



▲ *The President of the IOC opening the skating rink at the Zetra complex.*



## Sarajevo 1984

In just twelve months time will come the culmination of one of the most praiseworthy achievements in modern sports organization - the 14th Olympic Winter Games will be opened in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia before a world audience calculated by a US poll research company as two billion.

And Yugoslavia will have demonstrated how well so-called "developing" nations can fulfil Olympic responsibilities and advance the Olympic Movement.

The fact is that with one year left before the games, Yugoslavia has launched almost all of 160 different projects required by the organization and proper functioning of the games. The construction of all Olympic venues is in its final stage. Virtually all of the sports sites have already been completed. One of the largest, and technologically most complex Olympic

venues, ZETRA, was inaugurated in December with the World Junior Championship in Figure Skating, and through the following three months the other venues, such as Jahorina, Skenderija, Igman, Trebevic and Bjelasnica were scheduled to stage world and European events in all the winter sports disciplines on the programme for the 14th Olympic Games.

All these sports grounds have been constructed to international and Olympic standards, and according to the opinions of visiting IOC members and NOC delegates, their quality is of the highest. H.E. Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the IOC, said after having checked personally the work and organisation of the Games, "The 14th Olympic Winter Games in Sarajevo will be the greatest and most successful Winter Olympics yet".

Some 2000 athletes from around 50 countries are preparing for Sarajevo. Several thousand journalists from all over the world have indicated that they will be in Sarajevo to cover the Games. For all of them - competitors and journalists - separate colonies are being built at Mojmil and Dobrinja, on the outskirts of Sarajevo. After the Games, these will become residential accomodation.

Some of the world's major TV companies have already signed agreements with the Organizing Committee on TV coverage rights for the Games. Apart from the Main Press Centre and the Radio and TV Centre, sub-Press Centres will function at all Olympic venues. One innovation is that the Organising Committee has asked major Yugoslav newspapers and radio and TV organisations to manage and operate these centres !

It is expected that as many as 30,000 guests will stay in Sarajevo each day of the Games, and to serve them, Olympic sub-committees will be set up in all of the town's suburbs and local communities. Thus the citizens of Sarajevo will have a chance to provide the hospitality for which the city is traditionally known.

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### **The signing of the contract with the Japanese Television Network, NHK**

On 14th December 1982 in Sarajevo a contract was signed between the Organizing Committee for the XIVth Olympic Winter Games and the Japanese television network NHK. The signing of the contract took place in the presence of HE. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee, and Madame Monique Berlioux, Director of the IOC, for the IOC, Mr. Ahmed Karabegovic, for the Organizing Committee of the XIVth Olympic Winter Games, Mr. Keiji Shima and Mr. Takashi Suet-sune for NHK.

