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From : Mr. Silas Chiang, Asia & South Pacific Representative

On : 4th November, 2005

Re : **Initial Inspection Report on Venue and Accommodation of the 6th Asian & Oceania Table Tennis Championships, Korea, 2007**

Background

At the General Assembly of the Asian & South Pacific Table Tennis Committee held during the 5th Asian & South Pacific Table Tennis Championships in Kuala Lumpur in June, 2005, the Korea Sports Association for the Disabled had submitted an initial application to host the 6th Regional Championships in 2007. As there were no other indication from National Paralympic Committees wishing to bid the General Assembly had accepted the application.

In order to make sure there is no clash in dates with other regions I had advised Korea to send in application as soon as possible. To facilitate the arrangement I took the opportunity of the recent 2005 Otto Bock Korea Open Table Tennis Championships held in Seoul to also visit the proposed hotel and venue, and furnish with IPTTC an inspection report of the 2007 Regional Championships.

In view of the change in structure of IPC regions and also the decision of IPTTC that Asia and Oceania will have to combine for the Regional Championships after 2006, the name of the Championships will have to be changed to Asia and Oceania, and that the name to be 6th Asia & Oceania Table Tennis Championships.

We expect to have more teams as some National Paralympic Committees in the Middle East are active in table tennis.

Moreover, the Organizer has indicated strong desire to invite players from the North Korea for the 2007 regional championships. As the regional representative I shall devote some time and effort in 2006-07 in this endeavor.

Accommodation

The proposed hotel will be Seoul Olympic Parktel, the one built for the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games, and was also used for the recent Championships.

Rooms are alright and the Hotel is willing to take down the doors in the bath rooms and also make small ramps for wheelchair users. If only one wheelchair user plus a walking company in one room this should be alright.

The lobby, dinning area and function and banquet room in the hotel are all accessible to wheelchair users as toilets and lifts are available there. The entrance is not too big and need to carefully schedule the departure time for boarding buses outside the entrance of the hotel.

The travel time from the airport to hotel is around one hour by bus.

Transportation

Quite a number of 45 seat buses, mini buses and vans will be made available to participating teams and they are all wheelchair friendly. Shuttle buses will be provided in between venue and hotel will be available during the competition and some tours will also be scheduled for teams.

Competition Venue and Equipment

The Korea Association has 2 venues in mind. The first being the one used for the recent Championships, the Nam Yang Joo Sports Centre, a sports complex including the games hall, a swimming pool and a football pitch. The games hall, 54m x 32m, will be used and it can accommodate 12 competition tables while some 8 practice tables will be arranged in tents outside the games hall. The games have sufficient rooms for various functions, including classification, doping control tests, meetings, computer & results and rest areas for officials. The spectator stand can hold 750 persons and all levels are accessible to wheelchair users. The Toilet facilities are good for wheelchair users. A score board there can also be used for display of results, fixtures and announcements. The venue is some 25 minutes from the hotel.

The other choice is one of the Gymnasia used for table tennis competition during the 1988 Seoul Paralympic Games. It is more spacious and more tables can be arranged there if needed. The venue is only some 5 minutes by bus from the hotel as it is within

the Olympic Park area.

Champion Pro 9 tables will be used and they all meet the requirement for wheelchair play.

Manpower/Umpires Training

Korea is prepared to train up more umpires that meet the IPTTC requirement. An umpire course will be conducted for Korean ITTF umpires in 2006 or in 2007 before the Championships. They also plan to send people to attend Technical Delegate seminar in the next few years.

Date of the Championships and Planning Schedule

It is proposed to be between **9th October to 15th October, 2007**

2005 November – Submit official application to IPC/IPTTC

2006 September – Site inspection again if required

Drafting of Contract, Agreements with IPC

2007 January - 1 Entry form to be sent out

May - Final Entry form to be sent out

August - Final Entry close

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