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### Re: Proposed Postponement of the 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games

Excellency,

On behalf of the National Olympic Committee of Thailand, please allow me to extend my greetings and warm wishes to you and the esteemed members of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA). I hope you all are healthy and safe in this uncertain time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

With 5 months left until the opening of the 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games Bangkok – Chonburi 2021, the TAIMAGOC has made continuing progress in a number of areas to ensure the successful delivery of the Games. However, in light of the ongoing spread of COVID-19, the TAIMAGOC has made several discussions with other relevant public health authorities to plan for and put in place a series of COVID-19 prevention and control measures to guarantee the safety of all athletes and stakeholders.

The TAIMAGOC, at its latest meeting on October 1, 2021, widely discussed the shared concern about the unpredictable situation of COVID-19 in Thailand. Even though the COVID-19 vaccination has been rolling out quite quickly nationwide, the number of new cases reported each day remains high with many families being tragically impacted by this pandemic. Restoring Thai people's livelihoods after COVID-19 is the top priority of the Royal Thai Government; therefore, most of the budget will be used to relieve household financial stress and revive the national economy from the grip of the disease. During this tough time of the pandemic, we have to admit that people regard a sporting event as a form of entertainment, which is inconsequential to their lives. Investing thousands of millions of Baht into the organization of the Games in the present circumstances may be considered inappropriate and extravagant.

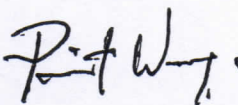
In addition, the TAIMAGOC is worried about a high number of sporting events to be held almost back-to-back throughout 2022 which can deteriorate the attractiveness and values of the 6<sup>th</sup> AIMAG. Consequently, based on the information provided during the discussion, the TAIMAGOC has concluded that the 6<sup>th</sup> AIMAG should be proposed to be rescheduled from the planned dates of March 10 – 19, 2022 to November 2023, with two suggested time frames: **10 – 19 November 2023** or **17 – 26 November 2023**. Upon the OCA's approval of the new dates of the event, the TAIMAGOC will proceed with the necessary arrangements to make the 6<sup>th</sup> AIMAG happen and appropriate for these extraordinary circumstances.

As President of the National Olympic Committee of Thailand and Advisor to the TAIMAGOC, I think it will be better for the OCA, the Royal Thai Government, and the TAIMAGOC to be recognized for a visionary and prudent decision made with multiple facets of reasoning taken into account.

Lastly, we would like to reaffirm our commitment to working with the OCA to provide the highest quality of management and services for the competition in the "New Normal" conditions, highlighted by COVID-19 countermeasures in place to ensure a safe and secure environment for all athletes and stakeholders. I believe that the 6<sup>th</sup> AIMAG will serve as another platform for fellow Asian countries to amplify a message of hope and solidarity through sport.

With our unwavering efforts and collaboration, we will emerge stronger and exhibit our spirit of sportsmanship to win together.

Yours sincerely,

  
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President





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**Gen. Prawit Wongsuwon**  
President,  
National Olympic Committee of Thailand.

**Re: Proposed postponement of the 6<sup>th</sup> AIMAG.**

**Dear Friend and Colleague,**

Thank you very much for your letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 regarding the above subject.

The OCA fully understands and respects the decision of the NOC of Thailand, TAIMAGOC and the Royal Thai Government to postpone the 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Indoor and Martial Art Games to be held from 10<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021 due to the ongoing COVID 19 global pandemic.

The OCA is also very happy to confirm the new dates for the 6<sup>th</sup> AIMAG which will now be held from 17<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.

Please be assured of our support and cooperation in organizing a very successful 6<sup>th</sup> AIMAG in Bangkok and Chonburi in November 2023.

With kind regards  
Yours sincerely

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