

Thailand and Olympism

THAILAND

514,000 sq. km.

47,000,000 inhabitants (approx.)



OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF THAILAND (OCT)

Founded on 20th June 1948.

Recognised by the IOC in 1950.

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Role of the OCT

- To ensure compliance with all rules laid down in the Olympic Charter so as to develop the Olympic and sports movement.
- To collaborate in the preparation and selection of Thai athletes and to assure their participation in the Olympic Games and the Regional Games.
- To support the development of the Olympic Movement throughout the world and to foster its aims and ideals throughout the country.

Members of the IOC in Thailand

1. General Prabhas Charusathiara *, from 1971 to 1974.
2. Air Chief Marshal Dawee Chullasapya *, since 1974.

Successive Presidents of the OCT

1948-1965 : Phya Chindaraksh.

1965-1974 : General Prabhas Charusathiara*.



*Air Chief Marshal
Dawee Chullasapya.
IOC member and
President of the OCT.*

Since 1974 : Air Chief Marshal Dawee Chullasapya*.

THAILAND AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES

- **Date of first participation** : 1952.

No Thai has yet taken part in the Winter Games.

- **Olympic medallists**

In Montreal in 1976 Payao Poontarat became Thailand's first Olympic medal winner when he took a bronze medal in boxing (light flyweight).

- **Organisation of Regional Games**

Although it has never applied to stage the Olympic Games, the capital Bangkok has acted as host on three occasions to the Asian Games (1966, 1970, 1978) and to the South East Asia Peninsular Games (1959, 1967, 1975).



Payao Poontarat

Representation of Thailand at the Olympic Games from 1952 to 1980 ¹

	Athletics	Rowing	Basketball	Boxing	Canoeing	Cycling	Equestrian Events	Fencing	Football	Gymnastics	Weightlifting
1952	8										
1956	8		12	5					16		
1960	8			4							
1964	18(6)			5		9					4
1968				3		7			16		2
1972	5			7		7					1
1976	8(3)			6		6		5			1
1980											

¹ The figures in brackets represent the number of women included in the first figure.

¹ A delegation of 15 members was entered. None of them took part in the Games owing to technical problems.

• Not included on the programme.



1964 - Tokyo : the Thai delegation.

	Handball	Hockey	Judo	Wrestling	Swimming	Modern Pentathlon	Shooting	Archery	Volleyball	Yachting	Total
1952	•		•					•	•		8
1956	•		•					•	•	2	43
1960	•		•				6	•	•	2	20
1964	•		3		2		9	•		4(1)	54(7)
1968	•		•				11	•		1	40
1972			1				10			3	34
1976			1		3(2)		12	3(1)		2	47(3)
1980											0

^x Sport included in the programme but in which no event was contested.
^z Demonstration sport.

PRESENT ORGANISATION OF THE OCT

- *The present statutes* came into force on 20th April 1961.

- *Composition*

The OCT comprises the President of each national sports federation affiliated to the corresponding international sports federations recognised by the IOC, the IOC member in Thailand and a number of personalities chosen for their personal qualities.

- *Financing of the OCT*

The Government grants an annual subsidy to cover administrative costs and expenses incurred in the preparation and participation of the Thai delegation in the Olympic Games and Regional Games.

- *Federations affiliated to the OCT*

Olympic Federation	Creation	Affiliation IF	Affiliation NOC	members (1972)
Athletics		1951	1949	2796
Basketball	1953	1953	1953	1372
Boxing	1953	1959	1953	1983
Cycling	1959	1963	1959	874
Fencing	1965	1968	1967	144
Football		1948		3490
Gymnastics	1962	1968	1968	485
Hockey	1963	1966	1963	214
Judo	1955	1964		695
Wrestling	1966	1970		
Swimming	1959	1959	1959	596
Shooting	1958	1958	1958	191
Archery	1970	1971	1971	450
Volleyball	1959	1959	1959	371
Weightlifting	1958	1958	1959	104
Yachting	1965	1965	1965	310

There are also federations for badminton, tennis, table tennis, bowling and rugby.

- *Present members of the Executive Board*

PT: Air Chief Marshal Dawee Chullasapya*, IOC member ; *VPT*: General Prasert Rujiravongse; *SG*: Colonel Anu Romanond* ; *T*: General Tem Homsettee ; *Ms*: General Kriangsakdi Chomanand ; Mr. Tummanoon Tiengern; Mr. Kong Visudharomn ; Dr. Boonsom Martin ; Police General Chumpol Lohachala ; Colonel Charouck Arirachakaran ; Mr. Pist Ngampanich.

