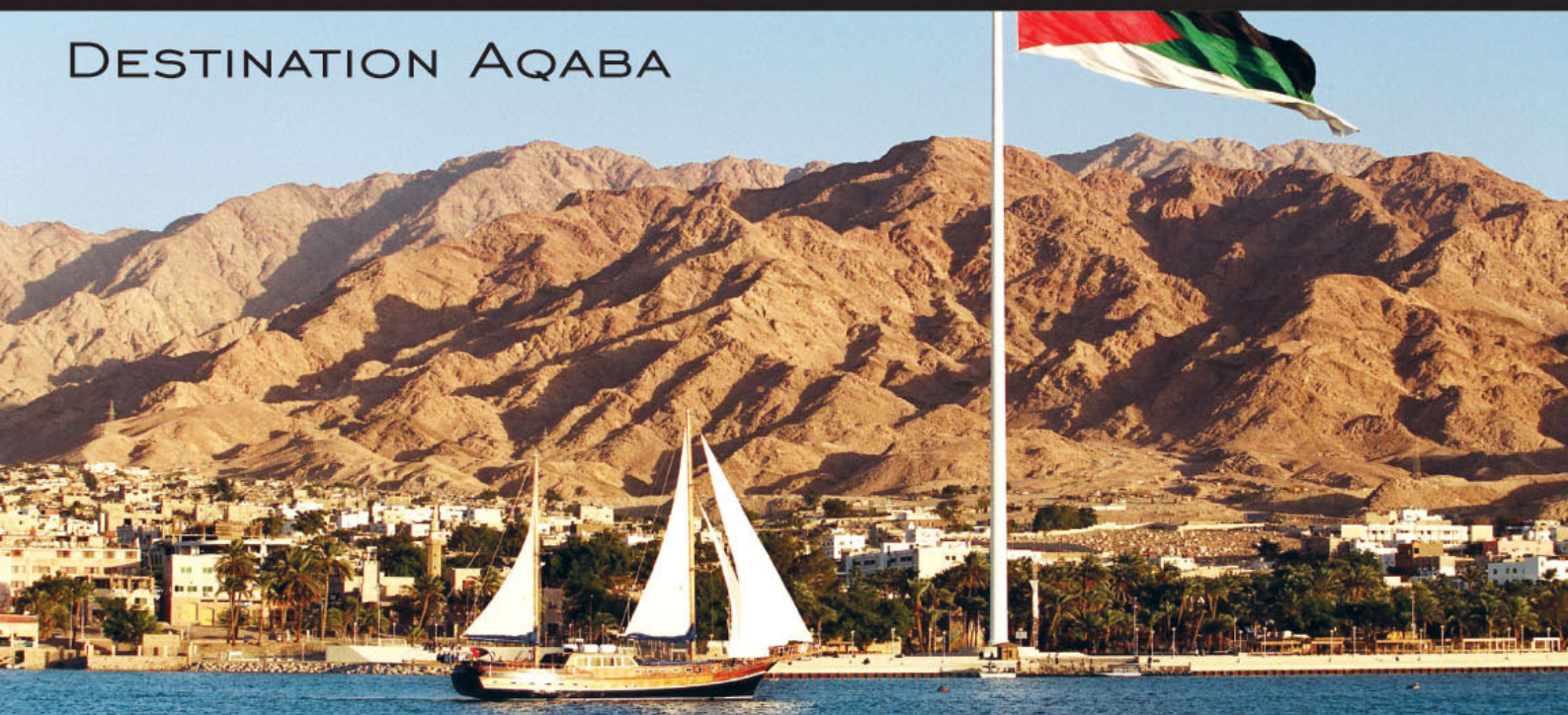


## DESTINATION AQABA



### JORDAN TO HOST WEST ASIA FORUM

SPORTS LEADERS FROM ACROSS ASIA WILL DESCEND UPON JORDAN FOR THE OCA REGIONAL FORUM FOR WEST ASIAN NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES (NOC) FROM MAY 4-5.

TAKING PLACE IN THE RED SEA RESORT OF AQABA, THE FORUM, WHICH IS BEING HOSTED BY THE JORDAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THE OLYMPIC COUNCIL OF ASIA (OCA), WILL WELCOME THE PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARY GENERALS FROM 14 NOCs FOR A SERIES OF MEETINGS, PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD IN THE MOVENPICK HOTEL.

"IT IS A PRIVILEGE FOR THE JOC TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO HOST SUCH A PRESTIGIOUS EVENT,"

SAID HRH PRINCE FEISAL AL HUSSEIN, PRESIDENT OF THE JOC. "SPORT IS A GREAT WAY OF BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING OUR FRIENDS FROM ACROSS THE REGION AND BEYOND TO JORDAN.

