



HRH PRINCE FEISAL WITH DELEGATES FROM THE FIRST WEST ASIA ANTI DOPING CONFERENCE HELD IN AMMAN

JORDAN SELECTED AS REGIONAL BASE TO COMBAT DOPING

JORDAN WILL OPEN WEST ASIA'S FIRST REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY IN RECOGNITION FOR ITS WORK IN FIGHTING DRUGS IN SPORT.

THE DECISION WAS MADE AT THE FIRST WEST ASIA ANTI-DOPING FORUM HELD IN THE CROWNE PLAZA, AMMAN, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY, OLYMPIC COUNCIL FOR ASIA AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES OF PALESTINE, SYRIA, IRAQ AND LEBANON.

"I WELCOME THIS DECISION TO OPEN A REGIONAL ANTI-DOPING OFFICE IN JORDAN," SAID HRH PRINCE FEISAL AL HUSSEIN,

PRESIDENT OF THE JORDAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (JOC).

"THE JOC HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF PROMOTING A DRUGS-FREE ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR ATHLETES FOR MANY YEARS AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS TO ENSURE THAT DOPING HAS NO PLACE IN OUR SPORTS."

THE TWO-DAY CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTED THE ROLE THAT LOCAL NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES AND SPORTS ORGANISATIONS CAN PLAY IN COMBATING DRUGS AND THE FORMATION OF THE WEST ASIA ANTI-DOPING ORGANISATION IS THE FIFTH REGIONAL OFFICE CREATED IN ASIA.

JORDAN WAS THE FIRST COUNTRY WITHIN WEST ASIA TO CREATE ITS OWN NATIONAL ANTI DOPING AGENCY AND THE REGIONAL OFFICE

WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO ITS CURRENT ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE. THE WEST ASIA ANTI-DOPING FORUM WAS HOSTED BY THE JOC WHICH IS THE ORGANISING BODY FOR SPORT IN JORDAN.

ABSENT FRIENDS

JULY MARKED THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ABDUCTION OF OUR FRIEND, AHMED AL SAMARAI, AND 26 OF HIS COLLEAGUES FROM THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF IRAQ.

THE JOC WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THE FAMILIES OF THOSE ABDUCTED THAT THEY ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND WE ENCOURAGE OUR COLLEAGUES FROM NOCs ACROSS THE WORLD TO DO WHATEVER THEY CAN WITH THEIR OWN GOVERNMENTS TO PUSH FOR THEIR SAFE AND IMMEDIATE RELEASE.

PETRA BOOST FOR SPORT

THE LOCAL SPORTING COMMUNITY IS SET TO BENEFIT FROM THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PETRA (PICTURED) WAS SUCCESSFUL IN BECOMING ONE OF THE NEW SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD.

THE MASSIVE GLOBAL EXPOSURE SURROUNDING THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN JULY HAS RAISED JORDAN'S INTERNATIONAL PROFILE AS A LEADING LEISURE DESTINATION, INCREASING THE KINGDOM'S CHANCES OF ATTRACTING MORE MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS.

JORDAN HAS HOSTED A NUMBER OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS AND IN LATE JULY STAGED THE ASIAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS. ONE OF THE JOC'S KEY OBJECTIVES IS TO USE SPORTING EVENTS AS A MEANS TO PROMOTING THE KINGDOM AND THE NEWS SURROUNDING PETRA HAS PROVIDED A MASSIVE BOOST.

BOX CLEVER FOR OLYMPIC MEDALS

THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR BOXING FEDERATION HAS TIPPED JORDAN TO WIN ITS FIRST EVER OLYMPIC MEDAL AT NEXT YEAR'S BEIJING OLYMPICS FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO THE KINGDOM.

AFTER HIS TOUR OF THE KINGDOM'S BOXING CLUBS, DR ABDULLAH BIN SALEM, WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN BOXING FEDERATION, CONFIRMED THAT FOUR BOXERS FROM JORDAN WILL ENTER THE OLYMPIC QUALIFIERS IN BANGKOK LATER THIS YEAR AND HE EXPECTS THEM TO COME THROUGH UNSCATHED AND GO ON TO CHALLENGE FOR MEDALS.

JORDAN-GERMAN RELATIONS GOING SWIMMINGLY

THE JOC AND THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF GERMANY HAVE MADE AN AGREEMENT THAT WILL SEE THE KINGDOM'S SWIMMERS BENEFIT FROM A WORLD-CLASS COACH OVER THE COMING YEAR.



JOC PRESIDENT HRH PRINCE FEISAL AL HUSSEIN SIGNED A MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GERMANS LAST YEAR AND THE SWIMMING COACH WILL BE THE FIRST OF A NUMBER OF AREAS WHERE THE TWO OLYMPIC COMMITTEES WILL WORK TOGETHER.

MANFRED WOLF, THE GERMAN COACH, HAS ALREADY STARTED HIS WORK BY COORDINATING WITH THE JORDAN SWIMMING FEDERATION TO DEVELOP THE SPORT LOCALLY AND IS EXPECTED TO STAY IN JORDAN UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE JOC HAS SIGNED A NUMBER OF MOU'S WITH MAJOR NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES AND LAST YEAR OPENED AN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CO-OPERATION DEPARTMENT TO BUILD ON THOSE AGREEMENTS SIGNED.

YOUNG HEROES

JORDAN'S U20 FOOTBALL TEAM RETURNED FROM THE WORLD YOUTH CUP IN CANADA AS HEROES DESPITE BEING ELIMINATED AT THE GROUP STAGE.

THE ARAB WORLD'S ONLY REPRESENTATIVES LOST NARROWLY TO URUGUAY AND THEN DREW WITH ZAMBIA 1-1 BEFORE LOSING THE MATCH OF THE TOURNAMENT 4-3 TO FAVOURITES SPAIN.

THE PERFORMANCE OF THE TEAM RAISED MORE THAN A FEW EYE BROWS AND IS SET TO ATTRACT MORE INTERNATIONAL TALENT SCOUTS TO THE KINGDOM AS A RESULT.

WIN ON THE WEB

THE AWARD WINNING WEB SITE — WWW.JOC.JO — HAS TEAMED UP WITH THE JOC'S LOTTERY RIYADAH TO LAUNCH A COMPETITION.

VISITORS TO THE SITE CAN WIN SCRATCH CARDS BY ANSWERING SIMPLE QUESTIONS ON SPORT WITH THE ANSWERS CONTAINED SOMEWHERE WITHIN THE JOC SITE.

RIYADAH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2006 TO RAISE MORE FUNDS FOR SPORT IN JORDAN AND CURRENTLY OPERATES A NUMBER OF SCRATCH CARD GAMES ACROSS THE KINGDOM.