

# PRESIDENT ROH TAE WOH AT OLYMPIC HOUSE



*President Roh Tae Woh is welcomed by the IOC President after his arrival at Olympic House. From left to right, Mrs Françoise Zweifel, Mr François Carrard, IOC President, Mr Pedro Ramirez Vázquez, the President and his wife and Mrs Bibis Samaranch.*

The President of the Republic of Korea, who made an official visit to Europe from 18th November to 4th December last year, nonetheless found time for a short stop in Switzerland in order to come to Lausanne, where he was received on 25th November by the IOC President.

**"A**mongst the benefits that the Olympic Movement has brought to Korea are the new links we have been able to establish with other nations, beyond ideological and political differences... On behalf of the Korean people, please accept my profound gratitude for what you and the other leaders of the Olympic Movement accomplished in Seoul. From the moment our capital was chosen to host the Games of the XXIV Olympiad, the name Juan Antonio Samaranch and the three letters

IOC occupied an indelibly favoured position in the hearts and minds of the Korean people". It was with these words that the President of the Republic of Korea addressed the IOC President during a reception he gave in President Roh's honour on the occasion of his visit to the IOC headquarters on 25th November. During an important state visit to Europe, Mr Roh Tae Woh, who before becoming the Korean president had been president of the Organizing Committee of the Games, made a special detour to the shores of Lake Geneva to see the IOC headquarters and the construction site of the new Olympic Museum of which Korea is one of the patrons. A tribute to the Olympic Movement on the one hand, but also a friendly meeting between two men who have now known each other for a long time. The Head of State was accompanied by his wife Mrs Kim Ok Sook, and, of course, Mr Kim Un Yong, IOC member in the Republic of Korea and Executive Board member.

The presidential delegation also visited the photographic exhibition on the Games in Seoul, on display at the Museum. Recalling that these Games had brought together in one spirit the greatest number of countries and athletes, Mr Roh expressed the wish that this same spirit, which overcomes ideological and political differences, might again be manifest in 1992 in Barcelona.