

PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES

Visit from a Chinese Delegation

A rapid return journey to Lausanne to welcome Mr. Li Menghua, Minister responsible for the State Physical Culture and Sports Commission in the People's Republic of China, whose visit was in response to an invitation from the President of the IOC. He was accompanied by Mr. Zhenliang He, IOC member for the People's Republic of China. The visit confirmed this country's interest in the Olympic movement to which the Minister was anxious to pay tribute. It strengthened the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the IOC and Chinese sport. At the end of these cordial talks during which the major topics related to Olympism, as well as the participation of the Chinese teams at this Summer's Games, were discussed, Mr. Li Menghua invited President Samaranch to visit his country once again, whilst the latter declared that the IOC would grant its patronage in 1984 to a popular marathon in Beijing, and in 1985 to an art competition with sport as its theme.

The delegation from the People's Republic of China visited the Museum and the Olympic study centre, and was received at the Lausanne Town Hall by the Local Council.

... and from an OCA Delegation

The President also had talks with a delegation from the Olympic Council of Asia, led by its Director General, Mr. A. Muttaleb Ahmad who is responsible for setting up the OCA administration in Kuwait (KUW), and who came to familiarise himself with the running of the heart of the Olympic movement in order to better evaluate the requirements of a modern management system dealing with a sporting movement.