"THE JOC HAS MADE GREAT STRIDES IN RECENT YEARS IN THE FIELD OF SPORT AS WE BID TO BECOME A CENTRE FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE AND ADMINISTRATION. I AM SURE THAT THIS WILL BE THE FIRST OF MANY INTERNATIONAL SPORTING CONFERENCES THAT WE HAVE THE PLEASURE OF HOSTING HERE."

THE FORUM WILL ALSO WELCOME REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (IOC) AND THE OCA WHILE OFFICIALS FROM THE 2006 DOHA ASIAN GAMES,

2007 CHANGCHUN ASIAN WINTER GAMES AND 2007 MACAU ASIAN INDOOR GAMES WILL PRESENT THEIR PROGRESS REPORTS. DELHI AND INCHEON, THE TWO CITIES BIDDING FOR THE 2014 ASIAN GAMES, WILL ALSO BE IN AQABA TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS.

THE LATEST ANTI-DOPING METHODS AND GUIDELINES WILL ALSO BE HIGHLIGHTED IN PRESENTATIONS BY THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY AND THE OCA.

AS WELL AS A SERIES OF HIGH LEVEL DISCUSSIONS, DELEGATES WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WORLD-FAMOUS ATTRACTIONS SUCH AS PETRA AND WADI RUM TO SAMPLE TRADITIONAL JORDANIAN HOSPITALITY.

## JOC IN KOREA

HRH PRINCE FEISAL LED A JORDAN DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES (ANOC) HELD IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA.

THE MEETINGS PROVIDED HRH PRINCE FEISAL WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO HOLD TALKS WITH THE WORLD'S TOP SPORTS FIGURES AND ON THE SIDELINES JORDAN SIGNED A MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BULGARIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE FOR FUTURE CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SPORT.



HRH PRINCE FEISAL AL HUSSEIN, PRESIDENT OF THE JORDAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, SIGNS A MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING WITH STEFKA KOSTADINOVA, PRESIDENT OF THE BULGARIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE. STEFKA WAS THE GOLD MEDALIST FOR HIGH JUMP IN THE 1996 ATLANTA OLYMPIC GAMES.

## GREEN FINGERS

HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS FROM THE SPORTING COMMUNITY JOINED HRH PRINCE FEISAL AND OTHER JOC BOARD MEMBERS AT THE SPECTACULAR NEW RUMMAN BOTANICAL GARDENS IN APRIL.



ORGANISED BY THE JOC SPORTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE, THE VOLUNTEERS SPENT THE DAY CLEARING AN AREA AT THE FAMOUS TOURIST ATTRACTION WHICH IS BEING EARMARKED FOR HOLDING SPORTS EVENTS SUCH AS CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING IN THE FUTURE.

## BACK TO CLASS

THE JOC'S BID TO BECOME A REGIONAL HUB FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE TOOK ANOTHER STEP FORWARD WHEN IT HOSTED A NATIONAL TRAINING COURSE FOR SPORTS ADMINISTRATORS, WHICH WAS SUPPORTED BY OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY.

FEATURING 11 PARTICIPANTS FROM JORDAN AND FIVE FROM THE NEIGHBOURING PALESTINE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, THE COURSE TRAINED SPORTS ADMINISTRATORS WHO WILL IN TURN TRAIN THEIR COLLEAGUES AND NATIONAL FEDERATIONS ALIKE.

THE WEEK LONG-COURSE HELPED PARTICIPANTS SHARPEN THEIR SKILLS IN A VARIETY OF AREAS INCLUDING MEDIA RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS, LEADERSHIP SKILLS, SPONSORSHIP AND

EVENTS MANAGEMENT. MR ZOHAIR AMMAR, A PROFESSIONAL SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR ENDORSED BY THE IOC, TRAVELED IN FROM EGYPT TO SUPERVISE AND FACILITATE.

## JUST THE TICKET!

RIYADAH, JORDAN'S FIRST NATIONAL SPORTS LOTTERY, HAS ENJOYED A HUGELY SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH ACROSS THE KINGDOM. WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO SPORT, THE PROJECT HAS BEEN WARMLY RECEIVED IN ITS FIRST VERSION – A SIMPLE SCRATCH AND WIN GAME WITH PRIZES UP TO JD\$50,000 ON OFFER. MORE GAMES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE COMING MONTHS AND DURING 2007, AN ON-LINE GAME WILL BE LAUNCHED WHERE PLAYERS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO SELECT SIX NUMBERS FROM 42 TO WIN SUBSTANTIAL WEEKLY PRIZES.