



The 9th South East Asia Games

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The President of the IOC, Lord Killanin, attended the Council meeting of the South East Asia Games Federation and is shown here delivering his speech. On his left is Datuk Sri Hamzah bin Haji Abu Samah, President of the Federation and of the Olympic Council of Malaysia, who sent us the report below. From left to right are also Mr. E.W. Baker (SIN), Air Chief Marshal Dawee Chullasapya, IOC member in Thailand, Mr. Thong Poh Nyen (MAL), Mr. Tan Sri M. Ghazali Shafie (MAL), Prince Tsuneyoshi Takeda, IOC member in Japan, and Mr. Tsuyoshi Miyakawa (JPN).

The 9th South East Asia Games took place very successfully in Kuala Lumpur (MAL) from 19th to 26th November 1977. His Majesty the King officially opened the Games in the presence of 2,000 athletes and officials from Brunei, Burma, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. Of the ten countries affiliated to the Federation, only Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam did not send any representatives.

Eighteen sports featured on the programme: athletics, basketball, boxing, cycling, football, weightlifting, hockey, judo swimming, shooting, archery, volleyball, badminton, bowling, rugby, tennis, table tennis and the national sport of sepak takraw.

The competition standard having considerably improved in comparison with previous

Games, 47 South East Asia Games' and four Asian Games' records were broken. The Indonesian athletes particularly distinguished themselves by winning 62 of the 190 gold medals at stake.

Apart from the sports competitions, a cultural festival and a sports medicine seminar were organised.

Lord Killanin, President of the IOC, accompanied by Lady Killanin and three other IOC members, Prince Tsuneyoshi Takeda (JPN), Air Chief Marshal Dawee Chullasapya (THA) and Lieutenant-General Dadang Suprayogi (INA) attended this occasion of which they expressed their satisfaction.

Already everyone is looking forward to the celebration of the 10th South East Asia Games which will be held at Jakarta (INA) in 1979.