

Allocution to the Competitors of  
the Xth Winter Olympic Games  
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On the opening day of the Winter Olympic Games, the I.O.C. warmly welcomes the competitors taking part.

The Olympic Games not only bring together the best of the world's amateur sporting youth to strive in friendly rivalry but they further the development of those moral and physical qualities which together go to building finer and more balanced men and women who will become the worthier citizens.

The Olympic Games are based on the Olympic Ideals and not only do they promote friendship between the competitors but too they forge a bond between all sports lovers everywhere.

This understanding makes a very real contribution towards a lasting peace in the world.

The I.O.C. wishes the competitors all success in their sporting rivalries. May their participation in these Games play its part in the noble aims of developing international amateur sport and the good fellowship among sportsmen in all countries.