preparing Coaches had taken 14 Jordanian lecturers to the first level, 12 for the second level and more than 30 coaches attended the first course where 20 were qualified.

Prior to the meeting, a Ramadan Iftar was held for the sporting community in Amman Hall. HRH Prince Rashed Bin Al Hassan, President of the Taekwondo Federation, Marwan Joma'a, Communications Minister and President of the Temporary Basketball Federation, Ahmad Al Masarweh, JOC Vice President, Dr Sari Hamdan, JOC Vice President, and the Secretary General Lana Al Jaghbeer were among the attendees.



Delegates at the Sochi Camp 2010

## GENERATIONS FOR PEACE CONCLUDES HISTORIC SOCHI CAMP 2010 IN STYLE

Leaders and dignitaries join in praise of first ever European camp. The groundbreaking Generations For Peace Sochi Camp 2010 concluded with Founder and Chairman of the peace building organisation, HRH Prince Feisal Al-Hussein, and its CEO, HRH Princess Sarah Al-Feisal, joined by Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Dmitry Kozak, Mayor of Sochi, Anatoly Pakhomov, and President and CEO of the Sochi 2014 Organizing Committee, Dmitry Chernyshenko, to celebrate the success of the first ever Generations For Peace camp in Europe.

All five international sporting and political figureheads paid tribute to the 10-day camp that has offered yet more evidence of the truly global reach of Generations For Peace. Generations For Peace and Sochi 2014 have been a winning combination, with world-leading training in conflict transformation through sport married to outstanding facilities and support.

HRH Prince Feisal reiterated his belief that Sochi Camp 2010 would be a catalyst for tangible progress in communities divided by conflict: "It is a proud day for every one of our 57 delegates. With the knowledge and skills they have acquired at Sochi Camp 2010 they will be able to offer young people in conflict a clear path out of the tangled maze towards reconciliation and, eventually, to peace. From Sochi, these fine young leaders will go on to empower other leaders of youth back home by speaking with a voice that articulates their passion for peace.

"Sochi Camp 2010 is the beginning of a long and difficult journey ahead together, but these delegates now have the tools to go out and build a sustainable peace. Thanks to the amazing collaboration between Sochi 2014 and Generations For Peace, and having seen the passion and commitment of our delegates, I am convinced now more than ever that there will soon be positive and sustainable change in their local communities."

Delegates from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kyrgyzstan, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Ukraine have embarked on the Generations For Peace Pioneer Certification Programme.

Sochi has been a warm and willing host throughout the camp. Organisers of the Caucasian Games in Sochi, which finished on 3 October, even delayed their closing ceremony until today so that they could share it with their international visitors. Dmitry Chernyshenko highlighted the positive spirit of cooperation between his Sochi 2014 team and Generations For Peace that has helped make Sochi Camp 2010 such a triumph:

HRH Princess Sarah put the positive results from the 10 days into a wider context: "After Sochi Camp 2010, the number of first generation delegates professionally trained at Generations For Peace camps has now reached 526, from a total of 46 different countries and territories. Many of these delegates have become certified Generations For Peace Pioneers who have gone on to train a further 3,100 second generation delegates and pioneers. Put all this together, and 51,000 children in conflict regions around the world have been brought together by Generations For Peace, all through the power of sport."



## PAN - ARAB GAMES HISTORY

### Pan-Arab Games Egypt 1953

Host country: Egypt  
 City: Alexandria  
 Number of participating countries: 8  
 Total Games: 10

### Pan-Arab Games Lebanon 1957

Host country: Lebanon  
 City: Beirut  
 Number of participating countries: 10  
 Total Games: 16

### Pan-Arab Games Morocco 1961

Host country: Morocco  
 City: Casablanca  
 Number of participating countries: 10  
 Total Games: 12

### Pan-Arab Games Egypt 1965

Host country: Egypt  
 City: Cairo  
 Number of participating countries: 15  
 Total Games: 13

### Pan-Arab Games Syria 1976

Host country: Syria  
 City: Damascus  
 Number of participating countries: 11  
 Total Games: 16

### Pan-Arab Games Morocco 1985

Host country: Morocco  
 City: Rabat  
 Number of participating countries: 21  
 Total Games: 17

### Pan-Arab Games Syria 1992

Host country: Syria  
 City: Damascus  
 Number of participating countries: 18  
 Total Games: 19

### Pan-Arab Games Lebanon 1997

Host country: Lebanon  
 City: Beirut  
 Number of participating countries: 19  
 Total Games: 20

### Pan-Arab Games Jordan 1999

Host country: the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan  
 City: Amman  
 Number of participating countries: 21  
 Total Games: 26

### Pan-Arab Games Algeria 2004

Host country: Algeria  
 City: Algeria  
 Number of participating countries: 22  
 Total Games: 26

### Pan-Arab Games Egypt 2007

Host country: Egypt  
 City: Set in 7 cities, (Cairo, Alexandria, Ismailia, Port Said, Asyut, Aswan and North Sinai)  
 Number of participating countries: 22  
 Total Games: 32