

## Turkmenistan

Celebrating the country's 6th anniversary of its independence, an annual sport and culture festival brought together some 6,000 athletes in five cities and provinces nation-wide. Fifteen disciplines were on the programme. In the capital, Ashgabat, this sport for all event,

which was held with IOC patronage, provided the opportunity to inaugurate the Kopetdag stadium, whose reconstruction had just been completed. Some 3,000 athletes, students, school children, office workers, police officers, etc., participated in the event, which garnered broad coverage in the local media.



*Festivities in the Kopetdag stadium.*