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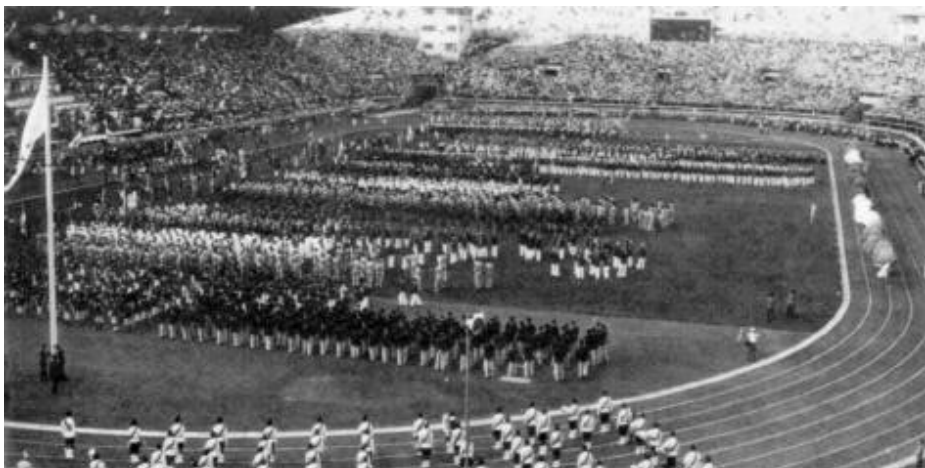
- *Olympic awards won*

Olympic Cup

1970, to the Organising Committee of the Asian Games in Bangkok.



1970 - Bangkok: HM the King of Thailand at the Yachting regattas.



The main stadium in the capital.

- **Olympic day**

The OCT does not celebrate this at present but intends to do so in the near future.

- **Protection of Olympic emblems**

There is no law assuring this protection, but the OCT is trying to control the use of these emblems.

- **International Olympic Academy**

No Thai has yet attended an IOA session.

- **National Olympic Bibliography**

- A work in Thai on the History of the Olympic Games by Svasti Lekhyananda.
- A work in Thai on the Games of the XVth Olympiad in Helsinki by Boonpakdi Kwancharoen, published by Prae Widya in 1953.

- **Publications of the OCT**

The OCT is considering publishing an information bulletin. Appearing four times a year the bulletin would be circulated free of charge to all sports federations and the mass media.

SPORT IN THAILAND

- Other sports governing bodies
 - The Sports Promotion Organisation of Thailand, a state authority fostering the promotion of all sports in the country.
 - The Physical Education Department, part of the Ministry of Education controlling physical education and sport at school.
- State aid for the sports movement

The Sports Promotion Organisation of Thailand alone submits proposals to the Government for the allocation of grants to sports' authorities. The OCT and the national federations also receive finan-

cial support. The Organisation gives direct financial aid to the federations for administrative expenses and necessary sports equipment and for the participation of athletes in international championships. The Physical Education Department has its own budget.

- **Training of sports leaders**

Most sports leaders are trained at Physical Education Colleges ; all federations have their own training centres. However, the most effective training is derived from specialisation courses for trainers, instructors and officials organised by the OCT with the technical and financial assistance of Olympic Solidarity of the International Olympic Committee.

- **Sport at school**

The Physical Education Department encourages not only physical education but all sports for schoolboys and schoolgirls of the 12-16 age group.

- **Sports installations**

- 2 sports complexes.
- 3 stadia for over 30,000 spectators.
- 14 football fields surrounded by an athletics track.
- 16 swimming pools (50 m.).
- 4 gymnasias.
- 14 sports halls and another with a capacity of 5,000 seats under construction.
- 2 shooting ranges.

- **Sports which draw the biggest crowds**

Football, boxing, gymnastics.

- **Sports undergoing the greatest expansion**

Athletics, boxing, shooting.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

General Prabhas Charusathiara

IOC member from 1971 to 1974 and President of the OCT from 1965 to 1974.

Born in 1912, he was an all-round sportsman, taking part in his country's national athletics, football and boxing championships. Following a military career, he became Deputy Prime Minister from 1971 to 1974.

Air Chief Marshal Dawee Chullasapya

IOC member since 1974.

A native of Bangkok, where he was born on 6th August 1914, he graduated from the Military Academy of Thailand and also trained in Great Britain and the United States of America. He later became Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of his country.

A keen sportsman, and particularly fond of sailing, he competed at an advanced level, winning among other awards a gold medal at the South East Asia Peninsular Games and a silver medal at the Asian Games. A good golfer, he won the King's Cup in Bangkok.

President of the Olympic Committee of Thailand, he was previously head of the Organising Committees of the 5th and 6th Asian Games organised in Thailand, and during the 8th Asian Games was President of the Asian Games Federation.

Elected as a member of Parliament, he became Deputy Prime Minister in 1979.

Colonel Anu Romyanond

Secretary General of the OCT since 1974.



*Colonel Anu Romyanond,
Secretary General*

Born in 1924. Graduated from the Military Academy in 1946, he served in the Royal Thai Army from 1947 to 1950 and the Royal Thai Air Force from 1955 to 1962. Reassigned to the Royal Thai Army from 1963 to 1972, he then acceded to the Supreme Command as Chief of the Military Sports Office, a position he holds at present. He is also Chief of the Thai Delegation to the International Council of Military Sports (CISM).