

The Asian Games Federation

The Asian Games Federation was therefore organised, in close affiliation with the International Olympic Committee, and on lines similar to the European and the South American Organisations.

The idea of this Federation was rather slow in catching the imagination, but it has now definitely caught on. In addition to the four original members Afghanistan, India, Burma and the Philippines (the fifth original member, Pakistan, having declared its inability to continue the membership « for the time being »), Thailand, Indonesia and Ceylon have definitely joined the Federation and Japan has also signified its desire

to come in. The rest of the Asian countries are also expected to join the Federation in the near future. Asian Sports are thus on the march forward.

India can well feel proud of the part played by her. Not only did she initiate the idea of Asian Sports brotherhood, but has taken a very active part in getting it put into practical form. It was in acknowledgment of her work that the Council of the Federation has enthusiastically allowed her the privilege of holding the First Asian Games Championships in March 1951, at New Delhi.