

Malasya and Olympism



MALAYSIA

130,000 sq. miles.

12,230,000 inhabitants



OLYMPIC COUNCIL OF MALAYSIA (OCM)

Founded in 1953.

Recognised by the IOC in 1954.

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Role of the OCM

The OCM does everything in its power to develop all national sports activities.

The OCM coordinates the preparation of the Malaysian delegations taking part in the Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and South-East Asia Games.

Creation and evolution

The Olympic Council of Malaysia was created on 15th August 1953 by representatives of the national athletics and hockey federations. Elected President of the OCM, E. M. McDonald applied to the IOC for recognition in October 1953. This recognition was granted a few months later at the IOC session in Athens.

First Executive Board of the OCM

PT. E. M. McDonald ; *VPT:* H. M. de Souza; *SG:* N. M. Vasagam J. S. A Rees

The accession of Tun Abdul Razak bin Datuk Hussein' to the presidency of the OCM in 1959 coincided with a reorganisation of the Council resulting in a real development of Olympism in Malaysia. Until his death in 1976, he succeeded in gathering about him collaborators of great value and in particular Datuk Hamzah bin Abu Samah*, the well-known football official, who succeeded him and in 1978 became the first IOC member in Malaysia.

IOC member in Malaysia

1. Datuk Hamzah bin Abu Samah*, since 1978.

Successive Presidents of the OCM

1953 to 1957 : E. M. McDonald.

1957 to 1959 : Colonel Sir Henry Han Shik Lee.

1959 to 1976 : Tun Abdul Razak bin Datuk Hussein*.

Since; 1976 : Datuk Hamzah bin Abu Sa-



November 1977: Datuk Hamzah bin Haji Abu Samah (on right) welcoming the then President of the IOC, Lord Killanin.

MALAYSIA AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES

- **Date of first participation** : 1956.

No delegation of the OCM has taken part in the Winter Games.

- **Best performance**

So far, no Malaysian athlete has come in the first three places in any event at the Olympic Games.

- **Organisation of regional Games**

Kuala Lumpur has already organised the South East Asia Games three times, in 1965, 1971 and 1977.



1976, Montreal : the Malaysian delegation.

Representation of Malaysia at the Olympic Games from 1956 to 1980 ¹

	Athletics	Rowing	Basketball	Boxing	Canoeing	Cycling	Equestrian Events	Fencing	Football	Gymnastics	Weightlifting
1956	7(1)										3
1960	3										2
1964	12(1)			2		9		1			6
1968	10										2
1972	9(2)					4			19		
1976	3					1					
1980											

	Handball	Hockey	Judo	Wrestling	Swimming	Modern Pentathlon	Shooting	Archery	Volleyball	Yachting	Total
1956	●	1 7	●		2		3	0	0		32(1)
1960	●		●		2		2	0	0		9
1964	●	14	2	2	7(3)		7	0			62(4)
1968	●	1 7	●					0			29
1972		18			2(1)		1				53(1)
1976		16			1		2				23
1980											0

¹ The figures in brackets represent the number of women included in the first figure.
● Not included on the programme.



A sepak takraw match.

PRESENT ORGANISATION OF THE OCM

- *The present Statutes* came into force on 15th August 1953.

- *Composition*

The OCM is made up of representatives of 29 national sports federations.

- **Present members of the Executive Board**

PT: Datuk Sri Hamzah bin Haji Abu Samah* ; *Dep. PT:* Tan Sri M. Ghazali Shafie; *WTs:* Mohamed Khir Johari, Datuk Omar Ling Beng Siew, Justice Tan Sri Raja Azlan Shah, Dato Mohamad Rahmat ; *SG:* Thong Poh Nyen ; *Ass. SG:* Sidique Ali Merican ; *T:* Lum Mun Chak ; *Asst. T.:* Sum Kwok Seng; *Exec. Sec.:* V. Rajaratnam.

- **Financing of the OCM**

The Council receives funds from government bodies and public donors.

- **Federations affiliated to the OCM**

	IF affiliation	N ^o of members	1972	1979
Athletics	1968	32 000	35 000	
Basketball	1957	2 000	5 000	
Boxing	1959	300	400	
Cycling	1969	400	600	
Fencing	—	300	500	
Football	1954	280	10000	
Gymnastics	1964	200	300	
Hockey	1953	2 000	3 000	
Judo	—	3 000	2 000	
Wrestling	av. 1962	400	100	
Swimming	1956	3 000	5 000	
Shooting	—	5 000	5 000	
Archery	—	—	600	
Volleyball	—	3 000	3 000	
Weightlifting	—	50	300	
Yachting	—	50	200	

as well as badminton (10,000), tennis (5,000), table tennis (10,000), body building (1,000), bowling (ten-pin), cricket (2,000), golf (6,000), rugby (1,000), sepak takraw (2,000), softball (2,000), taekwondo (1,000), women's hockey (1,000), squash (1,000) federations.

THE OCM AND OLYMPISM

- *Olympic Day* is not celebrated regularly.
- *The protection of the Olympic emblems* is still not legally ensured.

● The International Olympic Academy

The OCM sent two participants to the IOA session in 1968, two in 1975 and one in 1979.

SPORT IN MALAYSIA

● Other sports governing bodies

1. The National Sports Council.
2. The School Sports Council.
3. The Sports Medicine Consultative Commission.

● State aid for the sports movement

The government regularly subsidises the OCM and the national sports federations.

● Sports which draw the biggest crowds

Football, hockey, basketball, badminton.

● Sport experiencing the greatest development

Football.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Datuk Sri Hamzah bin Haji Abu Samah

IOC member in Malaysia since 1978 and President of the OCM since 1976.



Born on 5th January 1924. Studied in Great Britain. Currently Minister of Law and Attorney General of Malaysia, formerly Minister of Sport and Minister of Trade and Industry. His vocation as a sports administrator has led him to preside the Olympic Council of Malaysia, the Organising Committee of the 9th South East Asia Games (1977), the national federations of football and yachting, and to assume a mandate on the Executive Committee of the Federation

Internationale de Football Association and a presidency of the Asian Games Federation.

Tun Abdul Razak bin Datuk Hussein

President of the OCM from 1959 till his death in 1976.

For a long time Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, this statesman was largely responsible for the development of sport in Malaysia. President of the Asian Hockey Federation, he was a much valued member of the FIH.

Thong Poh Nyen

Secretary General of the OCM since 1961.



Born in 1915. Former athlete. Ex-committee member of ANOCs and South East Asia Games Federation and also member of the IOC Commission for Olympic Solidarity

