

Chinese Taipei

The 22nd Session of the Chinese Taipei Olympic Academy was held last December in Taoyuan County, about 60 km south of Taipei. A total of 110 participants - sports administrators, students, teachers - from all over the country took part. The main theme was 'the Olympic Culture and Arts'. Among the lecturers, Ju-Ho Chang, vice-president of the Korean Olympic Committee, presented a lecture entitled 'New Vision of Human Culture through the Millennium Olympic Movement'. Social evenings, group discussions in English and Chinese, and jogging were also arranged by the session's organizing

committee led by Ming-hsin Tang, NOC Secretary General. As always, three

participants representing the Chinese Taipei NOC will take part in the Session of

the International Olympic Academy in Olympia in July 2000 (Greece).



Participants and lecturers.

Environment

In December 1999 the Swiss training centre for the protection of nature and the environment (SANU) organized a seminar in Bern on "Hobbies and sport in the open and in the countryside", which was attended by almost 120 people. Among the issues discussed were the importance of fashionable sports for Swiss tourism, leisure activities and land development, and an eco-label for sports events.

Suriname

The 1999 edition of the Run Against Poverty was held in Paramaribo thanks to close cooperation between the NOC and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) office in Suriname. Four hundred and nineteen people, among them the Minister of Social Affairs, took part in the 5 km run or walk. The UNDP office distributed balloons to the children and T-shirts and certificates were presented to each participant. The media were also present to cover the event.



The start of the walk.