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## PARIS 2024 CEREMONY D-365 COUNTDOWN & INVITATIONS TO OLYMPIC DELEGATIONS

### TRIBUTE TO PIERRE DE COUBERTIN

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**USPA NEWS** - D-365 DAYS to the Olympic and Paralympic games kicks off in Paris (26 July 2024), was marked by the French Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (OCOG) organized a ceremony, held in Saint Denis, France, to hand over some invitations to over two hundreds delegations of the following countries, in presence and remotely.

- Australia
- China
- Greece
- UAE
- Japan
- France
- Refugees
- Senegal
- USA

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THE 200 DELEGATIONS RECEIVE THEIR INVITATION TO PARIS 2024 ( 26 July- 11 August), OLYMPIC&PARLYMPIC GAMES  
The entire delegations belonging to the two hundred (A total of 200) nationals receive their invitation to participating in the new Olympiads, in Paris, next 26th of July 2024 .

France under the name of Paris 2024, succeeds Tokyo, which in 2020 had organized the Olympic and Paralympic Games, post COVID-19, after a pandemic which had slowed down the operation of these very special Olympiads. Tony Estanguet began his introductory remarks by praising the young French athlete Léon Marchand who smashed the record of legend Michael Phelps (American swimmer with 23 Olympic titles) in the 400m medley at the world championships taking place in Japan. Indeed, Léon Marchand smashed the record of legend Michael Phelps in the 400m medley at the world championships taking place in Japan. The former record holder, Michael Phelps (4'03"84) saluted live the breathtaking performance of Léon Marchand (4'02"50), broadcast by France TV... "It is exciting to see that Leon Marchand beat Phelps the American, champion of swimming, olympic, and Leon is ready for the next Paris 2024. thanks to France TV." Tony Estanguet, President of Paris 2024 Organization says. Indeed Tony Estanguet also mentioned Usain Bolt the Jamaican sprinter, the one who on August 16, 2009, in the middle of the world championships in Berlin, had two records, in the 100 meters covered in 9 seconds 58 and in the 200 meters, in 19 seconds 19. « It is important to see the transmission and Usain Bolt also conveying the message since Seoul in 1988, I was watching these athletes on TV. Thanks for this kind of moments. " he highlighted. "It is gonna be magic, the best of our country, it is unprecedented to welcome you in an extraordinary way, in Paris and the rest of France, last time it was in 1924, more than hundred years, it will be in Paris and elsewhere. Because French sport is strong in all territories and we are wonderfully working on it."

THOMAS BACH & TONY ESTANGUET PAYED TRIBUTE TO PIERRE DE COUBERTIN THE FRENCH ANCESTOR WHO REVIVED THE OLYMPIADS FROM PARIS

Tony Estanguet, President of the Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Cojop), with Thomas Bach, President of IOC, at his side, and Pierre Olivier Beckers-Vieujant, le président de la commission de coordination du CIO, (member of IOC since 2012.) recalled the historical heritage of Pierre de Coubertin who had, by recreating the Olympic Games created during antiquity by the Greeks. Three thousand years ago in Olympia, the Greek civilization offered this precious gift to humanity, the Olympic

Games.

"Our gratitude is still great. 129 years ago, Pierre de Coubertin created the International Olympic Committee and redesigned the Olympic Games in his hometown of Paris. Today in 2024, we are starting a new stage in this adventure that is ours."

Each Olympic Games is a legacy of this noble history, as Pierre de Coubertin said, "The Olympic Games are a pilgrimage to the past and an act of faith in the future. Like many others who came before him." Paris 2024, carries the reinterpretation of this ancient heritage in favor of the current one."

The descendants of Baron Pierre de Coubertin were present at the ceremony and finally said they were satisfied with the consideration of this heritage and sporting heritage of France, worn by their ancestor Pierre de Coubertin". A statue made in his effigy was placed on the table of signatures and belonged to the "Association des descendants Pierre de Coubertin". Thus the French will come full circle with this return of the Olympiads to France, after one hundred and twenty-nine years.

**THOMAS BACH, PRESIDENT OF IOC SAYS "THERE WILL BE LOTS OF 1st IN THE NEXT INCREDIBLE GAMES"**

Thomas Bach who, President of the IOC (International Olympic Committee, president since 2013), was also present at the ceremony, stated "There will be lots of 1st and in these incredible games, such as equality in gender never before the games will be so directed to the heart of the cities and sport acclaims. With an opening ceremony at Place de la Concorde for the olympics and paralympic... Many initiatives engaging the palpation for France and the rest of the world such as a marathon of 25,000 people." Thomas Bach, is a German lawyer, former Olympic foil fencer and gold medalist, has been serving as the ninth and current president of the IOC, since 2013. He adds, as he made a focus on the Paralympic games "Speaking of the Paralympics and for the 1st time they will be at the same time, never such a commitment has been possible over the climate a city did, before, and 95% of the temporary infrastructures are ecological, and the expectations are hi and these game are reaching an inflection point, He then concluded: "IOC is inviting the athletes from all over the world" "thank you Tony for your leadership and offer of hospitality a year before the Olympics and Paralympics"

He ends by insisting on the exceptionality of the inclusiveness of this edition of the Olympiad which will take place in Paris in 2024 "These Olympic Games are more inclusive, more urban, more sustainable and will be the first Olympics passed under perfect gender parity, and we can expect an Olympic agenda from start to finish. It is y great honor and pleasure to participate in this milestone today to invite the athletes of the world, together in France, for the rest of the world, to take them higher stronger."

"The mission is to unite the world in full competition, in our world, of conflict, war, and we need this unifying power more than ever, and reach bridges"

Amongst the officials present, sports monster Amelie Oudea-Castera, sat alongside Tony Estanguet and ...

A few happy few Anglo-Saxon, Japanese, Chinese, Slavic and French journalists covered this ceremony, having read under the glass heights of this Olympic COJO building in Saint Denis, without Air Conditioning, as an ecological gesture and energy sobriety. At the end of the speeches which followed the presentation of prizes in person for the invitations to the delegations, including that of the refugee athletes, the troupe invited Tony Estanguet and the minister to join them on stage. The officials thus followed the choreography of coach Moncef, and his troupe "Freestyles Company", mixing football in freestyle, by hip hop figures...including the French Minister of Sport Amelie Oudea Castera est (ex tennis champion), in the enthusiasm, with a sporting spirit on a rhythmic dance contagious the public in the collective and tonic sporting tempo. Having included street sports in the Olympic Games of those of Paris 2024, is also one of the first and therefore French specificities of this new Olympic & Paralympic games to be held in Paris, France from 26 July to 11 August 2024.

Paris, the city of lights, is preparing to receive the most gigantic sporting event, the Olympic and Paralympic Games, which will kick off on July 26, 2024, from the banks of the Seine, to offer a spectacular show. The opening ceremony is intended to be very ambitious, and, for the first time in history, the celebrations will take place outside the walls of a stadium. This ceremony has been named, "Olympic Seine" and will take place on July 26, 2024, specify at 8:24 p.m., to mark the year 2024.../

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